

Lords' Supper

A Note on This Sunday

This Sunday, March 29th, we are planning to participate in the Lord's Supper as a church family in what is obviously a far different setting and situation than our usual Sunday gathering.

While this is certainly not optimal, as we will always prefer the in-person company and presence of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, we do find ourselves in a unique season and we are choosing to help unify our church body of First McKinney in spirit through this experience in our homes.

We typically look to our Pastoral & Deacon leadership to administer the Lord's Supper, but in this particular setting, we are looking to the spiritual leaders in each home to lead those who are born again believers of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper.

What is the Lord's Supper & Why do we do it?

We read in each of the four gospel accounts (Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:17-25, John 13:21-30, John 13:21-30) of how Jesus lead his disciples in the very first Lord's Supper during their Passover meal.

In the same way that Jesus instructed his disciples to eat the bread and drink the cup "in remembrance of me" we do the same. Just as the first church gathered and broke bread together (Acts 2:42) we get to continue this act of remembering what Jesus did for us in his death and resurrection, and also physically show it to ourselves and those with us as we eat the bread and drink the cup.

The focus of the Lord's Supper is on Christ and what he did for us. Those who participate in the Lord's Supper are those who have repented and believed in Jesus. Paul explains the significance to how we take the Lord's Supper in his first letter to the church at Corinth (1 Corinthians 11:23-27 – ESV):

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

How do we participate in the Lord's Supper in our homes?

This Sunday, as we take the Lord's Supper, we are asking each of you in your homes to use your own bread (actual bread, saltine cracker, etc.) and your own cup/drink (grape juice or alternative) and follow us as we lead our church family from afar in the act of remembering Christ's love for you and me.

Join us at 10:45 am this Sunday, March 29th, at <https://firstmckinney.churchonline.org> or on our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/fbcmckinney/>) on Facebook Live and have your bread and drink ready as we praise Jesus our Savior!