

Do This in Remembrance of Me - September 2024

Scripture - John 6:53-59

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

This morning's sermon deals with the hallmark of Christian worship: receiving God's grace during Communion. Eating together is a key part of the human experience. It should be no surprise that Jesus chose a meal to be a key reminder of the story of salvation. Through Communion, Christians are spiritually united with each other (Communion), we remember all that God has done, we give thanks to God (Eucharist), we make an offering to God, and most importantly, we believe we encounter the presence of Jesus Christ. How Jesus is present at Communion is a mystery, but we trust that he is truly present.

1. Have you ever had a memorable time receiving Communion?

- 2. In what way is Communion an opportunity to remember? What are we remembering?
- 3. What do you think it means that Jesus is truly present in Communion?
- 4. Why do we celebrate Communion every week?

