



January 15, 2026

Dear Gloria Dei 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, others receiving communion training, and parents,

You are invited to attend instruction on the sacrament of Holy Communion. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Maundy Thursday worship services on April 2. There are a lot of dates and times in this letter; keep it handy for future reference.

In preparation for this Milestone Celebration, there are five very important learning events:

**1. Sun February 1 OR Wed February 4 | Communion Cup Painting**

- Students will paint their cups during church school
  - Sun 9:20-10:05am OR
  - Sun 10:50-11:35am OR
  - Wed 4:15-5:00pm
- Make-up painting days, Sun February 8 or Wed February 11 during church school times, or by appointment with Pastor Sarah.
- **Painting deadline February 20.**

**2. Wed March 25, 6:45-8:00pm | Pre-Communion Instruction**

- Students **AND** their parents will gather in the Sanctuary.

**3. Optional: Sun March 29, 2:30-5:00pm – come and go as you'd like | Bread Baking for Seder Meal**

- Students and a parent, siblings may attend as well, in the Gloria Dei Main Kitchen.
- RSVP [here](#)

#### 4. Wed April 1 | Seder Meal

- Students **AND** their immediate family in the Fellowship Hall.
- Click on the link to RSVP for the Seder your family would like to attend or call the church at 605-371-3737. We have a limited amount of space at each seder meal. If you get the message “This form has been disabled” that session is full. Please choose a different time.
- For planning purposes, **RSVP by March 11** by clicking the time below.

[6:00pm](#)      OR      [7:30pm](#)

- A Seder is a traditional Passover meal—similar to the meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the first Maundy Thursday. This is a learning event for Holy Communion, not a full meal, just a tasting. **Please plan eat before or after.**

#### 5. Thurs April 17 | Holy Communion

- Students will receive communion on Maundy Thursday.
- All are welcome to the Maundy Thursday worship services on April 2.
- For worship planning purposes, please let us know which service your family plans to attend by clicking the date and time below:

[6:00pm](#)      OR      [7:30pm](#)

You can also access this information on the website:

<https://gloriadeisf.org/milestones/>

Age Milestones > 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade > Invitation Letter

If you have any questions, please ask!

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