



It is our tradition at St. Luke's to offer a special Sunday School series in **Communion Instruction**. This class is especially geared to first graders, but older elementary children are welcome as well.

In the Episcopal Church all baptized persons, regardless of age, may receive communion. Once a child is baptized, the decision as to when they will begin to participate in the Eucharist rests entirely in your hands as parents. This class series is therefore in no way a "prerequisite" to your child receiving communion. If they have been baptized they may already be receiving, or you may have chosen to wait ~ that is up to you. The decision to offer this class is based more on the thought that by first grade children may be ready to learn more about what we do in worship and why we do it! In addition, it allows both you and your child's church family to celebrate this spiritual milestone in their lives.

The class will meet on Sunday mornings in room 215 (2nd floor) during the regular Sunday School time (10:00-10:45 a.m.) **from September 16 – November 11**. On November 11th there will be a special blessing and recognition during worship (more on that later!)

Should you decide to participate in the Communion Instruction Class we ask that you please:

- Make every effort to be here each Sunday**
- Be on time ~ we will begin promptly at 10:00
- Fill out a registration form for your child. You may do this via our church website.

*** We realize that some family circumstances make it possible for your child to be here only on alternating Sundays, so please know that arrangements can be made if that is the case!*

NOTE: If your child has not yet been baptized and you would like for them to participate in this class, please contact Jill S. Martinez



First Communion Instruction Class Schedule Fall 2018

September 16th	Session 1: God made me special and game me a family
September 23rd	Session 2: Through baptism we become part of a bigger family
September 30th	Session 3: Families gather to hear family stories
October 7th	Session 4: As members of God's family we come together to share a meal
October 14th	Session 5: The place where we gather as God's family, how we get ready and the people who help (Part 1)
October 21st	Session 6: The place where we gather as God's family, how we get ready and the people who help (Part 2)
October 28th	Session 7: Making bread, preparing invitations and taking class photo
November 4th	Session 8: After we share our meal together, we "GO..." But where do we go and what do we do then?
November 11th	Session 9: Celebration Sunday – Parents invited – Overview for parents; signing banner; sharing a snack together.