

Dear Parents,

It is with much excitement that I write this letter. The time has come to prepare for this year's *Children at the Lord's Supper Class*. As members of Christ's church, the Tinkling Spring family takes seriously the responsibility to help parents educate their children, especially in regard to how and why we worship, and the understanding of the sacraments. Our session encourages children and their parents to explore together the mystery of communion before a child partakes in the Lord's Supper. Specifically, *"making certain that those baptized are nurtured in understanding the meaning of Baptism, of the Lord's Supper and of their interrelation, and that they are surrounded by Christian encouragement and support."* (Book of Order W 2.3012). The Book of Order also provides these words of guidance to the church regarding children and the Lord's Supper: *"Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity."* (W 2.4011b).

Children in second- fifth grade are invited to participate in a four week course entitled *God's Family at the Table*. This course is designed for a parent and a child to attend together. This will be a very meaningful time for you and your child as you share and grow spiritually.

- The class will meet as follows:
  - Sunday, March 6 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, March 13 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, March 20 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, March 27 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Location: Fellowship Hall. Dress comfortably.
- The class will share a meal together on March 27 and be presented to the Session at 7:00 p.m. that same evening.
- The class will also meet on Saturday, April 2 to help prepare the elements for Communion. The time for this meeting will be set by the participants of the class.
- The class participants will be welcomed and partake in Communion on Sunday, April 3 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

All completed registration forms should be turned in no later than Sunday, February 27.

I look forward to this class with great anticipation. You will discover that you are your child's greatest teacher, and this one-on-one time with your child is a tremendous highlight of the class. May God's blessings continue to be upon each of you as you grow in Him!

With the love of Christ,

Harriet Thompson