

THE EUCHARIST

A TENTATIVE SPECTRUM

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Church, Tradition, or Confessional Family	Eastern Orthodox	Roman Catholic	Anglican (Episcopal)	Lutheran	Presbyterian and UCC	Methodist	Disciples of Christ (Christian)	Baptist
1. How many "Sacraments" does your church have?	Seven	Seven	2 "major," 5 "minor"	differing views: 2 to 7	2: Baptism & Eucharist	2: Baptism & Eucharist	2: Baptism & Eucharist	The two "ordinances"
2. Do you consider them to be a "means of grace"?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Varying Views	Varying Views	Yes	No
3. Must the Minister of the Eucharist be in some way in "Apostolic Succession"?	Yes, in Order	Yes, in Order	Yes, in Order	Yes, in Office	Yes, in function	Yes, in function	Yes, in Faith	No
4. Does this mean he/she must be "ordained"?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, normally	Yes, normally	Yes, normally	No	Yes
5. Must he/she be ordained by the "historic Episcopate"?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, but desirable	No	No	No	No
6. Do you use a standard liturgy for the Eucharistic service?	Yes	Yes, New Rite	Yes, old & Trial	Yes, old & new	optional	normally	No	No
7. Do you offer the Eucharist every Sunday?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, increasing	at least quarterly	quarterly or monthly	Yes	quarterly or monthly
8. Are the people given only the bread and cup?	Both, by intinctn.	Normally only bread	Both	Both	Both	Both	Both	Both
9. Do lay people assist in giving Holy Communion?	No	they may	they may	Yes, increasingly	Yes, Elders or Deacons	Yes, Deacons	Yes, Deacons & Elders	Yes
10. Where do you primarily "locate" Christ's presence in Communion?	In the bread & wine	In the bread & wine	in the bread & wine	in the bread & wine	in the presence of the Holy Spirit	in the believers	in the believers	in the believers
11. How is this presence effected in the service?	invocation of Holy Spirit	words & acts of consecration	words & acts of consecration	words of institution	faith in Christ's promise to be with us	Faith in Christ	Faith in Christ	Faith in Christ
12. How long does this presence remain in effect?	As long as the bread and wine remain what they are	they are	words & acts of consecration	varying views	sustained in us by the Spirit	as long as Faith is present	as long as Faith is present	as long as Faith is present
13. What is the relationship between the elements and the Body / Blood?	Elements "become" Body & Blood			Elements convey them	Elements represent them	Elements symbolize them	Elements symbolize them	Elements symbolize them
14. Are they "reserved" for the communion of the sick and shut-in?	Yes	Yes	commonly	very rarely	No	No	No	No
15. Are they "reserved" for the purposes of veneration ("Benediction")?	No	Yes	No, but sometimes permitted	No	No	No	No	
16. What is most basic for "validity" of Christ's offering of himself to us?	All three	In His ministry	In His ministry	In His meal	In His members	In His members	In His members	In His members
17. Do you stress Eucharist - as Sacrament: Christ's offering of himself to us?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
18. Do you stress Eucharist - as sacrifice: that it includes us in his offering of himself to his Father?	Yes	Yes	Yes	increasingly	somewhat	somewhat	No	No
19. How do you understand the word "remembrance" (anamnesis)?	to make present again	to make present again	to make present again	to make present	to represent	to recall	to recall	to recall
20. At what age do children in your church receive "First Communion," or become Communicants?	infancy, at baptism & Chrismation	infancy, at baptism & Chrismation	when priest, parents, child agree. (New Rule)	when priest, parents, child agree. (New Rule)	usually in early teens	usually in early teens	usually in early teens	as soon as they join the church
21. Must they be baptized beforehand?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
22. Must they be "confirmed" beforehand?	Yes	No	not anymore	not anymore	not anymore	normally	No	No
23. Is some period of fasting involved in preparation for Communion?	Yes	Yes	recommended	recommended	No	No	No	No
24. Is "Confession" of sin involved in preparation?	Yes, in liturgy & private	Yes, in the liturgy	Yes, in the liturgy	usually in the liturgy	Yes	personal rededication	self-examination	personal repentance
25. Does your church practice official inter-communion with some churches of other confessions?	No	No	Yes	Lutheran Churches differ	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
26. Are individuals of other churches admitted to communion in your church?	Rarely	Rarely	Yes, as guests	Lutheran Churches differ	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
27. If so, what is required of them for admission?	Orthodox Faith in Eucharist, emergency	Baptism, Faith, Eucharist, & emergency	Baptism & Communicant status in own Ch.	Baptism & faith in real presence	Faith in Christ	Faith in Christ	Faith in Christ	Faith in Christ
28. Does your church practice "excommunication" in some form?	Yes	Yes	rarely	very rarely	very rarely	No	No	No
29. Does your church see communion as the "sign" of complete unity?	Yes	Yes	varying views	Lutheran Churches differ	No	No	No	No
30. Does your church see communion as a "means" to complete unity?	No	No	varying views	Lutheran Churches differ	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
31. Do you see the Eucharist as a "Looking forward" to Christ's Kingdom?	Yes	increasingly	increasingly	increasingly	Yes	increasingly	somewhat	rarely
32. Do you see the elements as symbols of all of man's earthly life offered to God in Christ?	Yes	Yes	Yes	increasingly	Yes	somewhat	rarely	No