

TAKING WORSHIP INTO YOUR WEEK



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A miracle happens every time we gather for worship as St. Luke: Our Lord, by His promise and power, becomes present in His body and blood as we celebrate communion together. When we celebrate holy communion every Sunday, the experience can become normal. A given. A common occurrence. . . when in reality, the miracle of our Lord's presence should cause in us awe and wonder. Have you ever needed a miracle, prayed for one, needed one? There's an app for that: It's holy communion.

1. Think about and then describe what receiving holy communion was like when you were a young adult, right after your confirmation. What was different then than the way we celebrate now? What about those experiences do you miss. . . and what do you not miss?

2. Read Jn. 6:22-35 and then skim Mark 6:30-44 to recall the occurrence to which John was referring when he wrote, "The next day." What are some troubling realities about the way the crowd described by John were interacting with Jesus?

3. Read again John 6:26. In what ways are we, today, like those crowds who demanded a sign from Jesus?

4. In your concordance, look up the word "food" in the Bible, and note at least 6 ways that word is used to describe blessing from God.

5. Compare John 6:35 with Mt. 5:6 and describe the "hunger and thirst" of which Jesus was speaking. How does this cause you to value more highly holy communion?

We pray: God of all grace, who has given us the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, give us such gratitude that we share this bread from heaven, so that those who are hungry for what only you can give will be filled with life to the full. In the name of Jesus, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are One God, now and forever, amen.

