



Supplies

- Copies of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (1 per participant)
- Reproducible sheet “Supper at Emmaus,” p. 116 or CD-ROM (1 per participant)
- Markers, crayons, colored pencils, or watercolors
- Colored tissue paper, construction paper, other scrapbooking supplies
- Glue or glue sticks
- Paintbrushes and brush cups filled with water



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- Small terra-cotta plant pots (1 per participant)
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrushes
- Brush cups or buckets, half-filled with water

Briefly discuss each part of the great thanksgiving.

- **Why do the pastor and people say to each other “The Lord be with you. And also with you” if we know Jesus is already with us?** We are reminding each other that Jesus is always with us.
- **What do you think “Lift up your hearts” means?** We are joyful, thankful, celebrating.
- **Why do you think we say “It is *right* to give our thanks and praise”?** God gives us everything, and in worship we give thanks for the many gifts God gives us, especially the gift of Jesus.
- **What do you think we are giving thanks and praise for when we celebrate communion?** God’s grace. The whole creation. Forgiveness of sins. The gift of Jesus. The gift of our new life because of Jesus.



Multisensory Options

Choose one or more of these options to support the Bible story and Big Idea.

Art: Supper at Emmaus

Communion Connection: Kids will explore an image of the supper at Emmaus by Chinese Christian artist He Qi (www.heqigallery.com). This image appears in the Holy Communion section of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 89.

Description: Pass out copies of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and have kids find the *Supper at Emmaus* art on page 89. Explain that this image was created by a Chinese Christian artist named He Qi (pronounced: huh chee). Ask:

- **What do you see in this picture?**
- **What food are the friends eating?**
- **How does this look like the meal we share at church?**
- **How does this look like the meals you share at home?**

Pass out the reproducible sheet of the same image and invite kids to use the available art supplies to turn it into a colorful work of art. **Option:** A color version of this image may be available at the artist’s Web site, www.heqigallery.com, and could be shown as part of this activity.

Plant Cups

Communion Connection: Kids will visually interpret the celebration of Jesus’ presence with us in communion and always.

Description: Invite kids to decorate plant pots that they can later fill with a plant for their family’s table or for someone else’s table. Explain that just as communion is a celebration, every meal can be a celebration (like the meal that took place when the two followers discovered that it was Jesus eating with them) because we know that Jesus is with us. Show kids that the pots are shaped like a cup. **When do we use a cup in worship?** Ask kids to decorate their pots in a way that will help them (or the person it will be given to) remember and celebrate Jesus’ presence with us in communion and always.