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Global Communion
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Introduction: **(S1)**

1. When we take the Lord's Supper, we do so as a church community, but also as a global community.
2. All around the world brothers and sisters in Christ gather regularly to remember Christ with this supper.
3. I want to give you a glimpse of what that global remembrance looks like.

1. Arauco, Chile (left) and London, United Kingdom (S2)

1. In Chile and in London one has plastic chairs and the other wooden, but both remember.
2. Both groups are sitting reflectively and reading, just like us.

2. Upper East Africa (S3)

- a. Here the Lord's Supper "wine" is actually "hibiscus tea".
- b. The "bread" is pieces of milk biscuits (taste like graham crackers).
- c. If you look carefully, you can see the juice cups are medicine cups.

4. Chicago, Illinois (S4)

1. This church dresses up, decorates, and has what look like gold communion plates.
2. They too are bowing their heads and preparing themselves to take the Lord's Supper.

5. Quincy, Massachusetts (S5)

1. This is a picture of a liturgical Lutheran church that serves communion in Cantonese and Mandarin.
2. All God's people from all over the world can remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

The Lord's Supper is a global remembrance. (S6)

1. As you partake of "communion," remember that you're partaking as part of a larger "community."
2. We're united here in Westford, but in Christ, we're united to our family all around the world.
3. **As long as you trust Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you're welcome to partake with us.**
4. **The Lord's Supper is a global remembrance.**

Pray... Then invite the servers to come forward.... **(S7)**

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this [all of you/all around the world/as a church] in remembrance of me." **1 Corinthians 11:23-24** (ESV)

***Serve/Gluten reminder...** "Take and eat." **(S8)**

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **1 Corinthians 11:25-26** (ESV)

***Serve....** "Take and drink... Let's pray... *The Lord's Supper is a global remembrance.*"