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Communion: God With Us

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Introduction: (Slide #1)

1. Today I'm preaching from Isaiah 7:14, which prophecies the birth of Jesus.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (NIV®)

2. Immanuel means "God with us."
3. As we approach the table, think about how God is with us here.
4. Through Christ's shed body and blood, we can experience God's presence.
5. Jesus himself is spiritually present at the head of the table, **servicing us the gospel**.
6. He is here reminding us that he broke his body and shed his blood to forgive and cleans us.

Fencing The Table

1. Jesus invites all who trust in him to join him, to join God, at this table.
2. If you don't know Jesus yet, I hope you'll consider that Jesus might really be God.
3. So that when you put your faith in him, you can join us in partaking in the Lord's Supper.

(As the servers come up, begin to reflect on what it means for God to be with you at this supper.)

(Jesus Christ is present here in a special way, receive his presence and worship him.)

(Slide #2) 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 in remembrance of me." **1 Corinthians 11:23-24** (ESV)

(*Pray... Father God, help us to savor the presence of Christ Jesus as we partake of this supper.)

(*Serve... *Wait... Take and eat, remembering God is with us through Christ Jesus.)

(Slide #3) 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... *Wait... Take and drink, remembering God is with us through Christ's shed blood.)

(Let me pray... *Pray... Please pass the cups to the center to deposit in the buckets.)