

May a congregation celebrate the Lord's Supper during an electronic worship service?

If the session authorizes the sharing of communion in person as soon as possible (ordinarily on the same day) after the electronic or virtual service that includes preaching the Word of God, the session could authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper within a worship service that is electronic or virtual.

If it is not reasonable to share communion in person as soon as possible after the service for reasons of a public health order, the session should cease and postpone the Lord's Supper until such time as it is reasonably safe to resume the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper shall be authorized by the session and administered by a minister of the Word and Sacrament or by ruling elders trained and authorized by the presbytery in the event of absence of a pastor (*Book of Order*, W-3.0410 and G-3.0301b). The word is to be read and proclaimed and the congregation shall be represented by one or more members. The session may authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper at events other than Services for the Lord's Day including ministry to the sick.

The session may authorize those individuals who will, as soon as possible after the service (ordinarily on the same day), share with absent, homebound, or hospitalized members by two or more persons in ordered ministry who will maintain the unity of Word and Sacrament through the reading of Scripture and offering of prayers (*Book of Order*, W-3.0414).