"In Remembrance"

Intro: Of the countless ways in which the church shows adoration to her Lord, the observance of baptism and __________ hold a most holy place as these practices were specifically ordained by Christ for His church, that she would continually and reverently worship Him in this high and ______ manner.

A. This morning we want to take the time to answer some ________________ questions regarding the observance of communion, and then we will also talk about the ________________ of communion to us today.

I. Practical ________________ regarding communion:

A. ______ ________ should the church observe communion?

1. Here’s the Lord’s Word in the matter: I Cor. 11:24 & 25, “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.’ 5 In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood; ______ ________, as _________ as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’”

2. Within the pages of Scripture we find nothing that ________________ the time or frequency of the partaking of communion. Therefore we have ________________ to observe communion as we are so moved by the love of the Spirit in the worship of our Savior and Lord.

3. Without setting any legalistic guidelines, communion can and should be partaken whenever and ________________ it is in your heart to worshipfully do so, for ______ ______ the church.

   a. The observance of communion with the church as a whole, while especially glorious and wonderful and that which must be maintained, should not be viewed as the only opportunity to worship Christ in this ordinance of Thanksgiving, but as one important ________________ among ________________ others.

B. ______ should officiate at the Lord’s Table?

1. The one who administers the elements must be able to do so in a ________________ manner.

2. Communion can be administered by any saint of God who upon examination can administer and partake in a worthy ______-________________ manner.

C. What emblems are ________________?
1. Let us remember that the emblems are held dear in so much that they represent Christ, otherwise they are but bread and drink. That said, must the bread be ________________?

2. And what of the cup? Must it contain ______ or can it contain ______?

3. What of the use of the ________________ ________?

4. If one holds a conviction in regard to these issues then we want to show them a Christly preference but here we find ___ ________ and neither do ___ ________ a law of our own.

IV. The significance of communion to us ____________.

A. In partaking communion we ________________ the person of our Lord ___________ Christ and the many blessings He brings us.

1. We observe the Lord’s Table in ________________ of ____________.

2. In the observance of communion we remember what our Jesus suffered for us through His body and blood, and are filled with deepest appreciation shown through this ________________!

3. Thanks be to God, we are reminded that Christ _________ from the dead, and not only has the penalty due us for our sin been paid in full, fully propitiated, but as He arose so are we reminded that ___ ________ ________ everlasting in Him!

4. And in this observance we are reminded that ____ are ________ in Him, for just as there is one husband so is the body one, and we are ______ ________ through which His life’s blood flows giving everlasting life to each of us individually and collectively.

5. So do we recall that we are ________________ by Him in the inner man, unto the preservation our soul.

6. Here we are reminded that a ______ Covenant has been ________________ in His blood!

7. In the observance of communion we remember that our ___________ ________ again … He comes to receive us unto Himself, that where ___ ___ _____ may be ____________!

Closing: Communion is a ________________ of God’s ________________ love toward us, in that as we partake we remember our Lord. And our Jesus is the Most Beautiful One, The All-glorious One, Him who loved our soul and purchased our salvation that He might bring us to Himself. Let us always ________________ and worship _______ through the divine grace of communion.