

This Bread & This Cup

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Companionship: Sharing a Meal

Draw a picture of Thanksgiving dinner. What foods go on the table? Draw them. (If you like, you can write about Thanksgiving instead.)



What else is on the table? Are there plates and glasses? Are there candles or flowers or napkins? Draw those things, too.

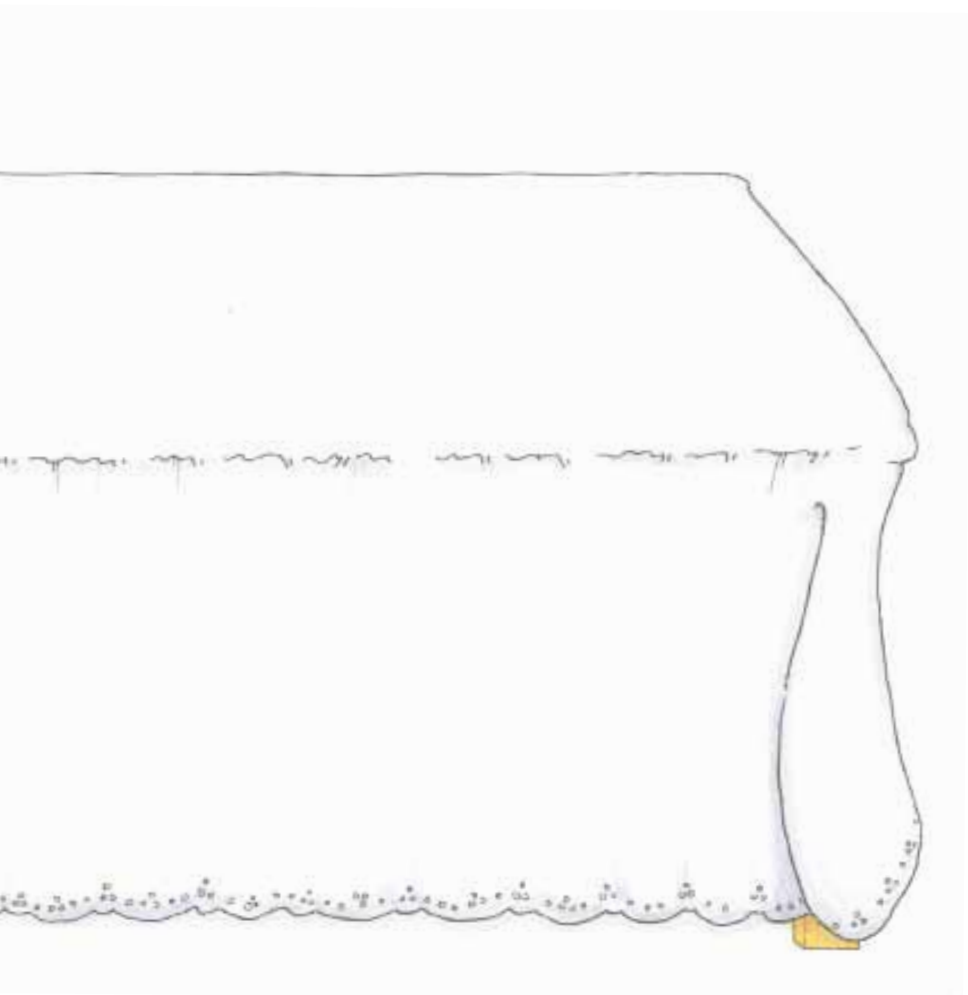
What people gather for Thanksgiving dinner? Draw them around the table.



The word "Eucharist" comes from a Greek word in the Bible. It means giving thanks. Jesus made Eucharist when he took bread and gave thanks to God. In church, we take bread and give thanks to God, too. Our Eucharist is a special kind of Thanksgiving meal we share with the whole Christian family.



The altar is a special kind of table for the Eucharist. Draw the bread and wine we see on the altar. What else might be on or near the altar? Draw these things, too.



When you were baptized, you became part of a much bigger family. This is God's gift to you. God made you part of the family of Christians. We find this family not only at this church, but throughout the whole world. This family is not only those alive now but all Christians who have ever lived. Even the saints are part of your family! Even those Christians who have not yet been born are part of this new family.



When you take Communion, you are sharing a special Thanksgiving meal with the Christian family everywhere. Draw a picture of people taking Communion at your church.