



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

This is the Church Series

The Church Ordinances

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

November 9, 2025

Someone has suggested that the ordinances are visible words of the gospel. We hear the gospel preached through sermons and Bible study, we sing about the gospel through musical worship, we fellowship because of the gospel, we give for the sake of the gospel, and we see the gospel displayed in the ordinances of the church. The Lord gives us physical signs of certain commands or decrees that help us remember who He is, what He has done, and how He loves us. This week we dig more deeply into what God considers to be an ordinance.

Monday: Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In what way does communion remind us of the beautiful Gospel of Jesus Christ? What does the bread symbolize? What does the cup symbolize? Why did Jesus command us to partake of this meal? Why is remembering important in this ordinance? Today, spend time reflecting on the body and blood of Jesus and how they have made a way for you to have eternal life.

Tuesday: Romans 6:1-12

What happened to Jesus after He was crucified? What happened to His body? Did He stay dead? That is the Gospel. What does it mean to us if we believe in His death, burial and resurrection? Today, are you united to Christ in your faith? What does it mean to be baptized? Give thanks to the Lord for the beauty of the Gospel exhibited in baptism.

Wednesday: Matthew 26:26-30

What is a covenant that someone might make? Can a covenant be broken? How about a covenant with God? If not, then what does this passage mean that this is a new covenant? How does the blood of Christ make it new from that which came before He came to earth? How is His crucifixion bringing a new promise for us? Can anyone undo what Christ did on the cross? Today, recommit to the covenant that God has paid to establish with you.

Thursday: John 13:1-17

Anabaptists practice the ordinance of Love Feast. Along with communion, it includes a time of feet washing. Why did Jesus wash the disciple's feet? What example was Jesus

setting that puts it in the category of an ordinance? (vs. 14). Are you like Peter, too proud to have your feet washed? What did Jesus say was true of anyone who refused feet washing? Today, humble yourself and become a servant willing to both have your feet washed by another and to wash someone else's feet.

Friday: Exodus 28:41; 1 Samuel 15:1; Luke 4:18; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; James 5:13-16

What are Biblical reasons for anointing? What does anointing oil symbolise? Scripture indicates that when a person accepts the Gospel of Jesus, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. What does that anointing do for you? What do you think of anointing today? Today, if you are called of God, ask the Lord for His power to lead you, to give you opportunities and words to pray. If you are sick, call for the elders. Be anointed and trust God for healing results.

Saturday: Acts 6:3-6; Acts 8:17; Acts 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6;

Not all churches see the laying on of hands as an ordinance. However, in the Bible the ordinance of laying on of hands had significance. What is the significance? Today we might lay hands on someone during anointing for sickness, at baptism, inviting the Holy Spirit to work freely in and through the person; and at a commissioning service setting someone apart for ministry purposes. Those who lay hands are agents of God and represent the imparting of God's love, blessing, and power.