

**Day:** World Communion Sunday

**Scripture Focus:** Luke 22:19

**Object:** breads from around the world (include your favorite, regular sandwich bread, plus 2-3 other kinds – some ideas that are readily available include baguette, challah, naan, tortilla, and ciabatta); basket or bag for the breads

Good morning! Today I have some really tasty bread with me. I love the smell of bread (*take a big whiff of bread!*). My favorite kind of bread is *name one of the breads from around the world and describe why you like it best.*

*(hold up the baguette)* I also brought a baguette – *(a French accent would be very funny!)* it's French! And you can always tell a baguette because it's a long stick with these slits on top.

*(hold up the challah)* This one is called challah bread. It gets this bumpy look because it's actually braided before it's baked. It comes from Israel.

*(hold up a tortilla)* Tortillas come from Mexico and can be made with flour or corn. I like mine rolled into a burrito!

I bet you know what this last one is... *(reveal the regular sandwich bread)* Wonder Bread! This is the bread we use at my house to make our lunches. I think it's kinda all American.

I brought these breads from all over the world because today is a very special day – it's "World Communion Sunday." On this day, we remember that no matter how far apart we are – like from *location name* all the way to *location name*. Or how much we may disagree on stuff, like if worship should have drums and guitars or only an organ. There is one thing that keeps every Christian connected... Jesus!

And Jesus told us to break bread together and eat it together to help us remember him. We do that whenever we have Holy Communion. But on this day, Christians all over the world are doing it together. All day long! Even when some people are sleeping – others are celebrating Holy Communion. Because even though we may not always agree on everything, like what's the best kind of bread – baguettes or tortillas (*lift them up for emphasis*) – we agree on the most important thing of all: Jesus is our Savior.

Let's pray: Holy God, thank you for the gift of bread. May it bless us in its ordinary ways at our tables at home and even more as we come to your table here at church where we remember your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.