

# **Celebration of the Lord's Supper with children.**

**Theological assumptions and current practice in Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren.**

## **Summary**

This thesis researches the presence and participation of children at the Lord's Supper. The main aim of the thesis was to research whether also today it is possible to find understanding for the reception of children around the Lord's Table in Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren. First of all it was the issue, whether the participation of children at the Lord's Supper is sufficiently accepted in the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren. The first part is focused on the historical and theological background of the Lord's Supper, on the practice in the Old Testament and Apostolic times. This chapter deals with the question: What is the Lord's Supper and what is its meaning? The second part is devoted to the issue of children and their participation in the Lord's Supper. It focuses on the period from the Early Church through the Middle Ages to the Czech and World Reformation. Different views of churches in the Czech Republic are described in the third part of the thesis. I focus here mainly on their current practice. The fourth part together with the annex contains questionnaire survey, statistical and practical data. This chapter contains the hypothesis and their verification. In this issue I analyzed the current practice regarding the participation of children at the Lord's Supper. The fifth chapter deals with various arguments for and against the participation of children at the Lord's Supper. Finally, in the last chapter, there is an attempt to give an appropriate recommendation for Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, with a focus on current practice.