

Summer Bible Study 2016 – Luther’s Small Catechism

LESSON 6 - July 31, 2016

PART 5 – The Sacrament of HOLY COMMUNION (The Lord’s Supper) (With a brief mention of Transubstantiation and Representation)

Luther carefully divided the Catechism into the Six Chief Parts of the Catechism for ease of teaching and understanding. Those six Chief Parts are: (Put these to memory)

1. The Ten Commandments
2. The Apostles' Creed
3. The Lord's Prayer
4. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- 5. The Sacrament of Holy Communion**
6. The Keys and Confession

What are the Means of Grace? _____.

What are the Marks of a True (Orthodox) Visible Church? _____.

What is a Sacrament?

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.

How many Sacraments are there? _____.

List the Sacraments: _____.

(Note: The Roman Catholic Church has seven Sacraments because they have a different definition for the word Sacrament)

What is The Lord’s Supper / Holy Communion?

It is the True Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in / with and under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of sins for us Christians to eat and to drink.

How Do We Know This? _____.

Matthew 26:26-29 - ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

²⁷ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

What do Confessional Lutheran Theologians call this? _____.

What four things do we receive in the Lord’s Supper?

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |

What if someone comes forward to receive the Lord's Supper and they do not believe that Christ's Body and Blood are Really Present, In / With and Under the Bread and Wine for the Forgiveness of sins? _____

I Corinthians 11:1-34 –¹⁷ In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. ¹⁸ In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, ²¹ for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk. ²² Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not!

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ A man ought to **examine himself before** he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹ **For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.** ³⁰ That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. ³² When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other. ³⁴ If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions.

Is it loving for the Pastor to give the Lord's Supper to someone who does not believe in the Real Presence? ____.

How often does the Lord Jesus want us to partake of the Lord's Supper? _____.

I Corinthians 11:25 – .” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, **whenever** (Can also be translated "*As Often As*) you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Romans 4:7 – ⁷ “Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Matthew 11:28 - ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

The Announcement from the Bulletin:

The Lord's Supper Today – If you are not a member of St. John's nor in fellowship with us by being a member at one of our fellow *WELS* or *ELS* congregations we ask that you please not come forward to receive the Lord's Supper until after completing a Bible Instruction course from our Pastor.

Scripture teaches that in the Lord's Supper the True Body and True Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ is Really Present in / with and under the bread and wine. In **First Corinthians 11:17-34** we are warned that those who do not believe in the *Real Presence* will receive this Sacrament to their Judgment rather than their blessing. The Lord's Supper is given for the forgiveness of sins (**Matt. 26:26-29**).

It is not to be taken by anyone who willfully continues to live a sinful lifestyle (Romans 6:1-2; Hebrews 10:26-27).

Romans 6:1-2 – What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Hebrews 10:26-27 - ²⁶ If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, ²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

It is also an expression of Christian unity (Romans 15:5; Romans 16:17-18; Acts 2:44), and we are able to share Holy Communion only with those who are in our fellowship.

Romans 15:5 – ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,

Romans 16:17-18 – ¹⁷ I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. ¹⁸ For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

Acts 2:44 - ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.

Ephesians 4:3 – Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (This passage is extra from the announcement in the bulletin)

If you are interested in learning more about the Lord's Supper please be sure to speak to our Pastor.

SEE THE QUESTIONS and Answers in the Back of your Catechism.