

Sacrament of the Altar



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The Foreshadowing of the Lord's Supper

- Genesis 3



Read Genesis chapter 3

- Genesis 22



Read Genesis chapter 22: 1-19

- Exodus 12: 1-13



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- Exodus 24: 3-8



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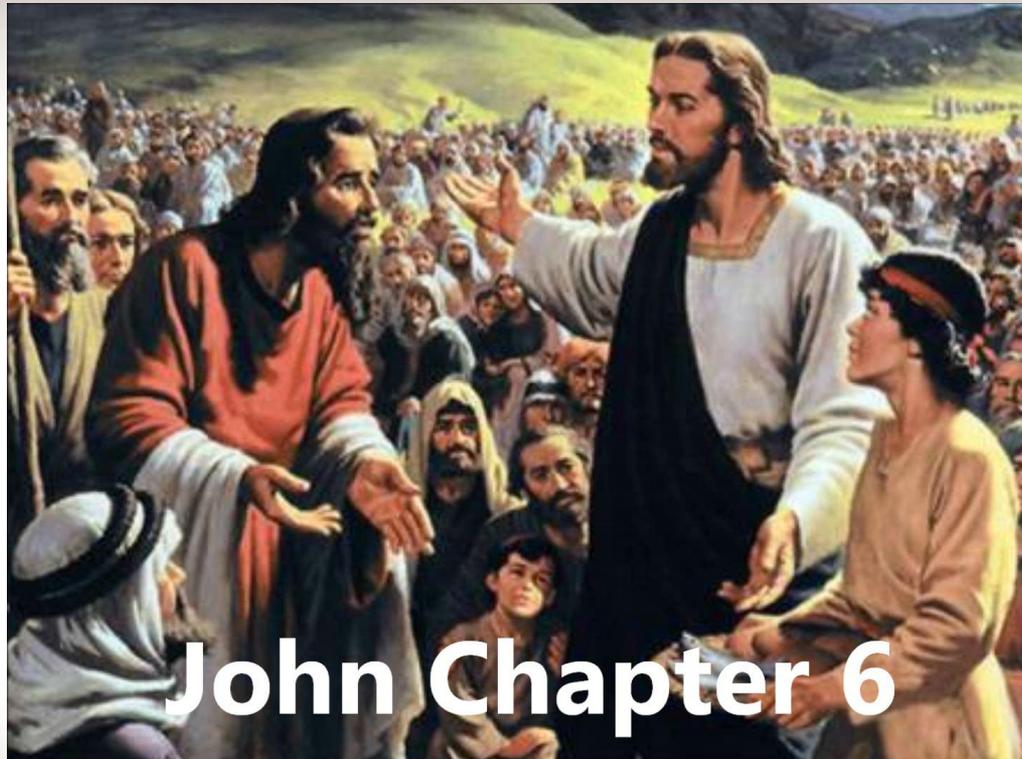
History and Significance

- Jesus was hanging on the cross at the same time that the Jewish people were slaughtering the lambs for the Passover feast.
- [Isaiah 53](#)
Read Isaiah 53: 7-9





Bread of Life



John Chapter 6

Read Chapter 6: 24-69





Bread of Life

- **John 6**

- ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”
- ⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”
- ⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.



More Blood Talk...

- **Hebrews 9**

- But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.



Luke Chapter 22

Read Luke 22: 7-21



Sacrament of the Altar

- What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
 - It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.
- Where is this written?
 - The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:



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Words of Institution

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”



Other Names...

- The sacrament is also called
 - The Lord's Supper
 - The Lord's Table
 - Holy Communion
 - The Breaking of Bread
 - The Eucharist



Wine?

- Is it proper to use wine for the Lord's Supper?



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Grape Juice in the Bible?

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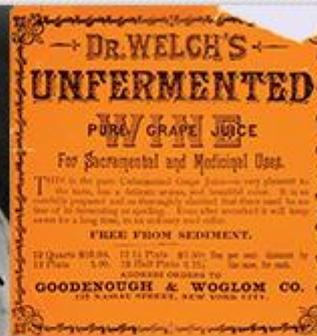
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Dr. Thomas Bramwell Welch launches the processed fruit juice industry when he successfully pasteurizes Concord grape juice to produce an "unfermented sacramental wine" for fellow church parishioners in Vineland, N.J.



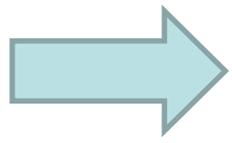


WVE: Preview

- Consubstantiation
 - Lutherans do not believe in Consubstantiation, which means every morsel of bread and drop of wine is part food, part God.
- The bread *is* the body of Christ – the bread does not need to “become” the body of Christ (Transubstantiation – Roman Catholic belief). It isn’t separate, or a symbol. Same with the wine. We don’t pretend to understand how.



WWE: Lord's Supper



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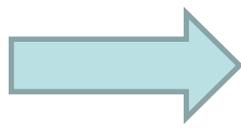


Really the Body and Blood?

- In this sacrament Christ gives us His own true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.
- Is this picture language?
 - This is Jesus' last will and testament, and those words can't be changed.
 - God's Word clearly teaches that in the Sacrament of the bread and wine are a communion or participation in the body and blood of Christ



WVE: Closed Communion



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This do in Remembrance?

- What does Christ command when He says, “This do in remembrance of Me”?
 - Christ commands in these words that His Sacrament be celebrated in the church till the end of time as a living proclamation and distribution of His saving death and all its blessings.



Benefit of the Sacrament of the Altar

- What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?
 - These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.



Benefit of the Sacrament of the Altar

- The chief blessing of the Sacrament is the forgiveness of sins which Christ's body and blood have won for us on the cross.
 - The Lord's Supper is a means of grace.
- Together with forgiveness, God gives all other blessings as well, that is "life and salvation."



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Feel the Power

- How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
 - Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”
These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”



Eat and Drink Your Way into Heaven?

- Does everyone who eats and drinks the Sacrament also receive forgiveness, life, and salvation?
 - Forgiveness, life, and salvation are truly **offered** to all who eat the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament, but only through faith can we receive the blessings offered there.



Receiving the Sacrament Worthily

- Who receives this sacrament worthily?
 - Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”
 - But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.



Closed Communion

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1 Corinthians 11 Background

- ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses 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 commend you in this? No, I will not.

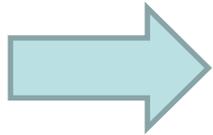


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Baptist Communion Service



Watch “Baptist Communion Service” video, and compare to 1 Corinthians 11:23-32





At the Rail...

- Examine yourself before receiving the Sacrament:
 - Are you sorry for your sins?
 - Do you believe in our Savior Jesus Christ and in His words in the Sacrament?
 - Do you plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change your sinful life?

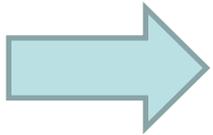


Who Shouldn't Receive the Sacrament?

- Those who are openly ungodly and unrepentant, including those who take part in non-Christian religious worship
- Those who are unforgiving, refusing to be reconciled. They show thereby that they do not really believe that God forgives them either.
- Those of a different confession of faith, since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity of faith.
- Those who are unable to examine themselves, such as infants, people who have not received proper instruction, or the unconscious.



WVE – Lord’s Supper



Watch “Pietism,
Legalism and Death
Threats” on Worldview
Everlasting – Start at 7
minutes into the video...





Confirmation

- What is Confirmation?
 - Confirmation is a public rite of the church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community.
- Confirmation class is supposed to help you understand and defend your faith.

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Martin Chemnitz on Confirmation



IE Confirmation cut 2



IE Confirmation cut 3



Confirmation = Admission?

- Is Confirmation an admission ticket to the Lord's Supper?



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Lord's Supper – Minimum Age?

- What has been the traditional age for memorizing the Small Catechism and receiving the Lord's Supper?



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