

Pastor Lessons

Lesson 37

Holy Communion #3

Wrapping up Holy Communion

We will be diving into God’s Word this evening as we wrap up our study of Holy Communion! Before we do that lets review!

What are the two sacraments that we celebrate? (Communion and Baptism)

What makes a sacrament a sacrament?

- 1.) Instituted by God/God’s Word joined to it
- 2.) Forgiveness of sins is offered and received
- 3.) There is a physical element

What are different names for Holy Communion? (Sacrament of the Altar, Lord’s Supper, Breaking of Bread, Holy Supper, Eucharist, etc...)Where is this written that we should do this? (The holy Evangelist, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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 cu[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.”)

What do we believe about the body and blood and the bread and wine?

Visible Elements

Invisible Elements

In, under, and with
the bread.

BREAD **BODY**

we receive the body
Of Jesus

In, under, and with
the wine.

WINE **BLOOD**

we receive the blood
Of Jesus

Are received in a

Are received from God

Natural way

Supernatural Way

FEEL FREE TO ASK OTHER REVIEW QUESTIONS?

Tonight's Lesson "Connecting the Dots"

In Holy Communion we receive a meal that feeds us both PHYSICALLY and SPIRITUALLY!

Take a Look at Luke 22:7-23

How was Jesus attempting to meet both the disciples' spiritual and physical needs?

Were the disciples united in the body of Christ that night? Are we connected as a body of Christ? Why? Are we in "Communion With Our Brothers?" How?

How does John 15:5 relate to the power of us being connected as the "Body of Christ?"

Final Questions of Discussion

Does it matter what you believe in order to receive Holy Communion?

Yes, 1 Cor. 11:27-32-Paul warns of not taking serious consideration what you are doing as you eat and drink. Many churches have what is called "closed communion." What is closed communion? Some churches have "close communion." What is close communion? Some churches have what they call "Open Communion." Each of these different types of belief set up "some sort" of the boundaries that a person must believe "spiritually" to partake in communion at that particular church.

What does the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod believe and Practice concerning Holy Communion boundaries. Do we practice Closed, Close, or Open communion?

What does Bethany Believe and Practice concerning Holy Communion boundaries? Do we practice Closed, Close, or Open communion?

Can I take Holy Communion at another LCMS Church? Yes, we are all in "Communion" of the same beliefs as to what we are publicly professing when we take communion together.

Should I for example take Holy Communion at a Catholic Church? NO, because we do not publicly agree on what communion actually means! They believe in transubstantiation and we do not! LCMS Lutherans should commune at LCMS church bodies!

Does it matter who you receive communion from?

We believe it is the called duties of a (TRAINED)pastor to consecrate the "Elements" that we receive. Many congregations have other servants that help distribute communion such as DCE's, Elders, Lay People, etc...

Regardless of who gives you the communion (pastor or Church Leader), the benefits you receive from Christ are the same!

WHAT OTHER QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT COMMUNION?