

9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him? He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.
10. Did the Father also die for you? He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.
11. How do you know this? From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the sacrament.
12. What are the 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."
13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the sacrament? Yes, I believe it.
14. What convinces you to believe this?
The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge? We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.
16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death? First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and true Man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.
17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins? His great love for His Father, for me, and for other sinners.
18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament? That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.
19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently? First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.
20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament? To such

a person no better advice can be given than this: First, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without.

Learn More about the Supper

- **Brochure:** Lord's Supper – [Overview](#)
- **Brochure:** Lord's Supper – [How to Benefit](#)
- **Booklet:** [A Simple Explanation of Christianity](#), which includes the contents of Luther's Small Catechism.
- **Book:** [Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation](#) (much info in the explanation)
- **Contact the Pastor:** With your questions.
- **Course:** Ask about our Bible Basics Course.

Conclusion

We offer the Lord's Supper every Saturday and Sunday, and during all festival services.

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Introduction

Dear Friend: Regarding the Lord's Supper, the Bible teaches ♦what it is and ♦how to receive the great benefit being offered.

I'm glad you are reading this brochure. I also encourage you to read these two brochures to gain a full understanding:

- Lord's Supper – [Overview](#)
- Lord's Supper – [How to Benefit](#)

This brochure focuses on two important works by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther:

- **His 4 Sacrament of the Altar Questions** – which will help you to better understand the sacrament.
- **His 20 Christian Questions With Their Answers** – which will help you prepare to receive the sacrament.

Note: Whenever we are dealing with Baptism and the Lord's Supper, it's essential to put aside our common sense and fully embrace God's word.

Martin Luther

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther was born into a Roman Catholic family in 1483. He eventually went on to serve as an Augustinian Monk, a Roman Catholic Priest, and a University Professor.

As Martin Luther studied the Bible in preparation for teaching, God used this passage to open his eyes to see that people are NOT saved by what they do, NOR by a combination of what they do and what Jesus has done, **BUT by faith alone in Jesus:**

Romans 1:16-17 “...I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes... For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: “...THE RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH.”

- **Bad News:** God requires all people to be righteous. Jesus said: “...you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” But we have all done wrong and have no ability to wash ourselves clean.



- **Good News:** God gave His Son for our eternal benefit: He put on flesh, lived a sinless life, received our sins and our eternal punishment, and laid down His life. **Jesus did for us what we could never do for**



ourselves! Then, to prove His victory over sin and death, *God raised Him from the dead!* Now, God is calling all people to repent (*be sorry for their sins*), trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins, and align their lives with God’s word – *to thank Him and honor Him* 😊!

Note: Martin Luther never intended to begin a new church body (*Lutheran*); instead, he wanted to reform his own beloved Roman Catholic Church so that its teachings would be in line with the Bible. However, after being rejected by his church, he went on to teach and write – *always using the Bible as His source of truth.*



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther 4 – Questions & Answers

Keep reading to learn about the Lord’s Supper – what it is, the benefit, how such things are possible, and preparation.

Q1: 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. // To learn and understand more, read this brochure: Lord’s Supper – [Overview](#)

Q2: 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.

- Jesus is the only Savior; He gave His body and shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins.
- Through God’s gift of faith, we not only believe what Jesus said and did, but we receive anew the forgiveness of our sins ([Matt. 26:28](#)).

Q3: 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.”

- It’s not the *formal procedure* of receiving the Supper which imparts the benefits (*not just the eating and the drinking*) but doing so with faith in Jesus and His finished work.
- We approach the Altar remembering our sins but depart with joy – *certain that our sins are forgiven through Jesus’ finished work!*

Q4: 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.

- Fasting is fine but not required.
- The main section in the Bible on proper preparation is 1 Cor. 11:23-32. See the important explanation here: Lord’s Supper – [How to Benefit](#)

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther 20 – Questions & Answers

Keep reading to examine yourself before receiving the Lord’s Supper:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner? Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
2. How do you know this? From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
3. Are you sorry for your sins? Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins? His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.
5. Do you hope to be saved? Yes, that is my hope.
6. In whom then do you trust? In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.
7. Who is Christ? The Son of God, true God and true Man.
8. How many God’s are there? Only one, but there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.