

The Lord's Supper – Part 3

Saturday, 7/5/25 at 4:00 | Sunday, 7/6/25 at 9:00

Text: NAS 2020



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8: Preparation to Receive

The pastor of a congregation is a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God ([1Co. 4:1](#)). He is responsible to manage the mysteries in agreement with God's word. All who desire to receive the supper are called to examine themselves ([1Co. 11:28](#)).

What follows are ten yes or no questions. Please read each question and the supporting passage(s) *before* answering.

1. **Do I believe the Bible is true?** Y N

Jesus prayed to His Father: “Your word is **truth**” (John 17:17). Get the evidence – See this brochure: [The Bible Is True](#)

2. **Am I sorry for my sins?** Y N

Godly sorrow is essential: “...the **sorrow** that is according to *the will of God* produces a **repentance** without regret, leading to **salvation**... (2Co. 7:10).

3. **Am I trusting in Jesus for eternal life?** Y N

Regarding Jesus: “...**there is salvation in no one else**; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among mankind by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

4. **Am I baptized?** Y N

All nations: “Go... and make disciples of **all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...” (Matt. 28:19).

All ages: “...be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and **your children**...” (Acts 2:38-39).

God’s work: “**He** [God the Father] **saved us**... by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5).

5. **Do I desire to live for Christ?** Y N

New life, new desire: “He died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves, but **for Him who died and rose on their behalf** (2Co. 5:15).

6. **Am I forgiving all others?** Y N

It is vital to forgive: “...forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you for your offenses” (Mk 11:25).

7. **Am I doing my part to reconcile?** Y N

Do what you can: “...so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people (Rom. 12:18).

8. **Are the elements of the Lord’s Supper bread, body, wine, and blood?** Y N

Note the underlined words: “Is the cup of blessing [*wine*] which we bless not a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is the bread which we break not a sharing in the body of Christ?” (1Co. 10:16).

9. **Is the main benefit of the Supper the assurance of the forgiveness of sins?** Y N

Jesus said: “‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ ... ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins’” (Mt. 26:26-28).

10. **Do I understand and agree with the teachings of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS)?** Y N

Unity is important: “I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1Co. 1:10).

Only receive from an altar where you **know** and **believe** the teachings: “Look at the people of Israel; **are those who eat the sacrifices not partners in the altar?** What do I mean then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, but I say that things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons

and not to God; and I do not want you to become partners with demons” (1Co. 10:18-20).

Learn more about the LCMS and Bethlehem Parma:

- **Request and read:** “A Simple Explanation of Christianity”
- **Request and read:** “Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation”
- **Talk / Meet** with the pastor.
- Ask about our Bible Basics Course.

9: How to Receive

Some best practices:

- **Bread—Body:** Into your hand **or** into your mouth. If into your hand, place one open hand on top of the other. Need gluten free? Let us know.
- **Wine—Blood:** Chalice **or** individual cup; wine **or** alcohol removed wine. If from the chalice, look forward and assist in tipping the cup.

Conclusion

At Bethlehem: We offer the Lord’s Supper every Saturday and Sunday and at all festival services. May the Holy Trinity enable us to ♦be serious, ♦understand, and ♦eternally benefit! *Pick up a [brochure](#) which contains the whole series!*

Let Us Pray: Dear Holy Spirit, impress our sins upon us and grant us godly sorrow; then, understanding and receiving the supper, let us rejoice in God’s full forgiveness. In Jesus’ name!

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