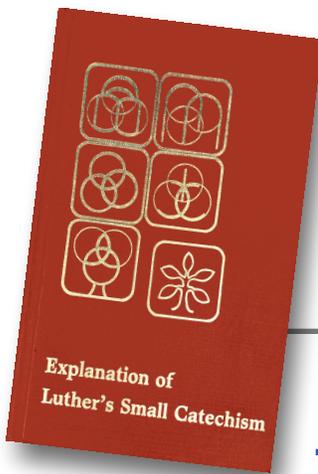


HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



Talking about The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

368 What do you receive when you take part in the Lord's Supper?

In, with and under the bread and wine, I receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ which He gave for me.

369 How do you know this?

I know this from Christ's own words when he said of the bread, "...This is my body..." and of the wine, "This is my blood..." (Mark 14:22-24).

370 What makes the bread and wine a sacrament?

God's own word, which is connected to the bread and wine, makes it a sacrament.

371 Does the bread and wine change into something different?

No, the bread continues to be bread, and the wine continues to be wine. The bread and wine, however, become the means Jesus uses to give me His true body and blood. I cannot explain this miracle, but because Jesus says that this is true, I believe it and accept it by faith. We Lutherans call this the doctrine of the Real Presence.

372 For whom is the Lord's Supper intended?

The Lord's Supper is intended only for believers in Jesus who are old enough to be taught and who can examine themselves.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

