

Historic Scripture Lessons for ✠ *Maundy Thursday* (Lord's Supper)

Old Testament

Exodus 12:1-14 NIV The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire - head, legs and inner parts. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. 12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn - both men and animals - and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I Am the LORD. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. 14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD - a lasting ordinance.

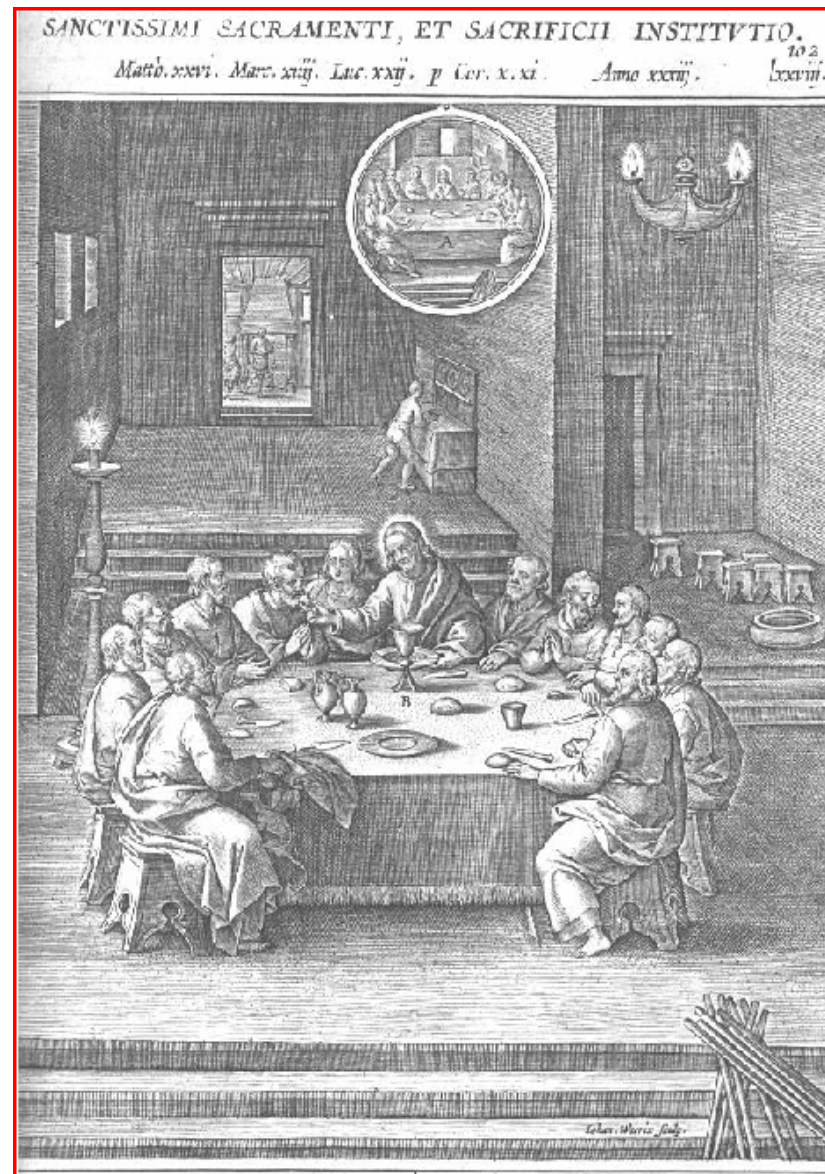
Epistle

I Corinthians 11:23-32 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My Body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My Blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 27 Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Body and Blood of the Lord. 28 A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. 31 But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. 32 When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

Gospel

Luke 22:14-20 When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. 15 And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the Kingdom of God." 17 After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. 18 For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes." 19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My Body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 20 In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in My Blood, which is poured out for you."

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL USA
Lent ~ *Maundy Thursday* ✠ (*The Lord's Supper*)
April 2nd, 2015 ⌘ 7:00 pm



From "Illustrations of Gospel Stories" **Jerome Nadal** – *Matthew 26*
Jesus instituted the blessed Sacrament, the Lord's Supper.

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April 2nd, 2015 ✠ Maundy Thursday (Lord's Supper)

WELCOME to Our Savior! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time (or in a long time), we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **God bless you.**

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER: If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking Holy Communion. Thank you for your understanding. Lord's blessings.

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP Printed here and in red (TLH) hymnal at **p.60** .

Service		
Opening Hymn	240 (3v)	Jesus, Refuge of the Weary
Gloria Hymn	301 (5v)	<i>Sing v1 & 5 There Is a Fountain Filled...</i>
Hymn of the Day	322 (5v)	Lord, Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread
Communion Hymn	329 (10)	The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord
Closing Hymn	327 (3v)	O Lord, We Praise Thee, Bless Thee...

PROPERs for MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 2

INTROIT God forbid that I should glory except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him is salvation, life, and Resurrection from the dead. By Him we are Redeemed and set at liberty. God be merciful to us and bless us and cause His face to shine on us. ...from Psalm 67

COLLECT O Lord God, You have left for us in a wonderful Sacrament a memorial of Your Passion, grant, we beseech You, that we may use this Sacrament of Your Body and Blood that the fruits of Your Redemption may continually be manifest in us; You, who live, and reign with... **C: ♪ A - -men.**

GRADUAL C: Christ has humbled Himself and become obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him a Name which is above every name. ...from Psalm 22

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *(printed on outside back page of bulletin)*

OT Exodus 12:1-14 God institutes the Passover meal.

Ep. 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 Examine yourselves before eating the Eucharist.

Go. Luke 22:14-20 Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper.

SERMON: Text (Epistle & Gospel) **THEME:** "(BLOOD THAT REALLY) IS" (BODY TOO)

Christian Questions with Their Answers

Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament

- 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. See **Romans 6:21, 23.**
- 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 Gods are there?** There is only One God, but there are Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 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 my 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. Do this 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 that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and 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 and for me and other sinners, as it is written in **John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.**
- 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. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in **Galatians 5** and **Romans 7**. 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, as the Scriptures say in **John 15-16** and in **1 John 2** and **5**. 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, as the Scriptures picture him in **John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.**



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The WORDS of INSTITUTION (Pastor gives the Words of Institution)

P: ♪ Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His 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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

The PAX DOMINI (Peace of the Lord)

P: ♪ The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: ♪ A- -men.

The AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

C: ♪ O- Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O- Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O- Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. A-men.

DISTRIBUTION. Communicant members of Our Savior please come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord #329* 9 verses

(After Distribution...) **NUNC DIMITTIS** (Lord, let us Now Depart)

C: ♪ Lord, now- lettest Thou Thy servant depart- in- peace, according to Thy Word. For mine- eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared- be-fore the face of all people, a Light- to light-en the Gentiles, and the Glo-ry of Thy people Is- -rael. Glory- be to the Father and to- the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it- was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall- be, world without end. A-men.

COLLECT of THANKSGIVING *P: ♪ O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.*

C: ♪ And His mercy endures for-ev-er.

P: We give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God now and forever.

C: ♪ A- -men.

The SALUTATION *P: ♪ The Lord be with you. C: ♪ And with thy spir-it.*

The BENEDICAMUS *P: ♪ Let us bless the Lord. C: ♪ Thanks- be to God.*

The BENEDICTION

*P: ♪ The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you,
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give ✕ you peace.*

CLOSING HYMN "O Lord, We Praise Thee, Bless Thee &..." ELH #327 (3v)

SILENT PRAYER. (CANDLES OUT) ✕ p.5 ✕ **ANNOUNCEMENTS; FELLOWSHIP.**



I. The Service of Preparation ELH p.60



WELCOME! Maundy THURSDAY THEME: JESUS INSTITUTES THE SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" ELH #240 (3 verses) O Du



The INVOCATION (Congregation please rise.)

P: ♪ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son ✕ and of the Holy Ghost.

C: ♪ A- -men.

The CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. ♪ Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

P: ♪ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: ♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of- my- sin.

C: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserve Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son ✕ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ A- -men.

The INTROIT (Entrance)

P: God forbid that I should glory except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him is salvation, life, and Resurrection from the dead. By Him we are Redeemed and set at liberty. God be merciful to us and bless us and cause His face to shine on us.

...from Psalm 67

The GLORIA PATRI (Glory be to God)

C: ♪ Glory- be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Lord Have Mercy)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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(The GLORIA in EXCELSIS: *Glory be to God is OMITTED during LENT*)

In place of Gloria a Hymn may be sung: #301 There Is a Fountain v.1 & 5

1. There is a fountain filled with Blood - Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood - Lose all their guilty stains.
5. When this poor lispings, stammering tongue - Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song - I'll sing Thy power to save..

SALUTATION (*Greeting*) P: ♪ *The Lord be with you.* C: ♪ **And with thy spir-it.**

COLLECT (*Prayer for This Sunday prayed by Pastor – words on page 1*)

C: (*sung after the Collect*) ♪ **A- -men.** The congregation may be seated.

📖 **II. Service of The Word** TLH, p.20 📖

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 12:1-14 God institutes the Passover meal.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 Examine ourselves before Holy Communion.

GRADUAL C: Christ has humbled Himself and become obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him a Name which is above every name.

...from Psalm 22

(*The Alleluias are OMITTED during the Season of Lent*)

The HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-20 The congregation please rise.

C: (*Sung before the Holy Gospel is read*) ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O LORD.**

C: (*Sung after the Holy Gospel is read*) ♪ **Praise- be to Thee, O CHRIST.**

NICENE CREED (*Our Confession of Faith*) All say together:

C: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the Third Day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the Right Hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life ✕ of the world to come. Amen.

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HYMN of the DAY “*Lord, Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread*” #322 (5 verses)

SERMON (Gospel) Luke 22:14-20 **THEME:** “**JESUS = BODY AND BLOOD**”

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(...after Sermon) C: ♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and- renew a right spirit within me, Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spir-it from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy- free Spirit. A-men.**

The OFFERING



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III. Service of Holy Communion TLH, p.72 **PREFACE**



P: ♪ *The Lord be with you.*

C: ♪ **And- with thy- spirit.**

P: ♪ *Lift up your hearts.*

C: ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: ♪ *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.* C: ♪ **It is meet and right so to do.**

The PROPER PREFACE and SANCTUS (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto You O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, *Who on the tree of the Cross You gave salvation to all mankind that, since death arose by the fault of one man, then life also might also rise by the obedience of One Man; and that as Satan once overcame by a tree, likewise he was overcome by a tree through the death of Jesus Christ, our Lord.* Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: ♪ **Ho- -ly, ho- -ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Sab-a-oth;**

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the high-est.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the high-est.

The LORD'S PRAYER (*Pastor prays the petitions of the Lord's Prayer*)

P: *Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name;*

Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

Give us this day our daily bread,

and Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

C: ♪ **For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory; forever and ever. A- -men.**

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LENT-15 Maundy-TH I Corinthians 11:23-32 **"BLOOD THAT IIS!"** 04.02.15

INTRODUCTION

Surely it is one of the chief ironies of Christian history that **the Gift of the Lord in which we are most intimately united with Him has from the beginning been the center of controversy and chaos. The very place where there should be the most unity - the very Body and Blood of Jesus - has become the center of division.** But this should come as no surprise, for wherever Christ's words are set aside, there will be only confusion and lack of clarity. So the **Apostle Paul** laments the sad divisions at **Corinth** and then goes on to say, *"For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you."* Factions are caused when people hold to their own opinions rather than the Lord's Words. Apart from His Word there can be no unity. To paraphrase **Luther**, they would make this Sacrament the **Christian's** Supper, rather than the Lord's Supper.

Now that surely happened in the history of the church. There came a time when the Lord's Supper was redefined to be *"the UNbloody repetition of the Sacrifice of Christ."* The **Roman Church** holds that the Body and Blood of Christ are offered by the priest to the Father for the sins of the living and the dead. At the time of the Reformation some would argue that the words of Jesus can't possibly mean what they say and so it was argued - and still is - that the bread simply **represents or symbolizes** Jesus' Body which is in heaven and that the wine **represents** His Blood shed on the Cross. Both of these opinions depart from the clear words of the Lord Jesus and therefore cause division in the church. But divisions in the church over the Lord's Supper are not new. Already in the New Testament, within a matter of a few years after the Lord's death and Resurrection, there were divisions that centered in the Lord's Supper.

The **Epistle** for this Maundy Thursday speaks to this situation. There were some in **Corinth** who saw the Lord's Supper to be something other than the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood given us sinners to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. They had transformed the Lord's Supper into their own party. No longer were Jesus' Body and Blood being confessed as the gifts that they are. No longer were the gifts of Jesus' Body and Blood at the center of the congregation's life. There is eating and drinking, but the Corinthians are no longer coming together to eat and drink of the Lord's Supper.

Now **Paul** is writing the Corinthians **as a faithful Minister and Steward** of the mysteries of God who has been set to say what the Lord wants said and to give to the Lord's people the gifts which He wants to give them. A good and faithful preacher always makes a clear distinction between that which comes from himself, his own ideas, and his own thinking **and that which comes from the Lord Himself**, given to the pastor to speak as the Lord's servant for the benefit and blessing of all who hear him.

We are accustomed to **give a higher priority to our OWN words**, our own way of thinking, and our **own** notions about what our needs are rather than what the Lord promises to give. Not so with the Apostle. He does not begin by saying, "Now let me share with you what I think should be happening here in Corinth." He does not offer his readers merely one of many equally valid ways of looking at the Sacrament that stands at the very center of the Divine Service. Paul does not offer us yet another interpretation of the Sacrament which we should consider alongside

of several other possible interpretations. Paul does not, like so many in today's churches, consider it a matter of indifference as to what one believes and confesses regarding the Lord's Supper. Instead Paul begins by stating what He had received from the Lord. He says, *"For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that our Lord Jesus on the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take eat this is My Body is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same manner, He also took the cup after supper and said 'This cup is the New Testament in My Blood. This do, as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.'"*

These Words tell us what the Sacrament **IS. It is the Body and Blood of our Lord given under the bread and wine for us to eat and drink.** These words are the Lord's gift, His blessing, and His invitation to receive what He gives in the ways or Means that He gives it. It is on the basis of these words - the words of our Lord Jesus Himself - that Paul goes on to deal with the problems at Corinth. Paul does not so much argue for the real presence of the Body and the Blood of the Savior as He does argue from the fact that Jesus gives us His Body and Blood in this Holy Meal. So Paul says, *"as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."*

In the Sacrament we are given Jesus' Body and Blood. **That very same Body that was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary** to bear our sins and suffer our death is given into our mouths. The very Blood He shed to redeem us is the Means of forgiveness which now flows into our bodies, into our veins and arteries. The Lord's Body and Blood proclaim to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins and as you eat and drink at the Lord's Table you proclaim and confess Jesus Christ to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. May we never bring any contradiction of Him and His words to His altar.

This Sacrament does **NOT depend on us** but **on the Lord Jesus** Who established it in the night in which He was betrayed. It depends on Him and the Word which He speaks to make it what it is and to make it give what He says. It is **not your faith which makes Sacrament.** All who come to the altar receive Christ's Body and Blood whether or not they believe. That is why Paul goes on to warn the Corinthians that those who partake of the Supper in an unworthy manner are guilty **not of bread and wine, but of the Body and the Blood of the Lord.**

We give attention to faith **not because** our faith establishes the presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament but because it is only in faith that we may partake of the Savior's Body and Blood in a way which is salutary and beneficial. Therefore, Paul says, *"let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."* From your examination of your life in light of God's holy Commandments will come the confession of your sin and your hunger and thirst for the forgiveness of sins that our Lord bestows in this Sacrament. There is only one way to worthily eat and drink of the Lord's Supper and that is with faith in Words of **Him Who is both the Host and Donor.** The Catechism says it well: **"...he is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, 'Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.'" IJ'N, Amen. SDG**

The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus to life everlasting.