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Jubilate

Fourth Sunday of Easter

12 May 2019

Today's Hymns: 487, 483, 637, 548

Catechism

P What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

P Where is this written?

C The holy Evangelists, 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 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.’ ”

Turn to Confession and Absolution in the Order of Service.

Volunteer Rota

	<i>Music:</i>	<i>Sunday School 1:</i>	<i>Sunday School 2:</i>	<i>Teas:</i>
<i>Today:</i>	Hanna	John	Barbara	Anne
<i>Next week:</i>	Calvin	Carol	Michelle	Rosemary

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina

Family of members

Helen (health); Holly (health); Alex, Sarah & family; Marie (health); Geoffrey (depression); Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Annis (health); Doug & Myra (health); Jack Fast (dementia); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Rita (cancer); Steve (heart failure); Sheridan (health)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Steve (stroke, heart failure); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer); Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline

(cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne & Richard (health); Jean (health); Albert (health); Tressey (mental health); family of †David

ELCE

Ascension Lutheran Church, Pr. Samiec; Lutheran Radio UK; Pr. Edge; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

The Church of God

Gutnius Lutheran Church, Papua New Guinea; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; St. John's Coffe; Amir family, Jawid (persecution)

Thanksgiving

Debbie Edge (recovery from surgery)

GETTING INTO THE CATECHISM

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Our churches teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present and distributed to those who eat the Lord's Supper. They reject those who teach otherwise.

The Augsburg Confession, Article 10: The Lord's Supper

The chief point is God's Word and ordinance or command. For the Sacrament has not been invented nor introduced by any man. Without anyone's counsel and deliberation it has been instituted by Christ. The Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Creed keep their nature and worth, even if you never keep, pray, or believe them. So also this honourable Sacrament remains undisturbed. Nothing is withdrawn or taken from it, even though we use and administer it unworthily. ...

It is the Word, I say, that makes and sets this Sacrament apart. So it is not mere bread and wine, but is, and is called, Christ's body and blood. ... The Word must make a Sacrament out of the element, or else it remains a mere element. Now, it is not the word or ordinance of a prince or emperor. But it is the Word of the grand Majesty, at whose feet all creatures should fall and affirm it is as He says, and accept it with all reverence, fear, and humility.

With this Word you can strengthen your conscience and say, "If a hundred thousand devils, together with all fanatics, should rush forward, crying, 'How can bread and wine be Christ's body and blood?' and such, I know that all spir-

its and scholars together are not as wise as is the Divine Majesty in His little finger". Now here stands Christ's Word ... Here we stop to watch those who will call themselves His masters and make the matter different from what He has spoken. It is true, indeed, that if you take away the Word or regard the Sacrament without the words, you have nothing but mere bread and wine. But if the words remain with them, as they shall and must, then, by virtue of the words, it is truly Christ's body and blood. What Christ's lips say and speak, so it is. He can never lie or deceive.

It is easy to reply to all kinds of questions about which people are troubled at the present time, such as this one: "Can even a wicked priest serve at and administer the Sacrament?" ... For here we conclude and say, "Even though an imposter takes or distributes the Sacrament, a person still receives the true Sacrament, that is, Christ's true body and blood, just as truly as a person who administers it in the most worthy way." For the Sacrament is not founded upon people's holiness, but upon God's Word. Just as no saint on earth, indeed, no angel in heaven, can make bread and wine be Christ's body and blood, so also no one can change or alter it, even though it is misused. The Word by which it became a Sacrament and was instituted does not become false because of the person or his unbelief. For Christ does not say, "If you believe or are worthy, you receive My body and blood." No, He says, "Take, eat and drink; this is My body and blood." Likewise, He says, "Do this" (i.e., what I now do, institute, give, and ask you, take). That is like saying, "No matter whether you are worthy or unworthy, you have here His body and blood by virtue of these words that are added to the bread and wine." Note and remember this well. For upon these words rest all our foundation, protection, and defence against all errors and deception that have ever come or may yet come.

The Large Catechism, Part V: The Sacrament of the Altar, paragraphs 4-19 (abridged)

Of the Sacrament of the Altar, we hold that the bread and wine in the Supper are Christ's true body and blood. These are given and received not only by the godly but also by wicked Christians

The Smalcald Articles, Part III, Article 6: The Sacrament of the Altar, paragraph 1

From Paul McCain, ed., *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2005).

ISRAEL 2020 UPDATE

The organisers are still 5 or 6 people short of the minimum number to make the trip viable. A decision will be made imminently whether to go ahead. *If you would like to go, please let Pr. Jon Ehlers know **as soon as possible**.*

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today 3.30 pm Bible study at Brighton Mission
4.30 pm Divine Service at Brighton Mission

13–15 May Pastors' Study Week

Thu 1.10 pm Bible study (Parsonage)
6.45 pm Bible study (Eastleigh)
Sun 10.30 am Divine Service (Scout Hall)
12.15 pm Voters' Assembly
6 pm Youth Club

Further Ahead

22 May 10.45 am Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
2 pm Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Hartwell Lodge
23 May *No Bible study*
6.45 pm Bible study (Eastleigh)
26 May 10.30 am Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Holy Trinity. *Ladies' Guild Mites*
3 pm Bible study at Oxford Mission
4.30 pm Pastor at Oxford Mission
28 May 12 noon *Simojoki family concert (Holy Trinity, West Street)*
29 May 10.30 am Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
30 May 1.10 pm Bible study (Parsonage)
7 pm Divine Service—The Ascension of Our Lord
1 Jun 5.30 pm Community Fun Night (Scout Hall)—TBC
2 Jun 10.30 am Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Special Offering for ELCE Youth
6 pm Youth Club
5 Jun 10.45 am Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
6 Jun 1.10 pm Bible study (Parsonage)
6.45 pm Bible study (Eastleigh)

Daily Readings:

Sun: Leviticus 8:1–13, 30–36 Luke 9:1–17 *Formula of Concord Solid Declaration VII:124–128*
Mon: Lev 9:1–24 Luke 9:18–36 *FC SD VIII:1–6*
Tue: Lev 10:1–20 *Lev 11:1–15:33* Luke 9:37–62 *FC SD VIII:7–15*
Wed: Lev 16:1–24 Luke 10:1–22 *FC SD VIII:16–22*
Thu: Lev 17:1–16 Luke 10:23–42 *FC SD VIII:23–30*
Fri: Lev 18:1–7, 20–19:8 Luke 11:1–13 *FC SD VIII:31–37*
Sat: Lev 19:9–18, 26–37 Luke 11:14–36 *FC SD VIII:38–45*
Sun: Lev 20:1–16, 22–27 Luke 11:37–54 *FC SD VIII:46–52*

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