

The Lord's Supper

Read Mark 14:22-25, John 19:23, Hebrews 9:15-17, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

For a more in depth look at the Catechism, you can read Luther's explanation in the Large Catechism found in the Book of Concord or online at <http://www.bookofconcord.org/lc-7-sacrament.php>

1. Martin Luther understood that Jesus was delivering his last will and testament at the Last Supper. With that in mind, and after watching the video, talk about these questions:
 - a. Who is the testator - the person making the will?
 - b. Who are the beneficiaries - the people who get what the will-maker is giving?
 - c. What is the estate; in other words, what is Jesus giving His beneficiaries?
2. When you receive the Lord's Supper, what are you admitting, or confessing, about yourself?
3. When you receive the Lord's Supper, what are you confessing about Jesus, and what He does for you?
4. Can you change the words of a will and testament your grandparent makes? With that in mind, should we change the words Jesus gave us to say when we are handing over his estate in the Lord's Supper?
5. What do you think might happen when we change the words? What impact could that have on the people hearing the words?
6. Watch the video and think about the last section - how Martin Luther responded to Jesus' words, "This is my body.... This is my blood." Talk about why you think Luther was so firm in saying, "Is means is." What happens when we start trying to explain away, or change Jesus' words?