Lord, you have promised to be present with us until the end of the age. Help us to receive your sacraments as signs of your love, grace, and presence with us that we might be strengthened in our faith and our service toward you and one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

In this lesson, we'll look at Baptism and the Lord's Supper – our two sacraments and signs of God's grace.

## Part 1 Baptism - Watch First Video Segment Before Answering Part 1

- 1. Read Matthew 3:13-17
  - a. Considering that John was calling people to repent of their sins, why is it understandable that John at first saw no need for Jesus to be baptized?
  - b. What reason did Jesus give for submitting to John's baptism? What does Jesus mean by this?
  - c. Jesus Baptism is one of the great scandals of the early church . . . that the Messiah would submit to being baptized by a human. Think back to last week's study on the Theology of the Cross. How does Jesus' baptism fit with the Lutheran theology we are learning and thus also fitting the salvation God is bringing through Jesus?
  - d. What claim does God make about Jesus in his baptism?
  - e. Jesus' Baptism was a witness to His identity and mission. How does your Baptism define who you are, and what does it mean for your daily living (See also Romans 6:1-11)?
- 2. Read Matthew 28:16-20 Why does Jesus command the disciples to go and baptize (among other things) as he is leaving? In other words, what do you think is so special about baptism that Jesus commands it? Consider that Jesus is ascending to heaven in this scene and leaving the disciples.

## Part 2 The Lord's Supper - Watch Second Video Segment Before Answering Part 2

3. Read Luke 22:14-23 - As the disciples and Jesus concluded the Passover meal, Jesus instituted its New Testament replacement – Holy Communion (1 Corin. 11:23-26). After this night there would be no more need to sacrifice animals to cover human sin. In each of the following (you may refer to Exodus 12:1-17 if necessary) as you compare the two meals, how did Holy Communion fulfill the meaning of the Passover and expand it?

<u>Passover</u>	Lord's Supper
Lamb's Blood Shed	Luke 22:20
Delivered Israelites from death and slavery	Matthew 26:28; John 3:16
Perfect lamb sacrificed	2 Corinthians 5:21
Annual Celebration recalling God's deliverance	1 Corinthians 11:23-26

- 4. Read Matthew 26:26-29 Thinking about the video, what did Jesus mean when he said, "This is my body" and "This is my blood?"
- 4. Read Luke 22:14-23 Thinking about the video, what did Jesus mean when he said, "Do this in remembrance of me?"

## Part 3 What Does This Have to Do With My Life?

- 6. Try to put into words Holy Communion mean to you personally (Try not to make this a catechetical answer that might appear in a theology book use your heart)?
- 7. Luther believed Baptism was a daily gift to us because we could wake up each morning knowing we were baptized so whatever happened in the past didn't matter because we were baptized. What does your baptism mean to you and how do you use it in faith?