

Holy Communion 3

We said last week that we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in the Lord's Supper. How can that be? How can simple bread and wine do this? Is there something magic about it? There's no magic. The power is in the Word of Christ – "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" – added to the bread and wine. When we talked about Baptism, we said that what makes a Sacrament a Sacrament is the power of the Word of God, the same Word that created everything that exists. The power to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation is in the Word of Christ added to the bread and wine.

Lord, thank You for giving Your Word that has the power to make bread and wine into the Sacrament of Holy Communion, where we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Amen.