

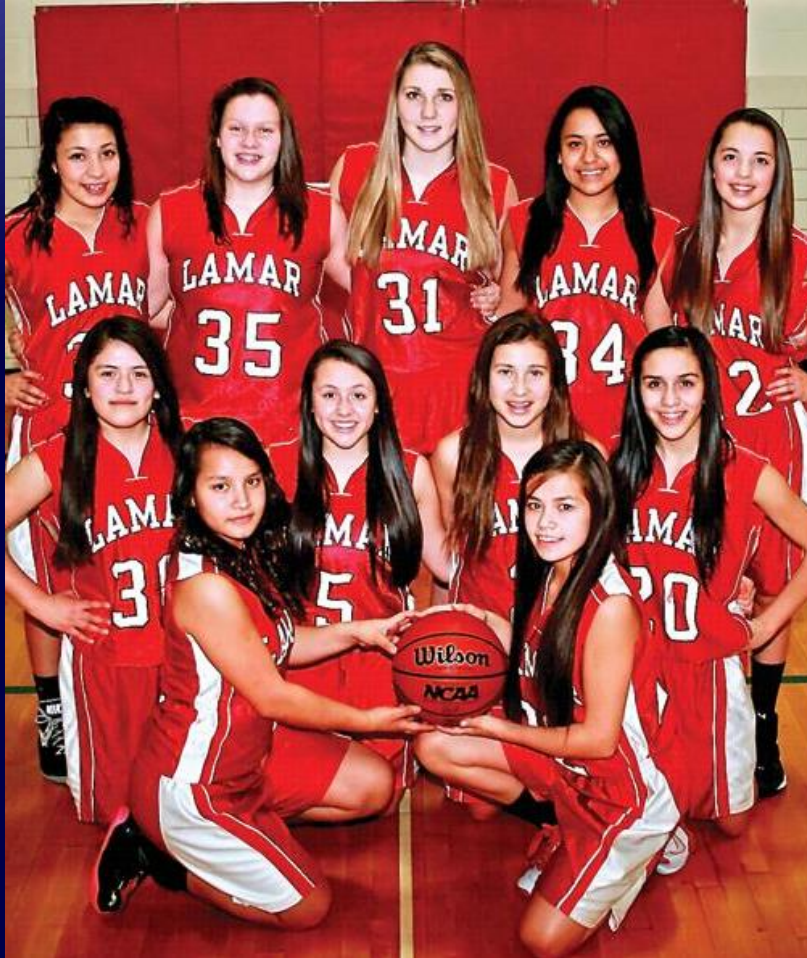


QUIZ & CROSSWORDS

PRAYER



How do you get ready to participate in a sporting event or some other a performance?



Catechism Questions 296-303

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION & FELLOWSHIP



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receiving Holy Communion?**

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a.) Examine himself/herself

Questions for self-examination: (cf. p. 295 *CW21*)

1.) Do I believe in _____
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2.) How have I _____ against _____ and _____
_____?

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2.) How have I **sinned** against **God** and **my neighbor**?

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3.) Am I _____ for my sins?

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3.) Am I **sorry** for my sins?

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4.) Do I _____ that Jesus has _____ me?

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4.) Do I **trust** that Jesus has **forgiven** me?

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5.) Do I want to _____ my sinful life with God's help?

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5.) Do I want to **change** my sinful life with God's help?

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a.) We sin against Christ and receive it to our judgment

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b.) As a result weakness, sickness, and even death may follow

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1 Corinthians 11:24,25 "This is my body. . . . This cup is the new covenant in my blood."

a.) Those who believe in the real presence of Jesus' body and blood.

Who only should receive Holy Communion?

1 Corinthians 11:28 A man ought to examine himself.

b.) Those who can and have examined themselves.

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Q: Who might NOT be able to examine themselves?

A: Young children, those with cognitive disabilities, dementia, Alzheimer's, etc.

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1 Corinthians 10:17 Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

c.) Those who are in complete and total agreement with one another concerning what the Bible teaches.

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Matthew 18:15-17 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along. . . . If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector."

d.) Those believers who are repentant of their sins

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Receiving Holy Communion only with those who are
_____ and are _____ with us
in what the Bible teaches.

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Close Communion:

Receiving Holy Communion only with those who are properly prepared and are completely united with us in what the Bible teaches.

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Something done out of LOVE for

1. God's Word,
2. the souls of others who might eat and drink
judgment on themselves, and
3. our own souls as we strive to avoid false teaching.

Why does Jesus invite us to receive the Lord's Super often?

1 John 1:8-9 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

a.) We daily sin much

Why does Jesus invite us to receive the Lord's Super often?

Matthew 26:28 "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

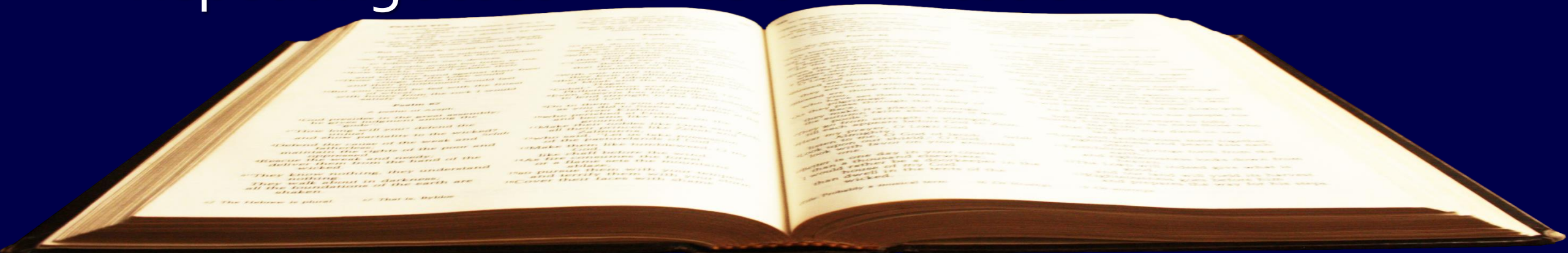
Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

b.) Jesus reassures us of his forgiveness and gives us spiritual rest in this sacrament.

God's Word and My Life

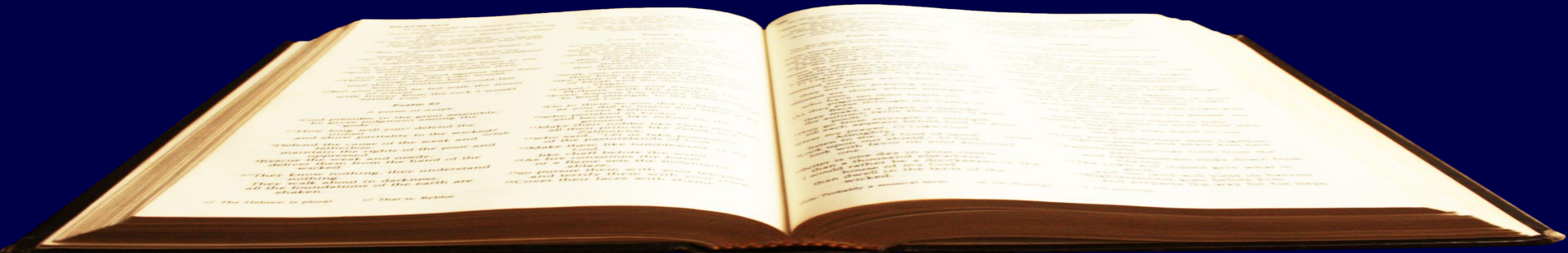
How does our order of service naturally help us prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper?

- ◆ Confession of sins
- ◆ Absolution (announcement of forgiveness)
- ◆ Bible readings and sermon
- ◆ Repeating Jesus' words of institution



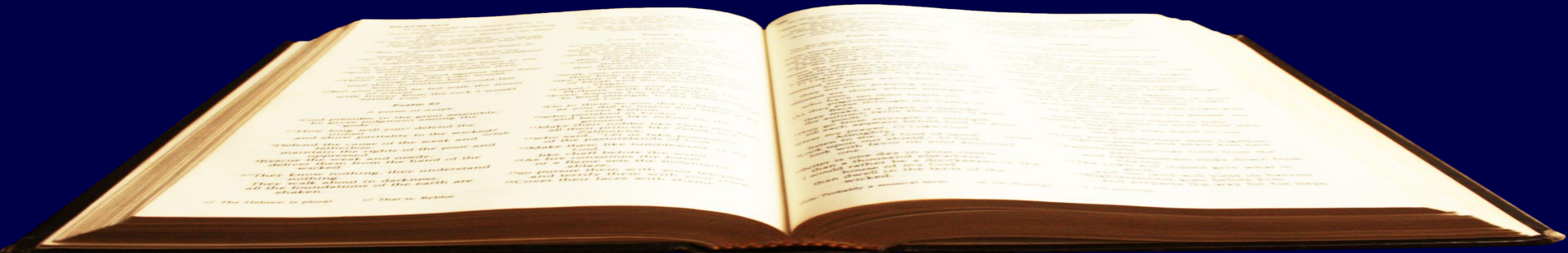
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Agree or disagree? Anyone who takes the Lord's Supper unworthily will be damned. Give a reason for your answer.



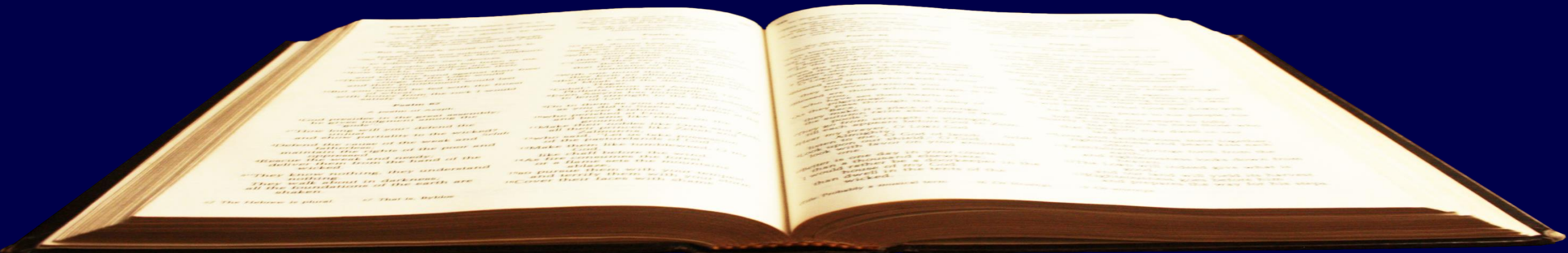
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Agree or disagree? We should be able to attend the Lord's Supper in any Lutheran church.



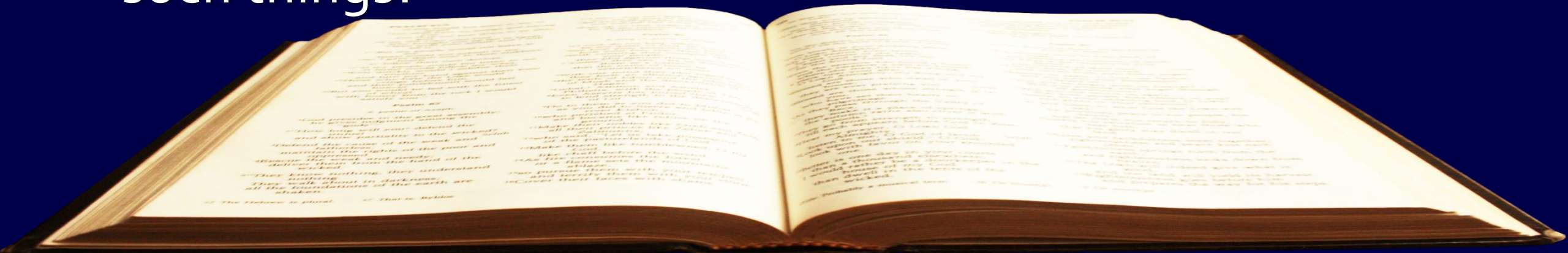
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Agree or disagree? It would be better for a congregation to offer the Lord's Supper every Sunday than to offer it every other Sunday



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Martin Luther wrote in his Large Catechism that if you do not feel as if you need to go to the Lord's Supper often, "Pinch yourselves and see if you are still flesh and blood. . . . In the second place, look around to see if you are still in the world. Or, if you do not know whether you are, ask your neighbor." Why do you think he suggested such things?





What does God teach us about receiving Holy Communion?

God teaches us to receive Holy Communion in faith with those who believe the same as we do so that it is not a judgment but a blessing for us.

Assignment for Next Time...

Memory Work:

- 1 John 1:8,9
- Matthew 11:28

Complete Take-Home Quiz

Complete Worksheet: What the Lord's Supper Is and Isn't

