

## **Biblical Topics**

### **Sacrament of the Altar – Lord's Supper – Power**

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

When Christ tells us that His body was given and His blood was shed "for the remission of our sins," He expects us to believe this. When we believe these words, we have forgiveness of sins. Faith is the hand that takes what the word of Christ offer.

Much of the above information is taken from: "Luther's Small Catechism" annotated by Edward W. A. Koehler.