

The Augsburg Confession of 1530

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- ❖¹ Our churches teach that the Sacraments were ordained, not only to be marks of profession among men, but even more, to be signs and testimonies of God's will toward us.

Considerations in Regard to the Definition of a Sacrament

- I. A sacrament is a sacred act instituted and ordained by God (specifically Christ) for His Church.
- II. A sacrament confirms the covenant of God with His people utilizing a visible means of grace.
- III. A sacrament contains the promise of forgiveness of sins for those who receive it in accordance with the purposes for which it was instituted.

Sacraments in the Lutheran Church:

1. Holy Baptism
- 1.5 Holy Absolution
2. Holy Communion

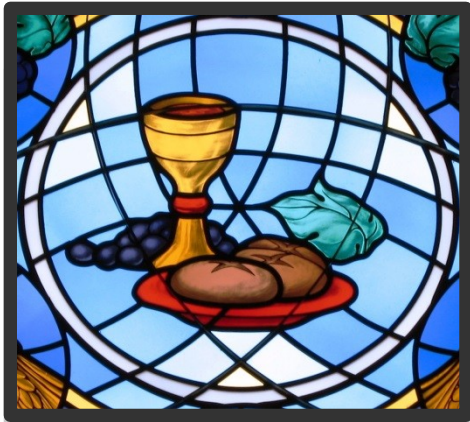
Sacraments in the Roman Catholic Church:

1. Holy Baptism
2. Confirmation
3. Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion)
4. Penance
5. Anointing of the Sick
6. Holy Orders (ordination)
7. Holy Matrimony (marriage)

Holy Baptism



- * 1. Instituted by Christ: **Matthew 28:18** “Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
- * 2. Visible element: water (any)
- * 3. Promise of forgiveness: **Acts 2:38** "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”



Holy Communion

- * 1. Instituted by Christ: **1 Corinthians 11:23** “I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- * 2. Visible elements: bread (usu. unleavened) and wine
- * 3. Promise of forgiveness: **Matthew 26:28** “This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

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❖² They were instituted to awaken and confirm faith in those who use them. Therefore, we must use the Sacraments in such a way that faith, which believes the promises offered and set forth through the Sacraments, is increased [2 Thessalonians 1:3].

II Thessalonians 1:3

✚ 2 Thessalonians 1:3 “We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.”