

The Augsburg Confession of 1530

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*¹ So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted.

Ephesians 4:11-12

* **Ephesians 4:11** “It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,
¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...”

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*² Through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given [John 20:22].



John 20:22



* **John 20:22** “And with that [Jesus] breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Etymology of “x;Wr”

- *The Hebrew word for “spirit” (cf. Genesis 1:2) is the same word as for “wind” (cf. John 3:8) and for “breath” (cf. Genesis 2:7).

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* [The Holy Spirit] works faith, when and where it pleases God [John 3:8], in those who hear the good news that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.

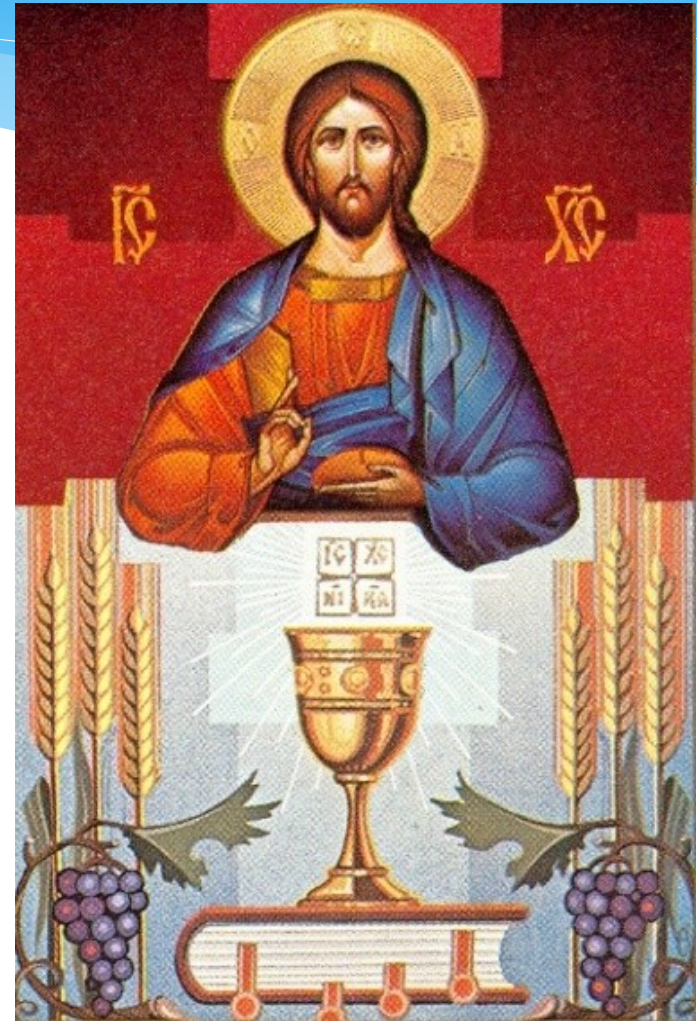
John 3:8

***John 3:8** “The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

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*3 This [(being received in God's grace)] happens not through our own merits, but for Christ's sake.



Ephesians 1:6

* **Ephesians 1:6** “... to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves.”

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*⁴ Our churches condemn the Anabaptists and others who think that through their own preparations and works the Holy Spirit comes to them without the external Word.

Ephesians 1:13

- * **Ephesians 1:13** “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit...”

Ephesians 6:17

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“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”



Romans 10:17

- * Romans 10:17 “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”