

# **Eucharistic Homily**

*Twenty-First Lord's Day of Pentecost  
October 25, 2020*

The only topic that the Reformers debated more than justification was the theology of the Lord's Supper. In a letter to Martin Luther's close friend and colleague, Philip Melancthon, John Calvin gave his assessment of Luther's work: "Luther cried out with his whole life that he was not contending about anything else except to maintain for the sacraments their proper power."

The Reformers knew that true reformation begins with the sacraments. They recognized that the sacraments shape our belief about God and about ourselves more than anything else. They realized that the sacraments define the culture of the church, and that the culture of the church is what transforms the culture of the world around us. The sacraments that our Savior gave to us are essential for reformation in our own lives and in society at large.

If you've been baptized into Christ and are seeking to live faithfully and obediently for Him, you are invited to partake of this feast that our gracious God has provided for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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