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The Nitty-Gritty of Sacraments:

1. Sacraments are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. They are outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace.
3. They are “Means of Grace.”

1. meditating and studying the scriptures

2. prayer

3. fasting

4. regularly attending worship

5. healthy living

6. sharing our faith with others

7. sharing in the sacraments

8. Christian conferencing

9. doing good works

1. Unique in Two Ways
2. Instituted by Christ.
3. Open to All.
4. Practiced in Different Ways.
5. Initiating Sacrament - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Mt 28:18-20, *"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

1. Modes – 3 Symbols
2. Immersion -

Romans 6:3-4, *Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*

1. Pouring -

Acts 2:17-*18 “'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHESY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; 18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.”*

1. Sprinkling -

Ex 24:7-8 *Then he took the book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!" 8 So Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."*

1. Sustaining Sacrament – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 26:26-28*, While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.*

I Cor 10:16-17, *Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? 17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.*

Point: God offers you special gifts.

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Have you been baptized? When? What did that mean to you? Have you baptized your children? What did that experience mean for you? How have you experienced God’s grace through baptism?
2. Have you ever confirmed your baptism vows or “remembered your baptism?
3. If you would like to know more about baptism, Pastor Todd suggests you pick up a baptism brochure in the Coffee House and consider signing up for an upcoming baptism class.
4. When have you found communion particularly meaningful?