



WCF Prayer:

Chapter 27- Of The Sacraments

Gracious Lord and Heavenly Father,

In your great wisdom, you have given us physical elements in worship we call sacraments. You have revealed to us that they are signs and seals of the covenant of grace to represent the wonderful benefits that come to a people through the sinless life and sin-bearing death and resurrection of Jesus.

You gave these sacraments directly to your people to represent the Lord Jesus Christ and His benefits that your people might be strengthened in your grace.

Praise you Lord God that as we receive these elements in faith, we confirm our interest in him and set ourselves apart from the world, as His people. We pray that as we do so as His Church that we engage solemnly in serving you through Christ, according to your Word. Lord, may your Name be glorified in all we do.

Lord Almighty, we acknowledge the spiritual relation and sacramental union between the sign and the thing signified. Such is the closeness that we see their names and effects attributed to one another. Lord we receive them in faith.

Holy God, we recognize however that the grace flowing from these sacraments does not emerge from any power within the elements of bread, wine or water themselves. Nor do we look to the piety of the minister or his good intentions for their efficacy. Rather, we look in confident faith to the Holy Spirit working through the Word of Institution. We acknowledge Lord God that we come to your table only empty-handed and clinging only to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

We thank you, Almighty God, that there are only two sacraments ordained by Christ our Lord in the Gospel: namely, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We acknowledge in their administration a gravity and we pray that only those ordained to preach and handle the elements would do so and with the requisite care to safeguard their integrity.

Finally Living God, we see both the continuity and discontinuity within your story of redemption. We recognize that the sacraments of the Old Testament though different in appearance, are in substance continuous with the sacraments

of the New Testament. We praise you that we see exhibited in both Testaments the same spiritual truths and not least your glorious covenant of grace.

Amen.