Marty, Martin E. ***The Lord's Supper*****. Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1980.**

This short book is meant to guide Lutherans through their remembrance of the Lord's death in Communion. In doing this, the author attempts to get into the shoes of the worshiper and writes the entire book in the second person (i.e., "you realize you sin as you see the cross"). He discusses five aspects 1) forgiveness - the main idea, 2) preparation, 3) the actual service according to Lutheran liturgy, 4) possible reflections to consider during this time, and 5) how to take Communion out of the church and into the world of losing your temper, being tempted to cheat to get ahead, etc. This little volume is full of quotes from Martin Luther and expresses the Lutheran view of the presence of Christ in the bread and wine. He talks about how some of the older differences between Catholic, Lutheran and Reformed/Baptist have loosened up a bit and actually find more in common than expected. Throughout, there are tidbits for the reader to learn, but there are also statements made and terms used that may create confusion and represent a lack of clarity (which I think the author does on purpose).
Level: Light-weight/Easy to Read
Theological Stance: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Rating: 4
Recommend? No