

Letter 112: 6 October 1521, Wittenberg, Felix Ulscenius to Capito

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[*Summary*]: Ulscenius will continue to send newly published writings of Luther to Capito. He asks Capito to greet Hartmann von Hallwyl on behalf of Johannes Remboldus and himself. That day Gabriel Zwilling preached a sermon strongly exhorting the audience no longer to attend or to assist with the Mass. He affirmed that the flesh and blood of Christ are nothing but a sign of the remission of our sins and of our reconciliation with God. This is confirmed by the words of institution spoken by Christ at the Last Supper. Neither the disciples nor their followers worshipped Christ's body and blood. He reminded them that since God forbids the worship of signs or images in the Old Testament, there is all the more reason in the New Testament for the sign [i.e. of Christ's body and blood] not to be worshipped. God wants only himself to be worshipped. It is a mockery to insist that Christ's death on the cross was insufficient for our sins. Zwilling will no longer say mass and made them feel guilty about attending Mass and thereby condoning idolatry.