

March 4, 2012

WELCOME to Apostles Lutheran Church! This congregation is a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). We believe and teach that the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God, and the only means by which God has revealed the way of salvation, which is in Jesus Christ. We pray that this hour will refresh your heart as God draws you closer to Himself.

*The works of the LORD are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them
(Psalm 111:2)*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

With cancer: Barb Stauss (Pastor Reeder's Aunt)
Serving in our military: Ian & Owen Jacobson, Jessy Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UWP students are invited to join an on-campus Bible Study of The Gospel according to St. John. Two sessions are offered, Mondays from 1:15p~2:15p in the Mound Rm, and Fridays from 3p~4p in the Pioneer Rm, of the Student Center.

THIS WEEK AT APOSTLES

Today, 9am: Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:30am: Sunday School & Bible Class
Monday, 1:15pm: Study of St. John (Mound Rm of Student Center)
Tuesday, 9am: Study of Lutheran Theology
Friday, 3pm: Study of St. John (Pioneer Rm of Student Center)
Sunday, 9am: Divine Service of the Word Daylight Savings Time Begins
10:30am: Sunday School & Bible Class

“The purpose for which Christ gave us His own Word through His Apostles and Prophets is to deliver us from the bondage of our own false notions in matters pertaining to our salvation and that of all men. Therefore our slogan dare never be: ‘Away from Scripture!’ It must remain: ‘Into Scripture, into Scripture as the sole source and standard of theology!’” (Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics, Vol 1*, p5-6)

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Galatians 2:20-21

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THE BOOK OF CONCORD (Tappert Edition)

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

ARTICLES ABOUT MATTERS IN DISPUTE IN WHICH AN ACCOUNT IS GIVEN OF THE ABUSES WHICH HAVE BEEN CORRECTED (GERMAN)

XXVIII. THE POWER OF BISHOPS

¹ Many and various things have been written in former times about the power of bishops, and some have improperly confused the power of bishops with the temporal sword. ² Out of this careless confusion many serious wars, tumults, and uprisings have resulted because the bishops, under pretext of the power given them by Christ, have not only introduced new forms of worship and burdened consciences with reserved cases¹ and violent use of the ban, but have also presumed to set up and depose kings and emperors according to their pleasure. ³ Such outrage has long since been condemned by learned and devout people in Christendom. ⁴ On this account our teachers have been compelled, for the sake of comforting consciences, to point out the difference between spiritual and temporal power, sword, and authority, and they have taught that because of God's command both authorities and powers are to be honored and esteemed with all reverence as the two highest gifts of God on earth.

⁵ Our teachers assert that according to the Gospel the power of keys or the power of bishops is a power and command of God to preach the Gospel, to forgive and retain sins, and to administer and distribute the sacraments. ⁶ For Christ sent out the apostles with this command, “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (John 20:21-23). [1-6]

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