

September 1, 2013

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.

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”
Luke 11:28

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Gerald Klemp, Al Heimsoth, Virgil Bennett; Serving in our military: Owen Jacobson, Joshua Weisensel, Keith McDonald

THIS WEEK AT APOSTLES

Today, 9a: Divine Service with Holy Communion
Monday—Labor Day
Tuesday, 9a: Study of Lutheran Theology @ ACL Guest—Rev. Chryst (Missionary to Singapore)
Friday, 2p: On-Campus Bible Study Pioneer Rm of Student Center
Sunday, 9a: Divine Service of the Word
10:30a: Bible Study

Welcome New and Returning Students!

On Tuesday Sept 3 @ ALC, beginning at 9a, Rev. Thomas Chryst, missionary to Singapore, will be visiting with our study (of Lutheran Theology) group to discuss mission work in Singapore and through the LCMS. Everyone is welcome.

“God will not give you His Holy Spirit except through the external Word; be guided by that.” (Luther, quoted in F. Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics*, Vol I, 188)

LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM
TABLE OF DUTIES

*Certain passages of scripture for various holy orders and positions,
admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities*

To Youth

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5-6

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THE BOOK OF CONCORD
(Tappert Edition)

APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

[ARTICLE IV. JUSTIFICATION]

REPLY TO THE OPPONENTS’ ARGUMENTS

³²⁹ Num. 14:18, “And the innocent will not be innocent.” Deut. 4:24, “Your God is a devouring fire.” Zech. 2:13 says, “Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord.” Isa. 40:6, 7, “All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it”; that is, the flesh and the righteousness of the flesh cannot stand the judgment of God. ³³⁰ Jonah says (Jonah 2:8), “Those who forsake mercy observe lying vanities”; that is, all trust is vain except a trust in mercy; mercy saves us, our own merits and efforts do not save us. ³³¹ Therefore Daniel prays (9:18, 19), “For we do not present our supplications before thee on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of thy great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, give heed and act; delay not, for thy own sake, O my God, because thy city and thy people are called by thy name.” So Daniel teaches us to take hold of mercy when we pray, that is, to trust the mercy of God and not our merits before him.

³³² We wonder what our opponents do when they pray, if indeed these profane men ever ask God for anything! If they declare that they are worthy because they have love and good works, and ask for grace as though they had earned it, then they pray like the Pharisee in Luke 18:11 who says, “I am not like other men.” Such prayer, which relies on its own righteousness and not on the mercy of God, insults Christ, who intercedes for us as our high priest. ³³³ Therefore prayer relies upon the mercy of God when we believe that we are heard because of Christ the high priest, as he himself says (John 16:23), “If you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name.” “In my name,” he says, because without the high priest we cannot draw near to the Father. (¶329-333)

Last Week
Attendance: 11