

Please Don't Confuse Us with the "Lutherans" Recently in the News!

Collectively, "Lutherans" are the largest Protestant denomination in the world. However, many are in name only. There are also numerous divisions or "Synods" that can vary from being very liberal (both theologically and culturally) to being very "conservative", i.e. holding to the Holy Scripture as the inerrant Word of God, the "Confessional" standards of the historic Reformation of the 1500's, and family values in light of Biblical teaching. We are the LCMS (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod), a 2.4 million member church body with some 6,000 congregations throughout the USA and mission work in dozens of nations (not to be confused with or associated in any way with ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America), a membership of 4.8 million.

By God's grace, we still believe, teach, and confess at our churches:

- + the Holy Scripture is the true, inerrant Word of God in its entirety (II Tim.3:16)
- + the moral code of God's Law is for all people for all time, and this moral code is clearly expressed in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20), by Jesus Christ (Matthew 5-7) and Christ's Apostles (Ephesians 5:3-21)
- + salvation from sin and eternal death is solely by God's grace through faith in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ (John 3:16, Acts 4:12, Ephesians 2:1-10)
- + the sanctity of marriage between one man one woman has God's design and blessings (Genesis 1:2, John 2:1-11, Ephesians 5:21-33)
- + the sanctity of human life (Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 1:41-44)
- + sex outside of God's design of marriage is sinful, therefore harmful to both the individuals who practice such and to society at large (Leviticus 18:20-23, Romans 1:21-31, I Timothy 1:10, Hebrews 13:4)
- + "The Great Commission" is the power of the Holy Spirit, to preach the "Good News" to all the world, to love the sinner and call everyone to repentance and faith in Christ Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 24:46-49, I John 4,5)

We are not perfect. We are repentant sinners and rest in the comfort of God's sure forgiveness through the bloody sacrifice of Christ Jesus on the cross of Golgotha. We pray for those who defend sin and justify its practices, that they may repent and no longer mock the atonement of Christ. We pray for those who call themselves "Lutherans" but are so in name only, that they may truly follow the lead of Dr. Martin Luther (1483-1546), holding to the sacred scriptures as the inerrant Word of God, remain steadfast to the historic Luther's Small Catechism and the Lutheran Confessions (Book of Concord) and refrain from "political correctness" and "secular moral relativism" shaping their theology and practice.

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