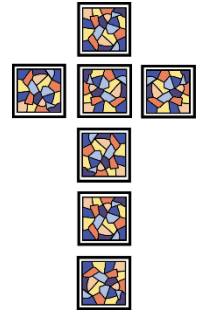


Lutheran & Catholic Comparison

Wednesday Bible Study, Faith & Fellowship Nights, Fall 2022
Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Lansing, MI



Common Origins – Catholic Origins – Lutheran Origins – Things We Do Together –
Things We Do Apart – Loving & Serving

Our Common Origins

- Denomination vs Religion
 - John 14:6
 - Ephesians 4:1-6
 - “Truth always unites – Error always divides”
- The Ways we use the word “Church”
 - Do you go to church?
 - He’s down in the church.
 - They have church at 10:30.
 - Our Savior Lutheran Church
 - The Lutheran Church
 - The holy, apostolic and Christian Church
 - Galatians 2:15-16
- Core Christian Beliefs
 - Trinity
 - Divinity of Christ
 - Sacrificial Atonement
 - Work of the Holy Spirit
 - Baptism & Communion
 - Resurrection, Heaven, Eternal Life
- Beginnings
 - Pentecost! Repent and be Baptized
 - From Jerusalem, to Judea & Samaria, to the Ends of the Earth (Acts 1:8)
 - Making disciples of “All Nations”
 - Christian Community in Rome
 - Break-away heresies & sects
 - Sabellianism 2nd Century (modalism)
 - Pelagianism 4/5th Century (France/Britain)
 - Nestorians 5th Century (Middle East)
 - Arians 4th Century (Spain/Africa)
 - Early Councils (7 Ecumenical Councils)
 - Council of Nicaea 325 A.D.
 - Council of Constantinople 381 A.D.
 - Council of Chalcedon 451 A.D.

- Early Church Fathers
 - Clement of Alexandria (150-215)
 - Tertullian (155-222)
 - Ambrose (340-397)
 - Augustine of Hippo (354-430)
 - Athanasius (298-373)
 - Cyril of Alexandria (378-444)
 - Basil of Caesarea (330-379)
 - John Chrysostom (347-407)
 - Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389)
- Missionary Work in Europe
 - Through Evangelism
 - Irish monks (600AD)
 - St. Boniface 675-754 Missionary to Germans
 - Slavic Missionaries Cyril & Methodius
 - Baptism
 - Through War & Conquest
 - Charlemagne 800
 - Otto the Great 912-973
 - Henry the Lion 1129-1195
- Split between East & West Christianity (1054)
 - Language (Greek vs Latin)
 - Marriage of Priests
 - Role of Icons & Statues
 - Authority of Pope & Patriarch
 - Nicene Creed Addition (“...and the Son”)
- Medieval Councils & Corruptions
 - Civil Role of Pope and Bishops
 - Land owned by the Church
 - Simony
 - Indulgences
 - “Outside the Church there is No salvation” (St. Cyprian, 3rd Century)
 - It is necessary to salvation that every person be subject to the Roman Pontiff” Unum Sanctum 1302
- Shared History Creates Shared Beliefs & Customs
 - Three Ecumenical Creeds – Apostles, Nicene, Athanasian
 - Historic Church Calendar – Latin/Roman Calendar
 - Vestments, Church Decorations, Holidays
 - Celebrating Jesus