

## **Lutheran & Catholic Comparison**

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

### **Things we do apart**

- Worship (pulpit fellowship)
  - We have in common the basic elements of the Western Liturgy
    - Entrance Rites
    - Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis
    - Service of the Word
    - Creed
    - Prayers of the Church
    - Service of the Sacrament (Proper Preface, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, etc.)
    - Benediction & Sending
- The Sacrifice of the Mass (altar fellowship)
  - Catholic View 1) only properly ordained priests, 2) transubstantiation, 3) adoration of the host, 4) sacrifice of the mass
- Catholics do not recognize ordination and ministry of Lutheran pastors (other than baptism)
- Confirmation & Instruction in the Christian Faith
  - Joining a Lutheran or Catholic Church means a second confirmation rite
- Prayer to saints or Mary
  - Early church practice
  - No command or promise in Scripture
  - Lutherans see this as a violation of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> commandments
- Prayers for the dead
- Adoration of the saints or use of statues, charms, or other superstitions

1 Timothy 4:3 “They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth”

Revelation 19:10 “At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

Hebrews 9:27 “Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgement”

### **Things we look forward to**

- Serving the Lord Jesus Christ by caring for the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the needy
- “The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.”

### **Questions yet to consider...**