



St. John's Lutheran Church In Cameron

Our Fellowship Newsletter

November 2024

Highlighted Mission of the Month:

JUST & SINNER



The mission of Just and Sinner is to bring the Lutheran faith to the forefront of theological, cultural, and philosophical dialogue both in academic and practical discourse using modern technology.

VISION

Those who seek answers will be able to find a robust, historical engagement on the theological or cultural topic that will be easily accessed for little to no cost to them. As a result, more laypersons will join local confessional Lutheran churches, and receive word and sacrament ministry on a regular basis.

VALUES

- The centrality of Gospel
- The sufficiency of Scripture
- The continued relevance of the Lutheran tradition
- The importance of living a life formed by Jesus Christ
- Support of the local church and its right administration of word and sacrament ministry

(The executive director of "Just and Sinner" is also president of "AALC" American Lutheran Theological Seminary)

Goals and Effects of Justification

Martin Chemnitz

The doctrine of the goals and effects of justification is clear and easy, but it is useful and necessary to repeat it at this point in our study of justification, for several important reasons. **1.** That justification is received by faith should serve as a constant warning regarding the end or goal of the doctrine of justification, so that we do not misuse this teaching in order to cultivate or confirm licentiousness, as the Epistle of Jude admonishes in v. 4: "transposing or transferring or perverting the grace of God into licentiousness." **2.** Just as we have a uniting of causes and effects in nature, so when we have the causes for our justification, we should have no doubt concerning the effects, namely salvation and eternal life. **3.** That believers might know how to perform good works; and so that they will not seek a pretext to avoid doing them, Scripture says that renewal is an effect or result of justification. **4.** Christ says in Matt. 7:16–20 that we are to judge a tree by its fruits. Paul in 2 Cor. 13:5 says: "Examine yourselves to see whether you are holding to your faith"; cf. 2 Peter 1:10: "Make your calling sure." We judge the cause by the effects. **5.** This distinction between causes and effects is also useful for showing that sanctification or renewal is to be distinguished from justification, and that the new obedience is not a cause or an essential part of our justification, because it is an effect or a result. **6.** By means of this distinction we can also answer the difficult question: When the believing heart in its trials feels no joy, peace, or happiness, is faith at that time, when it lays hold on Christ in the promise and tries to sustain itself with comfort, able to determine that it has the true righteousness unto life eternal? There is a difference between the causes, or the form of our righteousness before God and its effects. When the form or formal cause of our righteousness has been established, as described above, then faith ought to be assured of the acceptance of our person before God, unless it wants to make Him a liar. Indeed, the effects show the cause, and when the effects cease, then we may conclude that the cause does not actually exist either. (*Loci Theologici* 1591)

Ushers: Mike and Luanne J.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Happy Birthday Randy Bi
3 Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Divine Worship-10:45 a.m.	4	5	6 Confirmation: 5 p.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m.	7	8	9
10 Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Divine Worship-10:45 a.m. Fellowship-10 a.m.	11 Happy Birthday Reegan	12 Happy Birthday Karen M! Happy Birthday Lilly G!	13 Bible Study: 5 p.m. Happy Birthday Shay F! Happy Birthday Holly L!	14	15 Happy Birthday Jeff Bi	16
17 Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Divine Worship-10:45 a.m. Happy Birthday Dan G!	18	19	20 Confirmation: 5 p.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m.	21 Happy Birthday Jeff G!	22	23
24 Sunday School-9:45 a.m. Divine Worship-10:45 a.m.	25	26	27 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship at Christ Lutheran	28 Thanksgiving!	29	30