

“Called to Confess”

(A Free Conference of Confessing Pastors and Laity of the NOW District)

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Dear Brothers in Christ:

Called to Confess is pleased to announce and make available to the Church the next bulletin insert in our series on the talking points highlighted in our previously published and mailed tri-fold titled: “The LC-MS: Are we Still Following Jesus?” The enclosed insert deals with the fourth of our six talking points and is titled: ***Divine Service: God Serving Us So We May Serve God***. This timely piece was written by Pastor Dan Freeman. We thank him for his contribution on this important topic, and we commend it to your study and the benefit of the sheep for whom you have been given oversight and charged to nourish and feed with the Word of truth.

As always, we solicit your prayers and support in these troubled days as we seek to be led by the source of all doctrine and practice in the Church: Holy Writ. As we stated in our previous correspondence:

In love we have endeavored to put the best construction on the actions of others and we have consciously avoided pointing fingers at anyone. We simply see ourselves as ***Called to Confess***. And “*in love*,” we pray that, if we are in error, you would “*in love*,” show us our error from Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions.

If you do not agree with the positions stated here, we ask that you at least consider the arguments and put the best construction on our actions, our motivation, and our concern to fulfill the great commission by “*teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you*” (Matt. 28:20). Our goal is not division, but that once again our Synod be united under the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ as confessed in the Lutheran Confession. May God bless you and lead you to recognize that all of us are ***Called to Confess***.

To contact us or request an electronic version of the ***Divine Service: God Serving Us So We May Serve God*** insert (or previous inserts), send a note to: CalledToConfess@yahoo.com. You may download copies at www.scholia.net/lcms_items.htm.

Laboring together in the vineyard of our Lord, we remain ***Called to Confess***.