

Caring for our Lord's Body and Blood

Presentation for Elder's Retreat

Conclusions and Implications

Goals

- Recognize Lex Orandi Lex Credendi
- Understand the history of the practices connected to the Sacrament?
- What are the Old Testament roots?
- What are the New Testament roots?
- Examine our own practices in terms of understanding, evaluation and recommendations for the future

Actual Practices

- What the Altar Guild Manual Suggests
- What we do at Messiah
- What I and working toward at Messiah and why
- What are Grace's practices?

The Foundations of our Practice

- Old Testament
 - Passover
 - Tabernacle/Temple
 - Josiah
- New Testament
 - Presentation
 - Jesus in the Temple
 - Clearing of the Temple
 - The Institution of the Sacrament
 - Paul in 1 Corinthians

So what is at the heart of the matter for us as Lutherans?

- Confess who Jesus is and what He does for us
- Deny the errors of the symbolic presence
- "There is no sacrament apart from its use"

Floating Topic

The History of our Practice

- What we know from the early church
- Middle Ages and Superstition?
- Reformation
- Pietism/Rationalism
- Practices in early LCMS/Walther