

Website Use Notice

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Welcome in Christ

Welcome to the website of the Florida-Georgia District of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (the “District,” “we,” “our”). This Site is a ministry tool. Its purpose is to share the Gospel, strengthen our congregations and schools, encourage workers in Christ’s mission, and provide resources for the people of God in Florida and Georgia.

As with all things entrusted to us, we use this Site under good order and accountability. By using this Site, you agree to respect the boundaries we have set forth here, for the sake of safety, clarity, and faithful stewardship.

Use of This Site

This Site is offered for your personal, noncommercial use. You may view and share its content to encourage the life of the Church, provided you do so in ways consistent with Scripture, the Confessions, and the mission of the District. Misuse of the Site, whether by spreading harmful material, violating the rights of others, or attempting to disrupt its function, is not permitted.

Content and Intellectual Property

The words, images, and resources we provide on this Site are gifts to build up the Body of Christ. They are also legally protected. You may not copy, alter, or distribute our materials for commercial use without permission. Content submitted by others, such as congregational news or images, remains their responsibility, though we may share it with the broader church.

Christian Conduct

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we expect all who engage with this Site to do so in a spirit of love, integrity, and respect. Content that is defamatory, abusive, obscene, hateful, or otherwise contrary to Christian witness may be removed without notice.

Links and Resources

From time to time, we may share links to outside sites. These are offered as a resource, not as an endorsement. We are not responsible for content beyond our own pages.

No Guarantees

We make every effort to ensure that the information on this Site is faithful, accurate, and helpful. Yet we cannot promise that every detail is free from error, nor can we guarantee uninterrupted access. The Site is provided “as is,” a tool under human care, not a perfect means of grace.

Disclaimer of Advice

The content of this Site is provided for spiritual growth, education, and informational purposes only. Nothing on this Site should be understood as legal, medical, or professional counseling advice. You should not rely on any information here as a substitute for consultation with qualified professionals in those areas.

Third-Party Links Disclaimer

This Site may contain links to third-party websites or services. The District does not control, endorse, or assume responsibility for any third-party content, products, or services. Accessing those sites is at your own risk.

SMS Terms of Service

By opting into SMS from a web form or other medium, you are agreeing to receive SMS messages from Florida Georgia District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. This includes SMS messages for conversations (external). Message frequency varies. Message and data rates may apply. See privacy policy. Message HELP for help. Reply STOP to any message to opt out SMS Terms of Service.

Limitation of Liability

The District is not liable for damages that may arise from your use of this Site. Our role is to serve Christ's Church; how you choose to use this Site is your responsibility.

Ecclesiastical Dispute Resolution and Church Autonomy

Nothing in these Terms alters or replaces the Constitution and Bylaws of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod or the governing documents of the Florida-Georgia District. Matters of doctrine, teaching, divine call and roster status, membership, supervision and discipline of church workers, congregational or district governance, or the interpretation or application of LCMS governing documents are ecclesiastical in nature. Such disputes are resolved exclusively within the church under the LCMS dispute resolution process set forth in LCMS Handbook Bylaw section 1.10, including reconciliation, panels, and review. Civil courts are not the forum for these disputes under the church autonomy doctrine.

Disputes arising from this Site that can be resolved by neutral principles of civil law without entanglement in doctrine or church governance, including claims relating to intellectual property, website terms, or data and privacy, may be brought in a civil court of competent jurisdiction as provided in the Governing Law and Venue section.

If a civil dispute substantially overlaps with an ecclesiastical dispute, the parties agree to stay any civil court action until the church process under Bylaw section 1.10 concludes, so that the court does not intrude into ecclesiastical questions.

The District may seek temporary injunctive or other equitable relief in civil court to protect the Site, data security, or intellectual property, without waiving church autonomy or the exclusive church forum for ecclesiastical disputes.

Governing Law and Venue

These Terms are governed by the laws of the State of Florida and applicable federal law. Venue for all neutral civil disputes shall be exclusively in the state courts of Orange County, Florida or the federal courts of the Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division. By using this Site, you consent to the personal jurisdiction of these courts and waive any objection to venue or forum on grounds of inconvenience or otherwise. This provision does not apply to ecclesiastical disputes, which proceed solely under LCMS Bylaw section 1.10.

Spirit of These Terms

These Terms are not meant to burden but to safeguard. They exist so that the District may use this Site faithfully, for the upbuilding of the Church and the witness of Christ in Florida and Georgia.

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