



Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Sudan/Sudan

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST IN WORD AND DEED TO THE SUDANESE PEOPLE

The doctrine of the ELCSS/S is grounded exclusively on God's Inspired Word as written in the 66 Canonical books of the Bible. The Books of the Old and the New Testaments are accepted as the inerrant divine truth inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Lutheran Confessions of the Book of Concord (1580) are accepted as the correct and binding exposition of the Holy Scriptures. These confessions are: the three Ecumenical Creeds of the ancient church: The Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Athanasian Creed; the Unaltered Augsburg Confession and its Apology; the Smalcald Articles; the Small and Large Catechisms of Dr. Martin Luther, the Primacy of the Pope and the Formula of Concord.

All ELCSS/S church instructions are based on the books mentioned above. The ELCSS/S is aware of the unity of the faithful with the Church of the Apostles and Orthodox Christians of all times. The ELCSS/S shall therefore be in altar and pulpit fellowship with the Lutheran churches, congregations and Lutheran Christians in the whole world, insofar as these churches unambiguously abide by the teachings of the Lutheran Confessions and act accordingly.

Only individuals, congregations and churches which are bound by the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions are permitted to have altar and pulpit fellowship with the churches of ELCSS/S. ELCSS/S does not allow pulpit fellowship with other religions, but individuals from other religions are allowed to attend worship fellowship with the ELCSS/S.

Therefore, the ELCSS/S upholds, adheres, and accepts without reservation the following:

- The Unity of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit (we believe and confess the Holy Trinity).
- The sovereignty of God in Creation, Revelation, Redemption and Final Judgment of Mankind.
- The divine inspiration and entire trustworthiness of the Holy Scriptures as given by God Himself and its supreme authority in all matters of Faith and Practice.
- The Universal Sinfulness and Guilt of Humanity since the fall of Adam and Eve rendering them subject to God's wrath and Condemnation.
- The Bodily Resurrection of our LORD JESUS CHRIST from the dead and his glorious ascension to the right hand of God the Father.
- The justification of a Sinner by the Grace of God alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ our Lord alone.
- The Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit in the work of Regeneration and the Bodily Presence of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Supper.
- The one Holy Universal Church, which is the body of Christ and to which all True Believers Belong.
- The Expectation of the personal return of the risen LORD JESUS CHRIST to judge the living.