

The Sacrament of the Altar and COVID-19

I. Prayer

II. Contexts

A. The Small Catechism

1. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
2. What is the benefit of the Sacrament of the Altar?
3. Bodily eating and drinking
4. Physical and Spiritual

B. Coronavirus

1. Physical distancing
2. Physical safety

III. The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

A. Their concerns:

1. Video Consecration
 - a. Separation by time, distance or technological means
 - b. The Speaking of the Words of institution would be an “incantation” and not a “proclamation”
 - c. Distributed Distribution
 1. Pastor to Elders/others who then distribute to others
 2. Physical safety concerns

B. General Concerns

1. Gnosticism
2. Institution and Ordinance

C. So... what?

1. Car communion?
2. Smaller in person communion?

3. What do we do when we're back together in the Sanctuary?

D. Opinions and Thoughts

1. The Word of God and its efficacy
2. What is best? What is helpful? What is needed?

IV. Prayer