

Lectures and Electives for Jacob's Creek Family Retreat 2019

MONDAY MORNING LECTURE

Remembering Your Baptism – By Rev. Matthew Genzlinger.

Baptism and the Holy Supper are described as two gateways to eternal life. Baptism is the first gateway. During this presentation we will look at the real uses of baptism and why the Lord commanded it when He first established the Christian Church. Do you need to be baptized to go to heaven? If not, why bother? After entering through the first gateway (baptism) what do you have to do before entering the second gateway (holy supper)? We will also be talking about the value of remembering what was promised and represented when you were baptized as a child (or as an adult).

Suggested Readings: Genesis 17; Matthew 3:1-17; True Christian Religion 674 – 676, 689 – 690, 721.

MONDAY AFTERNOON ELECTIVE #1

Question And Answer With One Of Our New Assistant Bishops – Rev. Brad Heinrichs.

On July 1st, 2019, Rev. Peter Buss Jr. became the new Executive Bishop for the General Church of the New Jerusalem. Rev. Brad Heinrichs and Rev. David Lindrooth became Assistant Bishops. During this elective Rev. Brad Heinrichs will share some thoughts on church government and the state of the church in general. He will be leaving plenty of time for questions you might have on these or any other topics. So come prepared to grill one of our new Assistant Bishops!

MONDAY AFTERNOON ELECTIVE #2

Something Very Interesting – Rev. Brian Smith.

Not yet available; coming soon.

TUESDAY MORNING LECTURE

The Holy Supper – By Rev. Brad Heinrichs

The Lord, while He was on earth, instituted the sacrament of the Holy Supper. It is the second gateway. During this presentation we will look at the real uses of the Holy Supper and why the Lord commanded it when He first established the Christian Church. What are the real uses of the Holy Supper as opposed to the uses of baptism? Why were unleavened bread and wine commanded? Can we use other elements? How often should we take the Holy Supper and how can we make it a more important part of our lives?

Suggested Readings: Matthew 24:17 – 35. True Christian Religion 698 – 730; The New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine 210 - 214.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON ELECTIVE

Guiding Our Young People Into The Sacraments And Rites of the Church – Panel Discussion

The Lord teaches us so many wonderful things about the various sacraments and rites of His New Church. Are we doing a good job of TEACHING our children and young people about the importance of these sacraments and rites? Are we doing a good job of actually introducing our children and young people into the PRACTICE of these sacraments or rites? This elective will provide an opportunity to discuss what we as a church and as individual families can do to better mentor our children and young people when it comes to the sacraments and rites of the church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LECTURE

The Difference between Sacrament and Ritual and the Uses of Ritual – By Rev. Scott Frazier

When the Lord came into the world, he reduced the various rituals of the Old Testament into two Sacraments: Baptism and Holy Supper. The General Church today, however, has many rituals that serve a valuable purpose like weddings, ordinations, memorial services, and confirmation. In this lecture we will be looking at the differences between sacraments and rituals, the uses of rituals, and several common (and uncommon) rituals that people in the New Church may employ.

Suggested Readings: Arcana Coelestia 1821-32, Conjugal Love 302-304, True Christian Religion 667-673.