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Making peace by the blood of his cross — Colossians 1:15-20

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

October 31 is Reformation Day, remembering when Martin Luther posted 95 Theses on the Wittenberg church door. If you want to commemorate the Reformation, there are dozens of landmark days stretched over decades you could choose. There's little point in arguing which day.

But it can make your head spin to think about where Luther's mind was on October 31, 1517, about how little of what would come he either expected or planned. In 1517, Luther hoped and assumed that when church officials heard of indulgences, they would be as outraged as he was. In 1517, Luther believed that the pope would be a fair arbiter, wanting to remove church corruption. In 1517, Luther was no more than a university professor doing his small part in an academic debate. By 1520, all those expectations were turned on their heads.

If you think of other world events, you can see human beings aiming at their conclusions. Landing on the moon fifty years ago was declared a goal by President Kennedy and then planned and executed by NASA. Forming a more perfect union in the United States of America was a goal of patriots up and down the coast ready to cast off King George's tyranny. Nineteenth-century American writers like Walt Whitman glorified the American landscape, building an appreciation that led to National Park systems. When you follow those stories, there's often a fairly clear line from idea to conclusion. We realized what we should do, and then we did it.

The Reformation was not like that at all. Luther reacted to a crass corruption. Indulgences told people that when they gave money to specific deputies of the Roman church, their deceased loved ones could be spared suffering. Not a single part of that concept had any backing in the Bible. The Bible does not set up a transferable papal office. The Bible does not suggest offerings of money can cover other people's sins. The Bible does not say those who die in the faith suffer in purgatory. Yet Rome defended all of that while raking in money.

As Luther picked away at the first ugly scab of indulgences, he realized there was deeper corruption. It wasn't just that many church leaders were ready to manipulate others' beliefs for their greed. The bedrock teachings of the church had shifted from the foundation of the earlier churches. The grace of Jesus had been replaced with human striving. Luther didn't know what he was aiming for any more than a drowning man knows what his flailing arms will find to grasp.

Luther did not aim to leave the Roman Catholic communion. He tried to reform from within. Once the Lutherans were thrown out, they did not set up Luther as a pope or give anyone authority to direct how Reformation would play out. Instead, Luther went to work translating the Bible so that everyone could read for themselves. He penned catechisms that could be used in the home to summarize the basics of the Bible. They gave the aim and direction of Reformation over to the Word and Christians' faithful response to the Word.

That means that when we celebrate Reformation, we don't celebrate something that was completed on October 31, 1517. We celebrate something that began and must continue among us today. Our own dreams and aims, our own expectations and plans, must take the back seat to the Word. We must be in the Word, reading, praying, studying, worshipping. The Word remakes us, just as the Word made us in the beginning. The Word breathes back into us the Spirit of life. Where hope is restored, anything, not just a church, can rise again. Thanks be to God!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti



CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Eden Guagenti
- 2- Masyn Botkins
- 3- Debbie Wilbur
- 4- Michael Boardman
- 7- Dee Dee Conder
- 7- Jim Weed
- 8- Phillip Hailey
- 8- Peter Bono, Jr.
- 10- Kathy Vetter
- 11- Rod Shreve
- 11- Zoe Shreve
- 13- Michael Rutledge
- 22- Brenda Phoebus
- 25- Annette Semeniuk
- 25- Angela Bowles

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7- John & Joni Skellie, 1995
- 13- Jamie & Debbie Lee, 2002
- 18- Peter & Vicki Bono, 1986
- 20- Joshua & Madeline Botkins, 2010

SENIORS MEET: OCTOBER 1

The Seniors will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1 to go to lunch at Jephtha Creed in Shelbyville. They will meet there at 12pm. Rita Whitehouse needs to know if you will attending.

MEN'S TIME OUT: OCTOBER 5

Men's Time Out will be meeting at Tumbleweed in Shelbyville on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 12pm. Please let Rod Shreve know if you will be attending.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: OCTOBER 8

LNO will be Meeting at Cracker Barrel in Shelbyville on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 6:30pm. Please let Rita Whitehouse know if you will be attending.

DEEP ROOTS: OCTOBER 16

Next Deep Roots will meet on Wednesday, October 16 at 7pm. We will cover Luther's confession of the Christian faith, found online at <http://bookofconcord.org/smalcald.php>

TRUNK OR TREAT: OCTOBER 26

Trunk or Treat has been scheduled for Saturday, October 26, from 3 to 5pm. Volunteers are needed to work various jobs and we also need people to open their trunks and hand out candy. A sign up sheet has been posted at the back of the church.

REFORMATION SERVICE: OCTOBER 27

Reformation Service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27, 3pm at St. John Lutheran. Speaker will be Dr. Timothy Puls. St John is located at 1505 St. John's Church Rd, Lanesville, IN .

BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS 9:45AM

As the Scriptures focus us God's grace in Christ, characters from Abraham to Zebedee move in and out of the spotlight. Peter is one of the most memorable. He is heroic and yet utterly human. He boldly jumps out of the boat to Jesus walking on the water, actually walks a few steps, then begins to sink and needs Jesus to save him. We will follow the story of Peter up through his first epistle. We'll see a man grapple with his own country rejecting His Lord, feeling himself an exile, and yet built up into an everlasting temple. We will see how in Christ His power is made perfect in weakness, how we, too, can fish for men, and how our Lord chooses precisely what is rejected by the world to build His glorious kingdom. Come and join us!

BOOK CLUB: NOVEMBER 3

Our next meeting date is scheduled for November 3rd. We are reading and discussing: *Life Together*: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In his book *Life Together* we learn of Pastor Bonhoeffer's experience within Christian community. This story of a unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years reads like one of Paul's letters. It gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups.

LUTHERANISM 201

Lutheranism 201 will cover the practical aspects of being a member of a Lutheran church and living a spirituality of the cross day by day. How are our churches organized? What are the ways we can serve in the church? How do I maintain daily prayer? Why do Lutherans like potlucks so much? These questions and more will be discussed. Let pastor know if you're interested and he will arrange a time for this class starting this fall.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Holy Cross is looking to start a women's Bible study. Let us know when you could come and how often a month you'd like this class to meet.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS: FRIDAYS

There is an ongoing Sign Language Class here at Holy Cross. For more information please see Nancy Guagenti.

WARM CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

Each year Redeemer Lutheran Church sponsors a warm clothing give-away in conjunction with the Food Pantry and our fellow Lutheran congregations are always very supportive. Here are the ITEMS NEEDED.

New or Gently Used ~Adult & Children's Sizes: Coats, Gloves, Hats, Mufflers, Socks, Sweatpants, Quilts, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Blankets, Comforters. Items are needed by Monday, Nov. 4th. Questions? Call the Church Office at 502-776-5945. Thank you for your support!

MOctoberfest: October 6

Resurrection will celebrate MOCtoberfest on Sunday October 6, from Noon to 2pm. They will celebrate the opening of the Mission Outreach Center (MOC). There will be Brats, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, Chocolate Cake, Music, Silent Auction, Photos and more! Bring your favorite Oktoberfest beverage. A special dedication service will take place at 1 PM. See how the building is being utilized to serve the community. A free will offering will benefit MOC renovations. Resurrection Lutheran Church is located at 4209 Gardiner View Avenue, Louisville.



KENTUCKIANA

LWML FALL RETREAT -

"LIFT ME UP, LORD" JAMES 4:10

October 12, 2019

Holy Trinity, LaGrange, KY

10 AM – 2:15 PM

Registration:

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Fee: \$8

Speaker:

Pastor John Hallock, a former federal prison chaplain, will speak about helping the growing number of women incarcerated for drug related offenses upon their release.

Ingathering:

High Point Charitable Services: soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, and shampoo.

YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- Peas in your tuna noodle hotdish add too much color.
- You make change in the offering plate for a ten.
- You think butter is a spice.

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(See Luke 15)

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YOU ALL SAY I SHOULD TAKE BETTER CARE OF MYSELF IF I WANT PEOPLE TO RESPECT ME, YET WHO'S THE FIRST CALF THAT THE PRODIGAL SON WANTS TO SEE AS SOON AS HE CAME HOME? NOT YOU DUDES, THAT'S WHO!

LIFE QUOTES

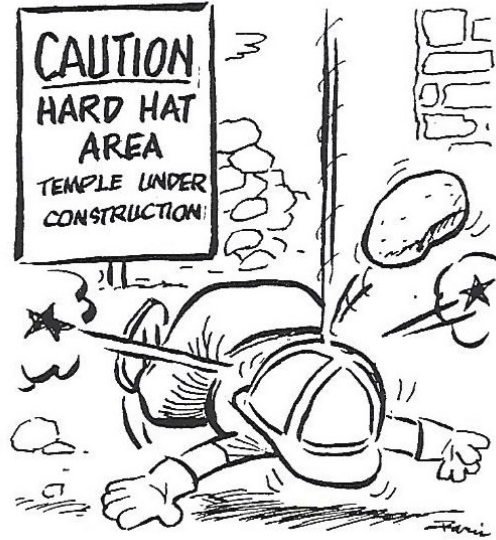
"No matter how hopeless and weak you think you are, you've been provided with all the grace you need to make it to the end. Future grace always carries with it the promise of present grace. God will provide everything you need until you see Him face to face (2 Peter 1:3)"

Paul David Tripp, pastor, author and conference speaker

"A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life-
www.lutheransforlife.org



KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Temple Built

What Old Testament king was responsible for building the Temple in Jerusalem?

Look for the answer in the November's Newsletter
September's answer: Hannah (see 1 Sam 1:9-11)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEAN	NURSERY	ALTAR	MOWING
October 6	Brenyn Botkins	David Themer	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Botkins Family	Jennie Shreve	Jennifer H. Jennifer D.	Dave P. Jack B. Oct 9-12
October 13	Isaac Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Don Williams	Bob Myers	Franke Family	Alena Guagenti	<i>No communion</i>	Dave F. Max T. Oct 16-19
October 20	Gabriel Guagenti	David Franke	Joel Franke	Jeff Wilson	Kathy Vetter	Kathy Vetter	Brenda M. Jennifer D.	John F. Steve R. Oct 23-26
October 27	Zoe Shreve	Jeff Wilson	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Sandy Runner	Josh Botkins	<i>No Communion</i>	
November 3	Eden Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Bob Myers	Shelah Shreve	Rita W. Nancy G.	
November 10	Elijah Smith	David Themer	Don Saltzman	Aaron Franke	Botkins Family	Jennie Shreve	<i>No Communion</i>	

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE APPOINTED DAY, PLEASE CALL SOMEONE TO SERVE IN YOUR PLACE.

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amos 3:1-11; Ps. 90; Mark 1:1-15 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amos 3:12-4:5; Ps. 91; Mark 1:16-34 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amos 4:6-13; Ps. 92; Mark 1:35-2:12 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amos 5:1-15; Ps. 93; Mark 2:13-28 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amos 5:16-27; Ps. 94; Mark 3:1-21 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amos 6; Ps. 95; Mark 3:22-35 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amos 7; Ps. 96; Mark 4:1-25 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amos 8; Ps. 97; Mark 4:26-41 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amos 9:1-10; Ps. 98; Mark 5:1-20 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amos 9:11-15; Ps. 99; Mark 5:21-43 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obad. 1:1-14; Ps. 100; Mark 6:1-13 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obad. 1:15-21; Ps. 101; Mark 6:14-29 12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 1:1-24; Ps. 102; Mark 6:30-44 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 1:25-53; Ps. 103; Mark 6:45-56 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 2:1-24; Ps. 104:1-18; Mark 7:1-13 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 2:25-55; Ps. 104:19-35; Mark 7:14-30 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 3:1-24; Ps. 105:1-22; Mark 7:31-8:10 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 4:1-23; Ps. 105:23-45; Mark 8:11-21 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 4:24-43; Ps. 106:1-23; Mark 8:22-9:1 19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 5:1-22; Ps. 106:24-48; Mark 9:2-13 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 5:23-6:30; Ps. 107:1-22; Mark 9:14-29 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 6:31-60; Ps. 107:23-43; Mark 9:30-41 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 6:61-81; Ps. 108; Mark 9:30-41 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 7:1-19; Ps. 109:1-20; Mark 9:42-10:12 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 7:20-40; Ps. 109:21-31; Mark 10:13-31 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 8:1-40; Ps. 110; Mark 10:32-45 26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 9:1-34; Ps. 111; Mark 10:46-11:11 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 9:35-10:14; Ps. 112; Mark 11:2-26 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 11:1-9; Ps. 113; Mark 11:27-12:12 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Chron. 11:10-47; Ps. 114; Mark 12:13-27 30	REFORMATION DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rev. 14:6-7; Ps. 46; Rom. 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 31		



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26,
3:00 to 5:00 PM

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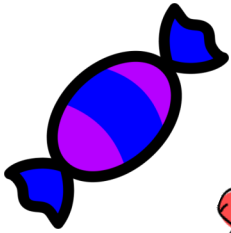
Needed
Donations and volunteers
(see bulletin board)

Community Invited

Inflatable, Food, Fellowship
Crafts, and Candy-Candy-Candy!!

Award for best decorated
Trunk!

Everyone Welcome!



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. And the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: “We are all beggars. This is true.”

And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free. Irony, isn’t it? That, in order to be free, you must be a beggar; you must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we’re uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas or birthday present when we haven’t gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don’t much like being in someone’s debt.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. But we’re not just anyone’s beggars. We’re God’s beggars. And this is His legacy to the Christian Church. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

And, if we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here’s the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything – forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This is not because of any worthiness or merit in us, but it is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace.

On account of Christ’s death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. And you receive. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the life-blood of the Christian Church. God justifies us, and He declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This is not because of our works; this is because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther would point us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled “We are all beggars. This is true.” We are beggars. But we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us, who doesn’t pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – even in us by grace for Christ’s sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless, we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God’s grace.

So inexhaustible are the riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism and Holy Communion – that our cups overflow. We, who are God’s beggars, are not only inexhaustibly satisfied but have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise. *LCMS Stewardship Ministry*

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a Christian outreach ministry supporting churches worldwide in its mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nation—and the Nations to Church*. Lutheran Hour Ministries produces Christian radio and TV programming for broadcast, as well as Internet and print communications, dramas, music, and outreach materials, to reach the unchurched in more than 30 countries. LHM’s flagship program **The Lutheran Hour**, is the world’s longest-running Christian outreach radio program. It airs Sundays at 9am on 102.7FM. For more information, visit www.lhm.org or call 1-800-876-9880.

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SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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EVERY SUNDAY
BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE-11:00AM

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*Reformation Service October 27th; 3:00pm
St John Lutheran Church, Lanesville, IN*