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**Thoughts on Columbus’ Day**

Growing up, I didn’t think much of Columbus’ Day. It was pretty important in history class and I enjoyed learning about those early explorers who went to discover the “New World”. Now it’s well accepted that it wasn’t Columbus that “discovered” America and his importance has diminished greatly [although in some places even seen as an evil conqueror.] But think of what it was like to be such an explorer. There were many factors that would cause him to be terrified and/or discouraged: going into the unknown, facing enemies that were very real and situations that would seem unsurmountable; troubles and hardships which were unexpected and countering the fears of those with him.

Though we are not explorers like him, at times we too may become terrified and discouraged. The world in which we live causes us to be so. Things happening in the world and at home like the war in the Ukraine, the Mexican border, unrest in the middle East, the situation in Taiwan, school shootings, rising gas prices and the cost of buying the things we need to live, are just some of the situations and events that cause us fear and anxiety. How often we hear of these events and situations through our news sources and how quickly they bring it all close to home and ever before us.

Joshua, a leader of the young Israelite nation also had good reason to be terrified and discouraged. The Israelites were poised to enter the land promised to them by God, but now Moses was gone after 40 years of leading them in the wilderness. They faced unknown lands, unknown people, nations with great military strength compared to their own lack of military experience. In the midst of all this uncertainty, Joshua, like us, have a promise from God: He said:

 “**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."** Joshua 1:9

We can be assured that although troubles, hardships, enemies, and the unknown may encompass us, Jesus conquered all that can harm us through His suffering and death on the cross. Jesus proclaimed victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil when He rose from the dead. Through faith we confess that Jesus is with us wherever we go. That is what can make us strong and courageous.

In His Service, Pastor Petrich

**Sunday Lessons and Hymns *(Guitar)***

**Sunday Sept. 25th**

 Ps. 119:76, 73-75,77; Amos 6:1-7; I Timothy 3:1-13; **Luke 16:19-31**

 **LSB** Matins: **HYMNS**: ***#593 “See This Wonder in the Making”;*** #675 “Oh, What Their Joy”; #797 “Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Thee”; #673 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”; #801 “How Great Thou Art”; #798 vs. 1-4,9 “The God of Abram Of Praise”; ***AGPS#95 “Father Welcomes”;,*** ***AGPS#248 “To Him Who By the Pow’r”***

**Sunday Oct. 2nd**

 Ps.100; Isaiah 6:1-8; Ps. 90:1-4,10-12; **Romans 8:31-39**; Luke 12:35-40

 **LSB** DS-4: **HYMNS**: #912 “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”; #803 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”; #594 “God’s Own Child”; [Tune-#662] “Serve the Lord with Gladness”; DISTRI: #743 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”; #725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”; #728 “How Firm a Foundation”

**Sunday Oct. 9th**

 Ps. 342-4,17; **Ruth 1:1-19a**; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19

 **LSB** Morning Prayer: HYMNS: ***AGPS #118 “His Banner Over Me Is Love”;*** #855 vs. 1,7,3,4 “For All the Faithful Women”; #685 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”; ***#706 “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”;*** #675 “Not for the Tongues of Heavens’ Angels”; #763 “When Peace Like a River”; #845 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”; #924 “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

**Sun. Oct. 16th**

 Ps. 74:2a,18-19,21,20a,22a; **Genesis 32:22-30**; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

 **LSB** DS-1: **HYMNS:** #727 “On Eagles’ Wings”; #734 “I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name”; #739 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”; DISTRI: #686 “Come, Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing”; #722 “Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me”; #877 “God Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

**Sunday October 23rd**

 Ps.56:3,10-13; Genesis 4:1-15; 2Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; **Luke 18:9-17**

 **AGPS** p. 16: **HYMNS:** ***#189 “O Sing to the Lord”;*** #100 “Glory to God in the Highest”; Hymn of Praise p.16; ***#148 “Just As I Am”;*** #147 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”; ***#144 “Jesus Loves Me”;*** #175 “My Faith Looks Trustingly”; ***#125 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”***

**Sunday October 30th** Ps.34:1-2,11,22; Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

 **LSB** Prayer and Preaching: **HYMNS:** #645 “”Built on the Rock”; #656 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”; #584 “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”; ***AGPS#247 “Thy Word”;*** #644 “The Church’s One Foundation”; ***#849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”;*** #578 “Thy Strong Word”; #582 “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”