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The Glory that God is Promising to Reveal to You

Rev. John P. Gross (from Good News, Is. 17, p. 23-Bonnat, Leon Joseph Florentin)

There are times in everyone's life when situations seem so bad there is no hope for the future. You may be facing such a situation at this moment with your family, your marriage, your financial condition, or your health. When life seems hopeless and without a future, we often think of Job, one of the earliest personalities in the Bible.

Can life get any worse? Poor Job! His vast herds of camels were stolen, and their attending servants were all killed by a band of Chaldean robbers. This was only the beginning! His herds of oxen were also stolen, and their attending servants killed by a band of Sabean robbers. Plus, his 7,000 sheep and their attending servants were killed by a thunderstorm. Then, as if these losses were not enough, his ten children were all killed by a cyclone. Finally, Job himself was smitten with the most hideous and painful disease known to the ancient world: boils. You can read this historical account in the Old Testament book of Job.

God gives you hope also! Even in his horrible suffering, Job was enabled by God's grace to maintain an attitude like that expressed by St. Paul: "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). Job's confession of the hope of heaven is even more specific and more graphic than St. Paul's confession: "And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and at the last He will take His stand on the earth. Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I shall see God; whom I myself shall behold, and whom my eyes will see and not another" (Job 19:25-27a).

You may feel very much as Job did. Maybe you have not suffered in the same way he did, but you cannot imagine how you could handle more than you are facing at this moment. During these difficult times, listen to the gracious words of your heavenly Father when He, to prevent the devil from getting you down, says to you in a loving and gracious way: "set your mind on things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:2-3). By setting your mind on heavenly things, you have, each day, God's assurance that "this present time [is] not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18).

Like Job, look up to Jesus in heaven and you will not become discouraged. Finally, as you, with God's help, struggle to resist the satanic temptation to become discouraged with life, know also that you are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, (Hebrews 12:1) martyrs, and saints of the past who are already in heaven with Jesus. As you struggle, you are in good company surrounded by those martyrs whose blood has been shed for Christ's sake. This, God is saying to you, "don't concentrate on your problems, challenges, or discouragements; rather, 'fix your eyes upon Jesus.' He not only is the 'author' of your faith, Jesus is also the 'finisher' of your faith." Therefore, like Job, look up! Fix your eyes on Jesus, the hope of heaven, "so that you will not grow weary or lose heart" (Hebrews 12:3).

Dear Lord, give me what only You can: the patience of Job. When I am down, enable me to look up, as Job did, and to fix my eyes on Your crucified and resurrected Son, Jesus. Your blessed, bleeding, and resurrected Son authored my faith, and He will perfect my faith (Hebrews 12:2). You are my rock, O Lord. I fully trust Your promise that you will never leave me nor forsake me (Hebrews 13:5). In Jesus' powerful and intercessory name, I come in confidence to You. Amen.

Rally Day, 2018



The Bell Choir, directed by Vicki Ewart. Charlie Gibbs, Adrienne Geidel, Karen Jenny and Marcia Fischbeck are pictured.



Pastor Gross does an illustration with a blindfold on Valerie Vargas.



Installation of the 2018-2019 Sunday School Teachers.



The Judges Dawn Jones, Roger Randall and Katherine Konjowan sample and judge the apple pies.



The hall was packed with Zion members and guests enjoying the Rally Day fellowship.



The bounce castle was packed with laughing children.



Elaine Notley is presented with an official certificate declaring her as the 2018 Apple Pie Contest winner.

Elaine is also holding her prize: a gift certificate for

40 pounds of fresh apples of her choice from the See Canyou Fruit Ranch.

Presentations by **Tom Jones**.



Board of Parish Education

Hello Zion Lutheran!

Rob the new Parish Assistant here and I'm excited to tell you about some things in the works around Zion. We had our first monthly college BBQ on the 14th of September. It had a very small attendance, but we spent some time debriefing and planning our next one. I'm encouraged because the Geidel's have contact info for several college students who were out of town, so we can personally invite them to the October BBQ.

I'm beginning to plan some classes that will be open to the whole congregation as well as the community. For instance, have you ever wanted to be able to talk to people about your faith in a charismatic and convincing way? Have you ever felt your beliefs were under attack but didn't know how to answer the challenge? Then the **Tactics for Defending Your Faith** will be the class for you. I know Zion has hosted **Financial Peace University** in the past, but I think it's time for its return. Maybe everyone in this congregation feels absolutely no financial burdens every. Maybe money fights and money problems are things of the past. If that's true, then shouldn't we want to spread this knowledge to the rest of San Luis Obispo? These are just some of my first ideas. There will be more to come.

-Rob Mees

Rally Day registration enrolled 19 students for Sunday school ages 3-12. Some Zion members were not able to be with us on Rally Day, and we anticipate 2 more registrants to bring the total to 21.

Chris Haase and **Marcia Fischbeck** are teaching the class of 8 – 12-year-olds. They have a full class, 10 students, in classroom 1 upstairs in the Fellowship Hall. **Rachel Konjoyan** is teaching 6 - 8-year-olds in the Tower Room. Rachel's assistant is **Jonah Konjoyan** and their class has 7 students. **Shirley Head** is assisted by **Katherine Konjoyan** and teaches four children ages 3-5 in the tiny classroom upstairs above the Fellowship Hall. This class expects 3 children to have their third birthday in October, November, and January to grow this class to seven children. **Karen Jenny** teaches and leads "Opening", which starts our Sunday school with music, singing, and prayer. When Karen can't be with us Rachel Konjoyan, Katherine Konjoyan, and Marcia Fischbeck take her place.

We need substitute teachers for all three classes. We need a substitute music and "Opening" leader. We also need class assistants. Please note: when the Konjoyan are not able to be here we do not have a teacher or helper for our Grades 1-2 class and we also do not have a helper for the Preschool-Kindergarten class.

All the teachers are faithful to their commitment and are passionate about teaching God's truth to our children at Zion. Do you share their zeal to pass on to our young ones what God has taught us? If so, please contact us. You may call Pastor, Chris Haase, Shirley Head, or Rachel Konjoyan. We welcome your participation.

In His Service,
Shirley Head



Scriptures for October

Date	Festival	1 st Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Oct. 7	Twentieth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 2:18–25	Psalm 128	Heb. 2:1–13 (14–18)	Mark 10:2–16
Oct. 14	Twenty-first S. a. Pentecost	Amos 5:6–7, 10–15	Psalm 90: 12–17	Heb. 3:12–19	Mark 10:17–22
Oct. 21	Twenty-second S. a. Pentecost	Eccl. 5:10–20	Psalm 119: 9–16	Heb. 4:1–13 (14–16)	Mark 10:23–31
Oct. 28	Reformation Day (Observed)	Rev. 14:6–7	Psalm 46	Rom. 3:19–28	John 8:31–36 or Matt. 11:12–19

Worship Statistics

Date	8:00	10:30	General Offering
9/2	43	93	\$6,807.00
9/9	51	98	\$6,783.00
9/16	40	93	\$4,506.35
9/23	42	92	\$3,921.00
9/30			

Elders and Readers

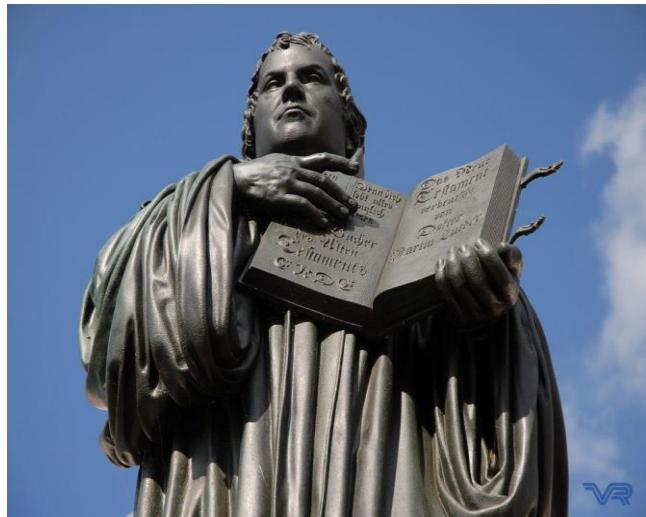
	Elder	Reader
10/7-8:00	Jim Polk	
10:30		
10/14-8:00	Terry Pavlichek	Vicki Ewart
10:30		Karla Haeuser
10/21-8:00	Terry Pavlichek	
10:30		
10/28-8:00		Mary Schmidt
10:30		Jim Polk

Greeters, Ushers and Counters

	Greeters	Ushers	Counters
10/7	Bob & Corinne Wobrock	8:00Team	Maria B Terry P
		Team 4	
10/14	LWML Sunday – Elaine Notley Alma Silberstein	8:00Team	Pat W Ginny R
		Kari Knutson Mary Anne Hopper Carol Howard	
10/21	Carol Howard Mary Anne Hopper	8:00 Team	Annette G Adrienne G
		Team 2	
10/28	Gary & Karen Reif	8:00 Team	Karen J Marcia F
		Team 3	

October Birthdays

10/1	Sebastian Johnson
	Charles Daly
10/7	Mary Anne Hopper
	Kari Knutson
10/14	Tamra Grottenthaler
10/15	Lori Guelker
10/18	Jonathan King
10/19	John Notley
	Dwayne Head
10/24	Derek Valine
10/24	Cynthia Polk
10/26	Luke Konjowan
10/28	Louise Conway
10/30	David Kramer
	Michelle Tarango



Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

Workers for the Harvest



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

Fall is in the air, cooler days, leaves changing: it's time for the Fall Harvest!! In John 5:35 Jesus says "Behold I say to you lift up your eyes and look on the fields, they are white for harvest". The mission fields, Christ says, are ripe and waiting for Harvesters. Are we ready? October is a busy month for us and you are all invited to join us in our activities. Please mark these dates on your calendar:

*SATURDAY - OCTOBER 6: Our regular LWML meeting at 10:00. All ladies are invited and encouraged to join us for an inspiring Bible Study along with our meeting.

*SATURDAY - OCTOBER 13: This is the date of our ZONE FALL RALLY AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SANTA MARIA. Registration starts at 9:30 so we will be carpooling here from Zion at 8:45. We encourage every lady to come with us. These gatherings are such a wonderful time for sharing and to get to know all our wonderful sisters from up and down our zone from Paso Robles to Lompoc. The registration fee is \$8.00. The program starts at 10:00 with lunch included at 12:00. Don't miss this great event!

*SUNDAY - OCTOBER 14: This is a special day for us. We are celebrating LWML SUNDAY. We will be greeting, ushering, and lay reading. After each service everyone is encouraged to come to the Fellowship Hall for goodies and to walk around and enjoy the many displays. We will have displays of all our ministries and outreach we are involved in and have also invited other groups in our church to join us and display their ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity to come and see what we have going on here at Zion and to perhaps find the area of service you would be interested in. Ever thought about playing Handbells? This is a perfect time to try them out. There is something for everyone.

*Save the date-- SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 11. This is the date of our BOUTIQUE/ETC. sale. Many people enjoyed the one we had last year so we are doing this again. More details will be coming out later.

We have a wonderful busy year. There will be many opportunities to join us in serving our Lord, as we serve His people. When He calls us and asks who He should send, let us all respond HERE WE ARE LORD, SEND US: "SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS". PSALM 100

In His Service
Yvonne

Life Team

That They May Have Life



Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) orders are now a consideration for nearly every applicant for admission into the nursing home and for many admissions to the hospital. This article will attempt to wade through some of the confusing information, from a Christian perspective, by providing some guidelines to follow when asked to decide on a DNR order.

There are three main Biblical principles to be considered. The first principle addresses the question of authority over life and death. That principle is: God alone has the right to initiate and terminate life. In this context we are particularly concerned about God's authority to take human life. God's position on this matter is clearly stated in Scripture. In Deuteronomy 32:39 God says, "I put to death and I bring to life." Consistent with that position God strictly limits our jurisdiction in this matter. In Genesis 9:6 he tells us, "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man". This latter point was well summed up in the commandment, "You shall not murder."

A second principle addresses the controversial topic of "quality of life." That principle is: While God demonstrates in his word that there may be different qualities of life, he extends to all human life an absolute value. In other words, God does not play favorites, and neither should we. When Peter encountered Cornelius he acknowledged, "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism" (Acts 10:34). While recognizing there were vast differences in the quality of people's lives, God nevertheless so loved the "world," healthy and unhealthy, lame and whole, that he sent his Son, Jesus, as their Savior (John 3:16).

A third principle is: A Christian both accepts and perhaps even longs for death and the heavenly victory that comes with it, but at the same time will seek to retain life as a time of service to God. In other words, a Christian's reason for living life is to serve God. Such service is God's purpose for life. That is why the Apostle Paul, when considering the question of life and death, said, "I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is by far better; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body" (Philippians 1:23-24) Paul characterized the greater sacrifice to be that of continued life for he knew what living meant. It meant a lot of personal labor and hardship, but it was for the greatest of causes: the nurturing and salvation of souls. Paul also acknowledges that death does not come with fear for the Christian. When he wrote to the Thessalonians, who apparently mourned the death or deaths of fellow believers, he said, "Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." (*last segment will appear in November ZIONews*)

"Do Not Resuscitate Orders (DNR Orders)"

Rev. Robert Fleischmann, National Director, Christian Life Resources

<https://www.christianliferesources.com/article/do-not-resuscitate-orders-dnr-orders-144>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Note:</i> Pastor Gross will be on vacation from September 24 through October 4. Please contact your Elder or the church office if you have need for a Pastor.</p>	1	2	3 (no adult Bible study)	4	5	6 LWML 10am FH
7 Holy Communion 20th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class ~~Fellowship after services~~	8 Labor Day	9 Handbells 5:30 Rm 1	10 James Bible Study Room 1 10-11am	11	12	13 LWML Fall Rally Our Savior, Sant Maria 9:30 - noon
14 21st Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class ~~Fellowship after services~~	15	16 Handbells 5:30 Rm 1	17 James Bible Study Room 1 10-11am Choir 5:30pm Sanctuary	18	19	20
LWML Sunday 21 Holy Communion 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Sunday School & 2018-2019 Registration Adult Bible Class ~~Fellowship after services~~	22	23 Board of Directors 6:30pm Rm1 Handbells 5:30 Rm 1	24 Harvest Bag 9 – 11 FH James Bible Study Room 1 10-11am Choir 5:30pm	25 Bunco	26 Ladies' Luncheon Gennaro's Grill & Garden SLO 11:30am	27
28 Reformation Day (observed) 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class ~~Fellowship after services~~	29	30 Handbells 5:30 Rm 1	31 James Bible Study Room 1 10-11am Choir 5:30pm			