

MORE ABOUT THE REFORMATION (Devotion)

2 Timothy 2:15 *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

A HAMMER FOR MARTIN

On October 19 Dr. Martin Luther came down the steps of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. He was met by a cheering throng of monks and students -- and carried on their shoulders through the streets of the city. The large town bell was rung with vigor. The year was 1512. This momentous day in Luther's life was five Octobers before he nailed the 95 Theses to the door of that same church. But when he came down those church steps on October 31, 1517, while there were plenty of people in the streets, few took notice of the posting he had just made. It was different when Luther received his Doctor of Theology degree in 1512. For the doctor's title was as highly regarded by the students in those days as the accomplishments of a quarterback is on some campuses today.

500 years later we do well to remember this day in Martin Luther's life, for God's hand is evident as the 29 year-old monk becomes a Doctor of the Bible. (He would begin his lectures on the Scriptures within a week.) While Luther did not yet really understand the Gospel, God had put the hammer of His Word (Jeremiah 23:29) in Martin's hand. And when Dr Luther took an oath of loyalty to Holy Scripture on October 19, 1512, God set him on a path that would bring him back to the Castle Church on October 31, 1517 -- with another hammer in his hand.

We observe with celebration Luther's wielding of the hammer with which he nailed up the 95 Theses. With hearts thankful to God let us also remember the day He placed the hammer of His Word in Martin's hand. On that day our Lord's concern was not only for one troubled monk and his relationship with his God, but for countless people like you and me as well. Through Luther's study of His Word God would cause the Gospel message of a Savior crucified for sin and risen again to be proclaimed in all its purity and power. O God, our Lord, Thy holy Word • Was long a hidden treasure • Till to its place it was by grace • Restored in fullest measure. • For this today our thanks we say • And gladly glorify Thee. • Thy mercy show and grace bestow • On all who still deny Thee. (*The Lutheran Hymnal, 266:1*)

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Salvation free
by faith in Thee,
That is Thy Gospel's
preaching
The heart and core
of Bible lore
In all its sacred
teaching.
In Christ we must
Put all our trust
Not in our deeds
or labor
With conscience
pure And heart secure
Love Thee, LORD,
and our neighbor.

(The Lutheran Hymnal, 266:2)

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement Communion, P. 1

Opening Hymn: 779

Before Sermon: 760

Offering Hymn: 792

During Distribution: 316

After Benediction: 528 (1-3, 15)

Antiphon, Ps. 23 WS p. 36

Scripture Readings:

Luke 14:25-35

Jesus encourages all of His followers to look to Him alone when personal problems threaten; when the effort seems too great; when the enemy is too powerful. We must realize that our own resources are not sufficient to “fight the good fight.” We must empty ourselves of all trust in our own abilities and trust in Jesus and His Word alone to persevere to the end.

25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— 29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish’? 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. 33 So likewise, whoever of you does not

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OFFERINGS

10/28 for Unified Budget: \$1,679
 \$331.18 MDF
 \$331.17 ILC Academic Center

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Church—Gerbitz
 School—Mike Brandle
 Counters today: Matt Schaser &
 Chris Gerbitz

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

October Calendar and Newsletter.

THANK YOU: to all who helped with the Joint Reformation service held last Sunday afternoon. Over 120 attended the service and many stayed for the meal following. Praise the Lord!

CLC NEWS: Pastor David Naumann, Clarkston, WA/Orofino, ID, has returned the call of the CLC Board of Missions for foreign missionary to India and East Africa. Pastor John Johannes, Detroit Lakes/Ponsford MN. has returned the call extended to him by Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI.

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP:

Come to the Fourth Annual

Evangelism Workshop, November 25, 2012, at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. At 3 pm on Sunday afternoon, November 25, Messiah Eau Claire will host an interactive seminar on outreach. The theme and outline for this year’s workshop is "The Three S’s of Evangelism": 1) Seeking with pre-evangelism, 2) Sharing with evangelism proper, and 3) Serving with post-evangelism. There will be a topical presentation for each section, followed by break-out group discussions. The sessions will close with a chili supper. Plan now to come, share, and learn! If you are interested in going, please contact Evangelism Chairman Nathan Greve or Pastor Bernthal.

INVITATION: Sister congregations are invited to join us at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11th, for the dedication of our new-to-us organ. Dr. Daniel Sullivan, Mr. Barry Hay, and Mr. Ryan Mueller will be serving as organists. Refreshments will follow the service. Pastor Mike Eichstadt, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI.

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also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU: We praise our Lord for this blessed opportunity to serve you this morning with the Good News of your salvation through Jesus Christ. God loved this sinful world---you, me and all sinful people---so much that He was willing to sacrifice His Son for us. Jesus loved us so much that He was willing to go to the cross to suffer the Father's punishment for our sins which was laid upon Him as our Substitute Sacrifice. Please come and worship your Savior with us again. Please, also sign our guest register as you leave.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord's Supper is being celebrated this morning. We encourage all of our members to attend this meal of forgiveness from our Savior. Since it is a confession of oneness in faith and doctrine, we ask that only members of Peace Thru Christ or of a sister congregation in the CLC come forward to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called "Close Communion," please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

This Week:

Before Church

S.S.: Reformation part 2

Bible Class: DVD of East Africa Mission Helper Trip/A Reference Chart of Teaching Differences

11:15 a.m. Choir

Monday

6:00 p.m. Confirmation--Brandle

Tuesday

10:30 a. m. Bible Class at Oak Park Place

7:00 p.m. BOCE

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Creation Study

Friday

ILC Visitor's Day---College

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:10 a.m. Choir

11:30 a.m. Church Council

LAST WEEK: Worship 42 S.S. 7

Bible Class 22 • 3:00pm 123

forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. 34 "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? 35 It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Romans 4:1-8

Paul ties his discussion of righteousness by faith to Father Abraham---in the flesh, the father of the Jews; by his faith, the father of all believers. Paul shows that what he has been talking about is true for Abraham also. Faith reigns supreme. Those who believe in Jesus are counted righteous. Those who do not believe are lost.

4 What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." 4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. 5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, 6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."

The Sermon: read/listen to sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **Genesis 50:15-21**

Sermon Theme:

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR ALL OF US SINNERS!

In The Story Of Joseph, So Also In The Story Of Our Lives, We Are Comforted By Knowing That

GOD PLANNED IT FOR GOOD!

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." 16 So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.'" Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers