

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School:

Martin Luther

Bible Class: Study on the Reformation

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

3:00 p.m. Joint Reformation Worship

Monday In Markesan

Tuesday 10:30 Bible Class at Artisan

Wednesday In Markesan

Thursday 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Saturday It's that time of year again.

That time when, for one magical night — this year, a Saturday! — we will all receive an extra hour of sleep. In 2016, Daylight Saving Time — often (incorrectly) called Daylight Savings Time — will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6.

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class 10:00 a.m.

Family Worship/Communion

11:10 a.m. Choir

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: Church---

Birkholz/Peterson. School---Bernthal

Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Pam Schulz

LAST WEEK: Worship 40 S.S. 1

Bible Class 19

IN YOUR MAILBOX: November Calendar & Newsletter

OFFERINGS 10/23 for Unified Budget: \$5,427

We thank the Lord for the large outpouring of monetary gifts this past Sunday for our church work in spreading the Gospel.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT

BIBLE CLASSES: While Pastor Bernthal serves the vacancy at Faith, Markesan there will be no Wednesday night Bible Classes.

CLC NEWS:

- Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI has called Missionary Matt Ude.

- Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. has called Pastor David Baker, pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN.

- The CLC Board of Missions has issued the divine call for a Full-Time Visiting Missionary to Pastor Todd Ohlmann, pastor of Faith Lutheran, Manchester MO.

- Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA, has called Pastor Michael Gurath, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ.

JOINT REFORMATION WORSHIP

SERVICE is planned for this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. to be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, Hales Corners, WI. We will be leaving around 1:00 p.m.



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Pre-service Ps. 46

Consider Now What God Has Done

Consider now what God has done;
How His right hand the vic'try won;
He has conquered, In the battles!
Whether by many or by few,
Preserved His Word as none can do –
For salvation; Of all people!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For through God's grace and grace alone;
Faultless we stand before God's throne.
Alleluia! What a Savior!
Our Substitute the ransom paid;
For all sins full atonement made.
Alleluia! Praise our Savior!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Holy Spirit, burning bright
Disperse all gloom, all error's blight;
In the whole world – For all ages.
The Church's Strength, her faithful Guide
Her ev'ry need by You supplied,
How we praise You, For Your blessing
Of protecting – All the Gospel! Alleluia!

Preserve for all Your wondrous Word;
Fully revealed in Christ, our Lord.
What a blessing! Now, forever!
This heritage of priceless worth;
Water of life for all the earth.
Guard it always – Is our prayer.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word 261

THE LORD'S PRAYER Sung to the tune of Abide With Me

Father in heaven, holy be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done the same
On earth as it is done in heav'n above.
Our Father, bless Your children with Your love.
Our daily bread provide for us each day.
As we forgive, so take our sins away.
In time of trial, saving Lord, be near,
From every evil our Deliverer.
Yours is the kingdom; over all things reign.
Yours is the power; all things You maintain.
Yours is the glory, sound it forth again.
For ever and for evermore. Amen!

BENEDICTION

Announcements

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES: We are glad you are here this morning worshiping with us and celebrating the Reformation. May this precious Word of God—The Sword of the LORD—ever be our guide. Even as Gideon was one against many, and as Martin Luther was one against many, so are we one against many evils in this world. But with God's Word we have the victory. Christ Jesus lived, died, and rose again for us. With that message we are more than conquerors! Come again next Sunday and please also sign our guest register.

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR REFORMATION

P: For sending your Son to rescue the human race from sin,

C: We thank and praise You, O Lord.

P: For sending your Spirit to lead us to repentance and faith in Jesus as our Savior,

C: We thank and praise You, O Lord.

P: For teaching us that our righteous acts are filthy rags,

C: We thank and praise You all the more, O Lord, for the gift of Jesus' righteousness.

P: For guiding Martin Luther to understand the scriptural truth, "The just shall live by faith,"

C: We thank and praise You, O Lord.

P: For blessing the spread of the pure gospel through the Lutheran Reformation during these last 500 years.

C: We thank and praise You, O Lord.

P: For keeping our Church of the Lutheran Confession faithful in proclaiming Your Word to this day,

C: We thank and praise You, O Lord.

P: For loyalty to hold to Your truth and remain Your true disciples,

C: We ask for the power of Your Spirit, O Lord.

P: For boldness to confess Your truth in a fallen world,

C: We ask for the power of Your Spirit, O Lord.

P: For zeal to spread the message of salvation in Christ alone,

C: We ask for the power of Your Spirit, O Lord.

P: With grateful hearts we raise our voices to proclaim,

C: "The just shall live by faith." Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING - Grace Alone

P: Where sin abounded

C: Grace did much more abound.

P: For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,

C: Being justified freely through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

P: The Law was given by Moses,

C: But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

P: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor

C: That you through His poverty might be rich.

P: But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor;

C: That He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

P: There is one God and one Mediator between God and man,

C: The Man, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for many.

P: By grace are you saved, through faith and that not of yourselves,

C: It is a gift of God not of works lest any man should boast.

By Grace I'm Saved373 (1,2,4,5,7)

RESPONSIVE READING - Faith Alone

P: By grace are you saved through faith.

C: Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

P: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ,

C: Even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ

P: And not by the works of the law

C: For by the works of the law, shall no flesh be justified.

P: But to him who does not work, but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly,

C: His faith is accounted for righteousness.

P: Therefore being justified by faith,

C: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Therefore, we conclude that a man is justified by faith

C: Without the deeds of the law.

P: But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident

C: For the just shall live by faith.

Adult Choir By Faith

RESPONSIVE READING - Scripture Alone

P: The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet.

C: Him you shall hear.

P: Lord to whom shall we go?

C: You have the words of eternal life.

P: The Lord Jesus said, "If you continue in My Word

C: Then are you My disciples indeed

P: And you shall know the Truth

C: And the Truth shall make you free."

P: Again He said, "Search the Scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life

Midian was below him in the valley. 9 It happened on the same night that the Lord said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand. 10 But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant, 11 and you shall hear what they say; and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp." Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outpost of the armed men who were in the camp. 12 Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude. 13 And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a dream to his companion. He said, "I have had a dream: To my surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed." 14 Then his companion answered and said, "This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp." 15 And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for the Lord has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand." 16 Then he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers. 17 And he said to them, "Look at me and do likewise; watch, and when I come to the edge of the camp you shall do as I do: 18 When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, 'The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!'" 19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands. 20 Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!" 21 And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled. 22 When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.

Sermon Text:
Judges 7:1-23

Sermon Theme:

WITH THE SWORD OF THE LORD!

I: We are never too few in number

II: We are never lacking in weaponry

III: We should never doubt the outcome

7 Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the well of Harod, so that the camp of the Midianites was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley. 2 And the Lord said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' 3 Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.'" And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained. 4 But the Lord said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, that of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." 5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the Lord said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink." 6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. 7 Then the Lord said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other people go, every man to his place." 8 So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all the rest of Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of

C: And these are they which testify of Me."

P: We speak not in the words which man's wisdom teaches

C: But which the Holy Ghost teaches.

P: Holy men of God spoke

C: As they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

P: All Scripture is given by inspiration of God

C: And is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Judges 2:6-19

6 And when Joshua had dismissed the people, the children of Israel went each to his own inheritance to possess the land. 7 So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel. 8 Now Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died when he was one hundred and ten years old. 9 And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash. 10 When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel. 11 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals; 12 and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger. 13 They forsook the Lord and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. 14 And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. 15 Wherever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for calamity, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.

16 Nevertheless, the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them. 17 Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the Lord; they did not do so. 18 And when the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. 19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.

Ephesians 6:10-17

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Luther's Explanation of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me. God also

preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil. God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REFORMATION:

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"774

All vs. 1; Men/boys vs. 2; Women/girls vs. 3; All vs. 4