

Briefings

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What comes to mind when you think of October 31? If you're like most people you would say Halloween. Halloween, from its beginning in the second century B.C. up to today, has been a day for occult sacrifices.

However, as the educated Lutherans we are, October 31 has another meaning. On that day in 1517, a monk and professor named Martin Luther published his 95 Theses against the Catholic Church Doctrine asserting that a person could earn or buy forgiveness through the practice of indulgences (good works, reciting prayers or monetary donations). Luther stated clearly that salvation comes only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. His 95 theses nailed to the castle Church door in Wittenberg called for a debate with Catholic leaders and marked the beginning of the protestant reformation. Here are the words from the introductory paragraph: *“Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light, the following propositions will be discussed at Wittenberg, under the presidency of the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and of Sacred Theology, and Lecturer in Ordinary on the same at that place. Wherefore he requests that those who are unable to be present and debate orally may do so by letter. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”* He then listed his 95 propositions that were to be debated.

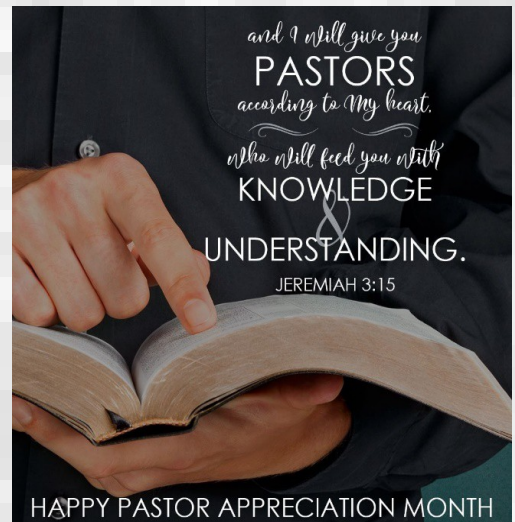
After more than 1000 years of spiritual darkness, the gospel was rediscovered and the people began to experience, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the comforting reality of Christ's salvation. Roman Catholic doctrines were challenged because they were not seen as teachings of Jesus Christ. Finally, the purity of the gospel was being taught and preached in the people's native language and once again, souls were genuinely saved and lives changed. This reformation did not happen overnight and it was not without great cost. Over the years many Christians proclaimed biblical truth at the cost of imprisonment, torture and being burned alive. It was indeed the blood of martyrs that paved the way for the church we know today.

One of the five pillars of the reformation is *sola scriptura*: scripture alone. For hundreds of years people were taught that Church Tradition (Rome) had the same authority and was even superior to that of the Bible. Since the Bible was printed in Hebrew, Greek and Latin the common person could not read it for himself and thus test what was being taught. Sola Scriptura meant that only the OT and NT were God-breathed and therefore the sole and sufficient authority in all matters of faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Therefore, tradition that does not pass the test of scripture is to be rejected. Mt. 15:2-3 *Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat! Jesus replied, and why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?* Time and again the reformers rejected the teachings of the “Holy Mother Church”, the decisions of Popes and the decrees of councils because they were contrary to scripture. They know and understand that man's word and traditions were temporary and God's word eternal. Psalm 119:160 *All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal, Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.* What happens when religion and worship is built on human tradition? It will crumble and not save a soul, but provide a false sense of eternal security. Matthew 15:8-9 *These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.*

Sola Scriptura is the sole, sufficient and final authority in all matters of faith and life. Only God's word can reach the lost or confused. 1 Peter 1:23 *For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.* I believe it is time to get God's word in our hearts that we will know the truth of scripture and the Living Truth, Jesus Christ. Only then will we be able to make sense of world events.

Pastor appreciation month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastor for his sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings. It is typically scheduled for the month of October with the second Sunday (Oct. 9, 2022) designated as Pastor Appreciation Sunday



A mother and father were worried that their son would refuse to learn math at school, so they sent him to a Catholic school which had a good reputation in the subject. But after the first day at the new school, the boy came home, ran straight to his room and slammed the door.

This behavior went on every school night for the next two months; at the end of which the parents were asked along to meet the teacher. They feared the worst, but to their surprise, their son's math teacher revealed that the boy was doing excellent work and was top of the class.

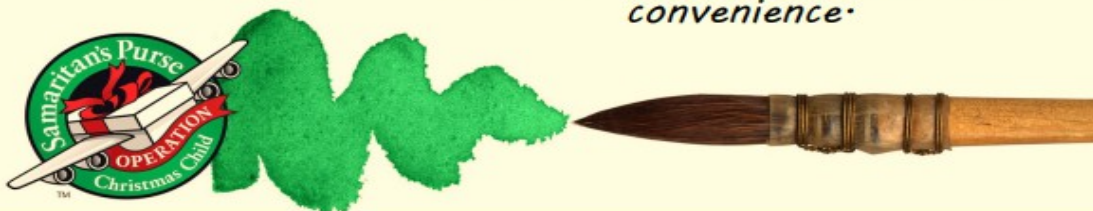
So what changed your mind about learning math?" they asked the boy when they returned home.

Well, said the boy, "On the first day of school when I walked into the classroom, I saw a guy nailed to a plus sign at the back of the room and I knew they meant business!"

Operation Christmas Child Craft Day

Oct. 12
3-6pm

Come and join us in making some gifts for packing in the shoeboxes. You can also come and pick up a kit to take home and put together at your own convenience.



October Sermons & Scriptures

■ October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship Service and Holy Communion

Sermon: Stand Tall, Keep the Faith

OT Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:1-10

■ October 9, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: Deserted- Refreshed

OT Lesson: Ruth 1:1-19a

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:11-19

■ October 16, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: Memory is Essential

OT Lesson: Genesis 32:22-30

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14- 4:5

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8

■ October 23, 2022

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: Handling God's Word

OT Lesson: Genesis 4:1-15

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-17

■ October 30, 2022

Reformation Day

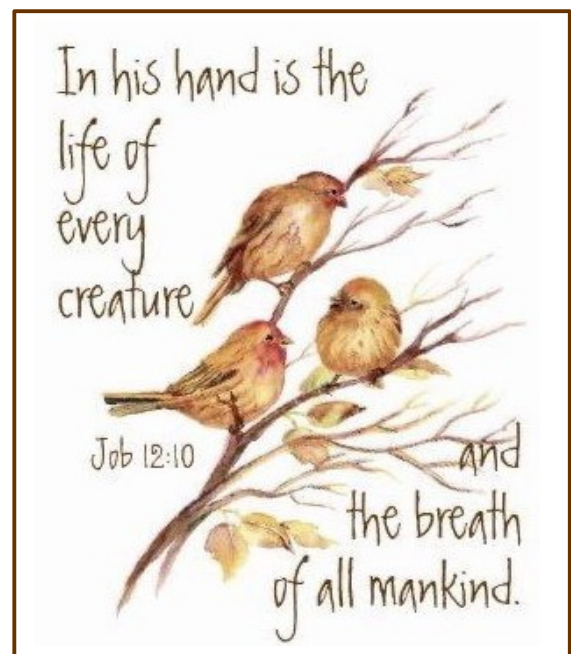
Morning Worship Service

Sermon: Can We Be Right with God?

First Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle Lesson: Romans 3: 19-28

Gospel Lesson: John 8:31-36



October Serving Schedule

	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
<u>Readers</u>	Angie	Jeff	Matt	Don	Shelly
<u>Acolyte</u>	Sophia	Sophia	Sophia	Sophia	Sophia
<u>Communion</u>	Steve				
<u>Ushers</u>	Matt & Brandon-----				
<u>Greeters</u>	Bob/Lou	Don/Sue	Devon/Kesley	Tony/Lydia	Jim/Kayla
<u>\$ Counters</u>	Billy/Bobby/Jesse	Billy/Bobby/Jesse	Billy/Bobby/Jesse	Billy/Bobby/Jesse	
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<u>Sound</u>	Devon	Don	Derek	Steve	Devon
<u>Computer</u>	Lou	Bobby	Dave	Rachel	Bobby

If you find that you have been scheduled for a ministry time when you are unable to serve, please find a replacement, then let pastor know. Thank you.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Sunday Greeters: Bob/Lou Reader: Angie Sunday school- 10:15	3	4	5 Confirmation- 4:30pm	6	7 Bday: Angie Lawrence	8
9 Greeters: Don/Sue Reader: Jeff Congregational meeting after the service	10	11 Deacons- 5:45pm Council- 6:30pm	12 OCC Crafts: 3-6pm Confirmation- 4:30pm Bdays: Devon Snitzer, Lou Nath, David Reese	13 Bday: Ella Stensrud	14	15
16 Greeters: Devon/Kesley Reader: Matt Sunday school- 10:15	17	18 Women's Bible Study 02:00 PM	19 Confirmation- 4:30pm	20	21	22 Bday: Burt Pederson
23 Greeters: Tony/Lydia Reader: Don Sunday school- 10:15 Bday: Derek Jordan	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Greeters: Jim/Kayla Reader: Shelly Sunday school- 10:15 Bday: Tristan Koopman	31					