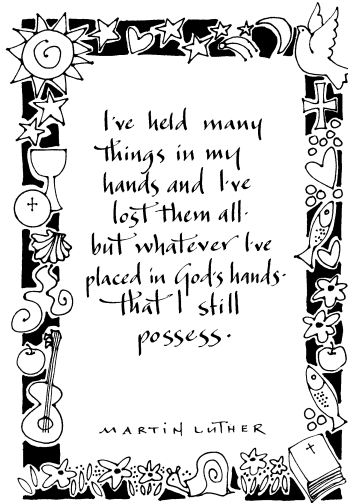


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October 26, 2008
Proclaiming GRACE
God's Riches At Christ's Expense
Est. January 3, 1956

Welcome in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

*WELCOME WITH JOY AND A FEW SHORT ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING OF THE BELLS AND SILENT MEDITATION*

+ please stand as you are able for these parts of the service
SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Roger and Kristina Sparks present JEREMIAH GALE SPARKS born on July 22, 2008 to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father sets us free from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 6). We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with Him and with His people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The Parents present the candidate with these words:

I present JEREMIAH GALE SPARKS to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P/ In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for her/him and help her/him in every way as God gives you opportunity, that she/he may bear witness to the faith we profess, and that, living in the covenant of her/his Baptism and in communion with the Church, she/he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill this obligation?

Parents I do.

P/ People of God, do you promise to support *this child* and pray for *her/him* in *her/his* new life in Christ?

C/ We do.

*As water is poured into the baptismal font, all sing:
BOB # 196*

See this wonder in the making:
God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping,
His to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens

As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Beloved,
Heir of gifts a king would covet!"

Far more tender than a mother,
Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place him
With Your love and peace embrace him.

Here we bring a child of nature;
Home we take a new-born creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
Born again by Word and water.

P/ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C/ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P/ We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C/ Amen.

P/ I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C/ I renounce them.

P/ Do you believe in God the Father?

C/ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P/ Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P/ Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**original and preferred text means throughout the world*

P/ _____, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The following acclamation (WOV No 694) may be sung or said by all or by a soloist:

You have put on Christ, in him you have been baptized.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

P/ Sustain *Jeremiah Gale Sparks* with the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.

C/ Amen.

_____, Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C/Amen.**

A baptismal candle is lit

P/ (Church) Will you now welcome Jeremiah as a new member of God's Family in Jesus Christ, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C/ We welcome you into the Lord's family and receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

P/ The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C/ And also with you. *(All rise, and share a gesture of God's peace with those in the pew around.)*

*Baptismal napkin, Baptismal candle, and Rose are gifts from Messiah Lutheran Church
Baptismal medallion is a gift from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*

+ A REFORMATION OPENING PSALM 46

P God is our refuge and strength,

C a very present help in trouble.

P Therefore we will not fear,

C though the earth should change,

P though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

C though its waters roar and foam,

P though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C the holy habitation of the Most High.

P God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

C God will help it when the morning dawns.

P The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

C The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

P Come, behold the works of the LORD;

C see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

P He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

C he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

P "Be still, and know that I am God!

C I am exalted among the nations,

P I am exalted in the earth."

C The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

+ HYMN OF THE REFORMATION

LBW # 229

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people.

C Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A READING FROM **EZEKIEL 11 and JEREMIAH 31**

(God's Word, alive, is put within our hearts.) Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD: Though I removed them far away among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a little while in the countries where they have gone. Therefore say: Thus says the Lord GOD: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. When they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them; I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, so that they may follow my statutes and keep my ordinances and obey them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The Word of the Lord C **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM 1 JOHN 1; EPHESIANS 2 and ROMANS 3

(God's Word: "Righteousness"!) We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life--this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us--we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship

is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God--not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.

L The Word of the Lord C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC SUNG BY THE CHOIR

"Freely, Freely" *Words & Music by Carol Owens*

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL is announced

P The Gospel according to **St. JOHN 1 and 8**

C Glory to you, O Lord

(God's Word, alive, is Jesus Christ.) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, born not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

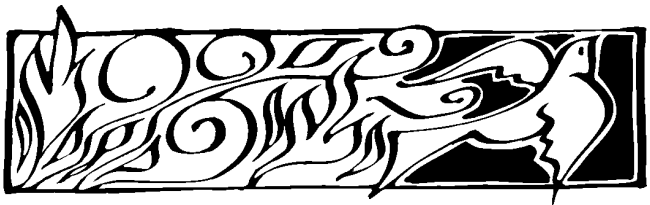
Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Reformation
Day
October 31



Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
 Curb those who by deceit or sword
 Would wrest the kingdom from your Son
 And bring to nought all he has done.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
 Send peace and unity on earth;
 Support us in our final strife
 And lead us out of death to life.

O Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
 For you are Lord of lords alone;
 Defend your holy Church, that we
 May sing your praise triumphantly.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"God's Word Forever Shall Abide"

That's what the title of today's service tells us. God's Word forever shall abide. It's not just the title of this service. It is a phrase that jumps out of Luther's most famous hymn, A Mighty Fortress, every time we sing it. It is the heart of that hymn--the fourth verse's response to the third verse's final line. One little word, the third verse tells us, can conquer the devil. "GOD'S WORD!" is that victorious word, the fourth verse triumphantly proclaims. "God's Word forever shall abide!" What word jumps out at you as you hear that sentence?

+ PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Response:

P Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING IS GATHERED

+ OFFERING PRAYER

P Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

All Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

+ PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for you have created all things and by your will they exist and were created. Therefore, day and night we never cease to sing, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

+ SANCTUS

LBW # 551

Joyful, Joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'r's before thee, Praising thee, their sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, the God of pow'r the God of might!
Heav'n and earth are full of glory, Sing Hosanna through the night.
O how blessed is the one who Comes to earth as God the Son.
Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna through the night!

+ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

+ LORD'S PRAYER

+ THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come with open hands and eager hearts, for the body and blood of life are given for you.

C **Hosanna! Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

What is this Bread? What is this Wine? At Messiah Lutheran Church, the Holy Supper of our Lord is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that we receive “the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.” Our Lord welcomes to His table those who have faith in these words, “given for you” and “shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin.” Please extend hand out to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or from individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Pastor follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup in the rack on the communion rail. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing “that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.”

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Join in singing the following selections from various resources:

HERE IS BREAD, Best of the Best, No. 88, Graham Kendrick, text & music

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.
Know His grace, find His peace, Feast on Jesus here.

In this bread there is healing, In this cup is life forever.
In this moment by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.
We'll proclaim till He comes Jesus crucified.

In this bread there is healing, In this cup is life forever.
In this moment by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

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BOB # 24 BLESSED ASSURANCE

Fanny J. Crosby, text (Altered and new text by Michael Zehnder);
Phoebe P. Knapp, music (Arr. by Michael Zehnder)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission-- Christ on the cross,
For my salvation He suffered loss,
Gave up His life and gave up His throne,
Purchased and won me, made me His own.

Refrain

Knowing forgiveness, now I'm at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, trusting His love.

Refrain

Vict'ry o'er Satan, death, and the grave,
O what a joy to know that I'm saved!
Claiming no merit, works of my own,
All glory, praise, be to God alone!

Refrain

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+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Almighty Lord, our ears are open to your Word.

C For the promises made through your prophet Jeremiah are certain and sure:

P "This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them ..."

C ... your Word is planted in us, Lord.

P "... and I will write it on their hearts ..."

C ... your Word thumps in the hollow of our chests, courses through our veins.

P "... and I will be their God ..."

C "... and they will be my people."

P Your Word is alive for us, Lord.

C Your Word is alive IN us, Lord.

P And we are alive for you. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now,

C and forever. Amen.

+ THE BLESSING

P The Word, our Lord, who lives and reigns from heaven above, lives in our midst, lives in our hearts, lives through our witness. Go in the peace of the Lord. Spread the living Word.

C Amen.

+ SENDING *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"* LBW # 294

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

MESSIAH MESSENGER

Messiah Lutheran Church, 500 Baytree Road, Valdosta, GA.

Announcements and news for the week of October 26 – November 2, 2008

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY	Sunday Classes	9:15	AM
	Reformation Sunday after Pentecost	10:30	AM
	Octoberfest Supper	5:00	PM
	LWML Div 1& 2; men & youth		
TUESDAY	LWML (Nov meeting due to election day)	7:00	PM
WEDNESDAY	Jr. Confirmation class	5:00	PM
	Choir	7:30	PM
THURSDAY	BAZAAR SET-UP	9:00	AM
FRIDAY	BAZAAR SET-UP	9:00	AM
	BAKE GOODS		5-7
	PM		
SATURDAY	BAZAAR DAY	8 AM – 2 PM	
NEXT SUNDAY	Sunday Classes	9:15	AM
	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	10:30	AM
	LWML, DIV 2 host refreshments after worship		

WE ARE DEVOTED TO OFFERING ... “God’s Love, Our Response”

2008 Budget Goal	\$ 134,716.00
Goal per week	\$ 2,591.00
Goal to Date	\$ 108,822.00
Offerings for 2008 Budget – as of 10/19	\$ 116,979.00
Offering Last Sunday 10/19	\$ 2,378.00
Weekly average for 42 weeks	\$ 2,785.00

Designated Offerings:

Building Fund	\$ 100.00
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“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that ... having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Cor. 9: 8)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are a gift and a warm reminder of God’s love to bloom where you are planted from Gail & Fran Sparks for 63 years of marriage on Oct. 27 and from Leslie & Walt McGhin in memory of Jason Lyle McGhin and Glenn Thoreson.

Thanks for the gift of flowers to enhance our worship, and to glorify the Lord our God and Savior. To order flowers, please use the registry located on the stand in the hallway toward the fellowship hall.

WE ARE DEVOTED TO PRAYER

Acts 2: 42

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Brandi Pieplow (10/27); Dana France, Julie Ecker, John Bedene (10/28); Chris Rockey (10/29); Gabby Sparks (10/30); Dennis Kluball (10/31). Missed *on this list? Please leave a note in the church office with name and birth date.*

ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES deployed: Jeremy Christians in Korea; Dan Shannon, deployed to Iraq At US bases: Kevin Sparks (Robins AFB, GA) Brian Sparks (Navy, VA)

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING PATIENTS/SHUT-INS

Rusty Hatcher at Heritage House Nursing Home
 Otto Peterson, Advent Village, FL. Nursing Home
 Mike Lagioia, Heritage House Nursing Home
 Steve Keller, chronic kidney stones
 Vi Heidemann, heart condition

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Teri Williams, complications with pregnancy
 Congratulations to Mary Kinchen My daughter, Marvelle, delivered a healthy baby boy, Aidan James, weighing 8 lbs 10 oz October 21st. in Wasilla, Alaska
 Congratulations to Verna Hodge upon the birth of her first great-grandbaby, a boy born in TN.

LIST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Name	Concern/joy	Requested by	Relationship
Larry Ballowe	Lou Gehrig's disease	Rae Hubbard	friend's brother
June Orrison	cancer	Gloria Cook	cousin
Nancy Pieper	cancer	Lee & Sunny Schilly	friend
Belinda Judy	brain tumor	Dorothy Hauge	friend
Pr. Duane Hoyer	brain tumor	Warren Gee	friend
Lil Lawrence	hospice care	Vincent family	sister
Kaylie Ellis (age4)	leukemia	Ellen Mitchell	friend
Gary Pasquino	chemo treatments	Bob Burns	uncle Mina Ark
Lorna	declining health	Linda Klement	mother in MN
Virginia Anderson	Alzheimer's	Betty Zipperer	sister
Mary Bennett	kidney removed	Susan Keller	friend
Roy McDanielle	lung disease	Duane Hauge	friend
Ricky Harrell	needs kidney transplant	Erin Jansen	uncle
Elizabeth Rabon	cancer	Erin Jansen	grandmother
Linda Brightwell	cancer	Tina Wright	friend/co-worker
Landon Adkins (age 5)	serious allergic reactions	Janie Jansen	friend
Diane McNamara	breast cancer	Pat Simpson	niece
Roger	heart attack	Linda/Gary Klement	friend
Trudy Sigmon	tumor on tonque	Nancy Stewart	friend
Sandy	hip surgery	Linda Klement	friend
Ruth Eikelberg	ICU	Nancy Stewart	mother in MI
Dr. Bradley Woodward	cancer	Pernell Jones	friend
Maebeth Gerisch	nursing home care	Ed Gerisch	wife
Charles Todd	tests on pancreas	Dana Black	friend
Melanie McDonald	brain seizures	Mary Kichen	cousin
Lisa Lane	cancer	Nan Boyd	coworker
Peter Dotlich	colon cancer	Bo Miller	friend
Dr. Peter Medrano	pulmonary fibrosis	Pr Richard	friend
Suzanne Padgett	chemo pending	Kay Vincent	coworker
Will Parker	stroke, surgery pending	Dorothy Hauge	brother-in-law
Karen Lane	tests for tumor at Mayo	Kathy Lane	Vern's daughter

WE ARE DEVOTED TO WORSHIP Acts 2: 42

Organ/Piano
 Choir Director
 Reader
 Communion Assistants
 Acolyte
 Presenter, Children's message
 Greeters
 Nursery
 Ushers

Altar preparation/Chancel care
 Sound tech
 Custodians
 Altar linen
 Flower service
 Flower beds
 Grass cutting
 Floor Maintenance Smith's Janitorials

Marjorie Fix
 Marjorie Fix
 Norene Olsen
 Kathy Lane
 Zach Moxley
 Nancy Sult, Tina Wright
 Bo & Cherylene Miller
 Tina Wright
 Dick Rockey, Dennis Kluball
 Bill & Karin Boles
 Janie Jansen
 Volunteer
 Bob & Valerie Behnke
 Fran Sparks
 Helen Whitten
 Whitten family
 Fred Daniels 245-0483
 Laverne Smith 229 387-6060

Church Council.....
 Kay Vincent, president
 Jan Sparks, financial secretary
 Jeff Moxley, stewardship
 Bo Miller, worship
 John Mitchell, property

Sandy Adams, v- pres/secretary
 Kathy Lane, treasurer
 Cindy Mitchell, youth
 Bob Burns, evangelism
 Dana Black, Christian Ed.

WE ARE DEVOTED TO SERVICE

Nov 2 Nov 9 Nov 16

Reader:	H Hodge	C Sweeney	B Miller
Com Assist:	G Vincent	N Boyd	C Miller
Acolyte:	C Christians	A Sweeney	R Spencer
Chancel:	P Simpson	N Boyd	L Grall
Nursery:	J Jansen	V Behnke	C Spencer
Greeters:	C Sheeley	V Benavides	M Rupp
	J Sheeley	E Benavides	M Evans
Ushers:	S Davis	E Sheeley	W Gee
	M Dauphanais	J Sheeley	B Gee
	T France	B Miller	W Tinney
	B France	J Moxley	L Tinney

Mission Statement

A place of worship for all to know Christ, be energized by the Gospel and share Christ's love.

FALL BAZAAR, Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 am – 2 pm

Crafts- Bring crafts to the fellowship hall by Thursday morning, Oct. 30, so they may be catalogued. Please price your craft!

Bakery and Food Items – Bring on Friday from 5 – 7 pm. Please price you item!

All help from Church members is welcomed.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 9am – 3pm, receive crafts and catalogue

Friday, Oct. 31, 9 am set up for Bazaar

Friday, Oct. 31, 5-7 pm receive bakery/food items

Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 am – 2pm BAZAAR DAY

Bazaar chairman – Nan Boyd

Breakfast/Lunch – LWML

Bakery – Karin Boles

P.S. No garage/yard sale stuff please!



OCTOBERFEST SUPPER TONIGHT AT 5:pm. Cyndy has prepared a powerpoint presentation of Turkey/Greece trip. No charge for the meal, but a “love offering” for Habitat for Humanity “House of Grace/Faith” home is requested. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will supplement up to \$500. Our congregation goal is to give \$1000 for the project, using the \$500 budgeted + Thrivent funds + “love offering” we should exceed the goal.

Adopted into Freedom

The focus of the readings for this day are echoed throughout Martin Luther's writings, the relationship of law and gospel. Hearing the words today from the gospel of John, "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed," we are reminded of the words of another Martin, Martin Luther King Jr., and his inspiring words from his famous speech, "Free at last, free at last! Thank God Almighty, I am free at last!" Both of these Martins, the earlier and the later, understood the radical grace of God in giving his only son to be put to death and raised to new life so that all, the very least to the presumed greatest, might have eternal life with God in heaven.

Without question, it is God's grace—not our ancestry, bloodline, or good works—that brings us to eternal life. Both Martins understood this gift of grace so well, in fact, that they preached this word in the face of threats to silence and even kill them. This radical word from the gospel is never a good thing to those who wish to control our lives. As long as sin remains in this world, we will face challenges to that word of grace and freedom, because of those who would keep us enslaved if they could.

The fact is, God has called you by name and adopted you as a child once and for all. Nothing that anyone or anything can do will wrest that claim away from you. It is yours to proclaim, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, I am free at last!" You can also stand firm in that faith along with Martin Luther who said, "Here I stand. I can do no other." This is what we hear and proclaim as we gather at the Lord's table to receive the promises of Christ.

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