Our Lutheran Heritage Justification: The heart of the Gospel



St. John's Lutheran Church & Valley Bible Academy (K-8)

1107 14th Street, Clarkston, WA 10:15 am Sunday School and Bible Class, 11:00 am Service <u>www.ClarkstonLutheran.org</u> Watch the Service at <u>www.ustream.tv</u> (Search: St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA) Nursery Room with Service Monitor

Peace Lutheran Church

13946 1st Ave, Orofino, ID 7:30 am Bible Class, 8:00 am Worship Service <u>orofino.clclutheran.org</u>

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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE REFORMATION 2017

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 46 (front of the hymnal p. 134) The Hymns: 360, 388, 370, 391

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us Your Holy Spirit who writes the preached word into our hearts so that we may receive and believe it, and be gladdened and comforted by it in eternity. Glorify Your Word in our hearts. Make it so bright and warm that we may find pleasure in it, and through Your inspiration think what is right. By Your power fulfill the Word, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen. (Martin Luther's Prayer to Receive the Word)

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 360

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation sings: A

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness. **Pastor** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience

to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



(congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

- P: God *is* our refuge and strength,
- C: A very present help in trouble.
- P: Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed,
- C: And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.
- P: The LORD of hosts is with us;
- C: The God of Jacob is our refuge.



THE GLORIA A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 – all sing)









THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.



The Old Testament Reading:

^{ESV} **Psalm 103:6-18** The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteous-

ness to children's children, ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament reading. We continue with:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

- P: The LORD of hosts is with us;
- C: The God of Jacob is our refuge.
- P: Come behold the works of the LORD.
- C: Be still and know that I am God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- P: I will be exalted among the nations,
- C: I will be exalted in the earth! Hallelujah!



PASTOR The Gospel reading is from Luke 10 beginning with the 25th verse.



The Gospel Reading:

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PASTOR: Here ends the Gospel Reading. Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 388

THE SERMON

Romans 3:28, Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith, apart from the deeds of the law.

Theme: "JUSTIFICATION: THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL" I. Righteousness does not come from man II. Righteousness is of God through faith in Jesus Sermon Notes

THE OFFERTORY

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of, the Holy Spirit.. Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1: Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true. That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

<u>PRAYERS</u> - (Pastor) <u>THE LORD'S PRAYER</u> - (All)

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

Hymn 370

PASTOR:

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



The Closing Hymn 391

<u>Announcements</u>

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it

with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, confess, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS Peace meets today after service. St. John's has postponed the meeting until Sunday November 5th.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY this week at 10:30. All are invited!

500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION – October 31st, 1517 – October 2017

This month of October we have been blessed to hear God's Word preached by the pastors of our sister congregations from Spokane. They have reminded us of God's blessings to us found in the teaching of the cross, and also of the heritage of our vocation (calling). Today's service reminds us of how God used the Reformation to bring back to us the important Bible teaching of Justification: the heart of the Gospel.

REFORMATION FESTIVAL NEXT WEEK On Sunday, October 29th, we have our regular morning services and also a special 4:00 pm service with our sister congregations in Colfax, WA. We've rented the Colfax Fairgrounds Event Center (five miles east of Colfax on Hwy 26). In this service we will praise and thank God for the blessings He has brought to us through the centuries as mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Children and adult choirs will sing. CLC Missionary/Pastor Todd Ohlmann will be preaching the Word of God. A fellowship meal will follow the worship service. We hope you will plan to attend this celebration of God's blessings to us in our Lutheran faith. If you need a ride, or if you can offer a ride, please speak with pastor.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFERINGS LAST SUNDAY

From thankful hearts... Received: \$1,438. Needed: \$2,215. (- \$777) "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

CLC NEWS <> Rev. David Schaller of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has returned the call as the second pastor to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mankato, MN. That congregation has now extended this call to Rev. Andrew Schaller, of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI. <> After twenty-seven years, Grace Lutheran Church in Cape Coral, FL, - formerly CLC North Port – is dissolving effective November 1, 2017. The members of Grace will be transferring their membership to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. <> Pastor Mark Weis of Grace has already accepted the call to serve as pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Lemmon, SD, where he will be installed on November 2nd.

Reformation Memory Verse – Grace vs. Works

"And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work." Romans 11:6

The Old Testament Reading for the 3rd Sunday of the Reformation

Mercy, compassion, steadfast love, From of old – Moses and the Children of Israel to now. As far as the East is from the West ^{ESV} Psalm 103:6-18 The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

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God, out of His steadfast love, values each one of us. He cares for us, He heals us of all our woes, He promises that when He comes again, He has already paid all our debt. We read...

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