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The Idolatry of the Day, and its Cure

By the title of this article, you might be thinking that the idolatry of which I am speaking is a new idolatry...one that has come up in the last 5-10 years. Not true. So, what is the idolatry of the day, in this, our age? You know it well. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, you shall not eat of any tree in the garden?" (Genesis 3:1) The idolatry in all of this is not believing what God says, namely, His word.

This is the oldest of all idolatries, and the most current of all idolatries. Think about it. How many times have you heard someone say something like this: "We really can't know for sure what God said. After all, there are so many translations. And, well, man wrote the Bible anyway, and we can't trust his word." A fundamental error that is made in this idolatry is not believing that God's word, first and foremost, comes from God Himself. God's own testimony about himself is where God's word comes from. Yes, man wrote it down, but so what?

Do we really believe that God is so impotent and weak, that He cannot cause man to write the truth of what God says?! When Moses came down from the mountain, what are we told about the writing on the two tablets? The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets (Genesis 32:16). Remember what the Bible itself is referred to? ...Which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures...(Romans 1:2) ...And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15).

In other words, we are first convinced from God Himself that the Bible is His word, and secondly, from the apostles and prophets, the holy men of God (2 Peter 1:21) who were moved by the Holy Spirit. Yes, we are in fact required by God Himself to believe that the Bible is His own word, given to us for our very life and salvation. To not believe this means eternal condemnation. To believe this means eternal life, a future reality of everlasting righteousness, that is now lived by faith in the Son of God, who gave His life as a ransom for our life.

Continued blessings in Christ Jesus, Pastor

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Mission of the Month

Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House has been supporting families since 1974

After recognizing the need to support the whole family when a child is seriously ill or injured, the first Ronald McDonald House opened in Philadelphia, PA, USA, in 1974. That was the beginning of their role as a unique charity dedicated to caring for families with children who are ill or injured. Their programs and services address the essential needs of families around the world - all along their child's healthcare journey - so they can focus on the health and well-being of their child.

Ronald McDonald House programs are a home away from home that provide comfort, support and resources to families who travel far from home for the medical care their child needs.

Ronald McDonald Family Room programs provide comfort to families right in the hospital, giving them a private place to relax or decompress.

November Birthdays

2 – Christine Bopp

5 – Corey Essig
Rachel Greenmyer

6 – Karren Euscher

10 – Kathy Schreiner
Theo Brockman

11 – Keisha Schreiner

12 – Patty Essig

14 – Katelyn Greenmyer
Liam Opdahl

16 – Dustin Schreiner

17 – Jerry Zetocha

19 – Shelby Dietz

26 – Lily Gaden
Corrine Haussler

27 – Annika Nelson

Pastor's Study Hours

Tuesday: 8:30-noon

1:00-3:30pm

Wednesday: 8:30-9am, 10am-noon

1:30-4:30 pm(Redeemer)

Thursday: 8:30-noon 1-2:30 pm

Friday: 8:30-noon

Parish Assistant Office Hours

Krista has no set office hours. Please feel free to leave a written message on the desk, or send an email.

I try and copy bulletins on Wednesday.

Email: secretary@ziongwinner.org

The Congregation at Prayer

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Invocation:

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Apostles' Creed:

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Small Catechism: Table of Duties/Christian

Questions with Their Answers

Nov 2-8 To Widows: 1 Timothy 5:5-6

Nov 9-15 To Everyone: Romans 13:9; 1 Tim. 2:1

Nov 16-22 Q&A 1-4

Nov 23-29 Q&A 5-9

Readings:

All Saints (Nov 2-8)

Psalms 149

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-17

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Trinity 21 (Nov 9-15)

Psalms 8

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-2:3

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel: John 4:46-54

Trinity 22 (Nov 16-22)

Psalms 116:12-19

Old Testament: Micah 6:6-8

Epistle: Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Trinity 27...Last Sunday of Church Year (Nov 23-29)

Psalms 149

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Hymn of the Month:

LSB 676

"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"

Prayers:

In our Prayers this week at Zion:

Use your weekly bulletin and include the prayer requests listed in each week's bulletin.

The Lord's Prayer:

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.**

Morning Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

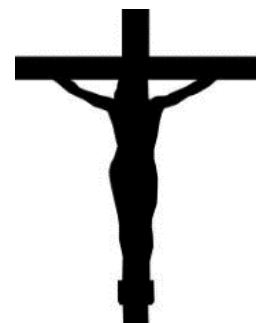
Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

Blessing:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Word of the Month

Terms Relating to Worship and God's House

Sabaoth

Hebrew for "heavenly hosts," including "angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven." See p. 195

Hymn of the month: 676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand;
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
 3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly
 snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
 glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
 home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who
 is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
 priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
 with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and
 saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
 wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
 nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the
 flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
 way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
 Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing
 Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
 And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
 Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels
 day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
 Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
 raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift
 an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
 Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
 up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

Text: Hans Adolf Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Tune: Norwegian, 17th cent.

Text and tune: Public domain



Acolytes

Elder or Lydia

Prayer Families

November 2

Annika Nelson
13443 80th St. SE
Milnor, ND 58060

November 9

Blake Nelson
6712 72nd Ave. S
Horace, ND 58047



November 16

David & LaVonne Nelson
13369 Hwy 13
Gwinner, ND 58040

November 23

Greg and Janet Nelson
13443 80th St. SE
Milnor, ND 58060

November 30

Halle Nelson
13443 80th St. SE
Milnor, ND 58060



Ushers

2nd Brian
9th Andrew
16th Greg
23rd Grover
27th Randal
30th Ron



2nd Andrew
9th Greg
16th Brian
23rd Krista
27th Evan
30th Cindy

Note: If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, we ask that you please contact another member to switch with.

Counters

2nd Jim Asche & Brian Orn
9th Sam Helm & Jason Asche
16th Gary Drevlow & Michelle Brockman
23rd Bob Orn & Jim Asche
27th Brian Orn & Jason Asche
30th Sam Helm & Gary Drevlow



Cleaners List

Nov. 2-8

- Jim & Marge Asche
- Jason & Hollie Asche
- Lisa Schwab

Nov. 9-15

- Eric & Brook Olson
- Sam & Beka Helm
- Duane & Shelli Begemann

Nov. 16-22

- Grover & Jan Riebe
- Ron & Chelie Greenmyer
- Andrew & Katie Greenmyer

Nov. 23-29

- Brian & Lindy Orn
- Greg & Janet Nelson

Nov. 30-Dec.6

- Naomi Vincent
- Tim & Tina Vincent
- Pastor & Krista Grieve



****Please remember to sign your name on the chart on the bulletin board by the kitchen noting which area of the church you have cleaned****

November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study	3 Pastor's Day off	4 9:30 a.m. Circuit Winkle @Holy Cross in Lidgerwood	5 9:00 am Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Youth Catechesis @Redeemer/Lisbon	6	7	1/8 (1 st) 9:00 a.m. Marriage Conference
9 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study	10 Pastor's Day off	11	12 9:00 am Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Youth Catechesis @Redeemer/Lisbon	13	14	15
16 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study 3:30 pm -Confessions study- Redeemer, Lis.	17 Pastor's Day off	18 2 pm LWML	19 9:00 am Bible Study 3:30 p.m. Youth Catechesis @Redeemer/Lisbon	20	21	22
23 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study	24	25	26 9:00 am Bible Study 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Vespers @Redeemer/Lisbon	27	28 Pastor's Day off	29
30 9:15 am Sunday School 10 am Divine Service 11:15 a.m. Coffee 11:30 am Bible Study						