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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

OCTOBER 2021

Dearly beloved of Christ the King,
The Lord be with you.

In a certain sense, Martin Luther believed his eyes. Powerful people were telling him and everyone else that the world was a certain way. Martin Luther believed what he read. The Great Reformer couldn't unread what he had read. Those powerful and influential people were wrong. It wasn't a matter of subjective opinion. It wasn't a matter of whether the season of autumn is superior to the season of spring or whether a radiant rainbow is more breathtaking than a spectacular sunset. Truth was in the balance. God's will was in the balance. Salvation and hope and freedom and Christian joy were all in the balance. Luther believed his eyes. What did Martin's eyes see? He saw this: "But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:21-24).

Those powerful people were agents of the Roman Catholic Church in the sixteenth century. They were wrong about God, wrong about salvation, wrong about truth. They demanded allegiance to their "wrongness" and threatened anyone who defied their teaching by speaking the truth as God had revealed it in His Word. Luther couldn't unsee what he had seen. Luther couldn't disbelieve what God had shown him. Grace enlivened his heart and the Great Reformer could not deny the beauty of it, the power of it, the necessity of it. Grace! God is full of love, full of compassion, full of determination to redeem His people through the blood of His Son. Grace! Forgiveness sweeps over the heart of man and the Word of the Gospel creates the faith that binds man to His Savior. Grace! It is God's work to make alive those who were dead and trespasses and sin and His work alone. "Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved" (Ephesians 2:4-5).

The Reformation is supremely relevant to our contemporary context. The blind are infuriated by those who see. A worldly, secular paradigm is swirling around us making a series of militant demands. Allegiance to what is clearly irrational and twisted is becoming a requirement for any and all. This secular force is encroaching on Christ's church and it is not Rome who threatens us but

government, wokeness, and whatever new is presently brewing in academia. Would it surprise you if some tribunal of these entities were forged that then put our bible on the table and demanded that we recant – reprising Luther's encounter with the Pope's emissaries at the Diet of Worms? To be sure, God is in charge. We are His people and no force on earth or hell can ever change that. We are bold, confident that we move into the future walking behind the Lord of heaven and earth, our crucified and risen King, our Good Shepherd. Grace breathes courage into our Lutheran lungs. We stand on the Rock that does not move. Our eyes will never unsee the grace that is anchored in the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit enlivens our hearts as we read God's Holy Word. Trust is the fruit of this season. We trust that Christ the King governs us, this time in which we live, and the world itself. This sort of trust brings liberation from fear and joy visits our house of worship.

One of the hallmarks of the Lutheran Church is spiritual vigor. The time of Reformation is a window into what it means to be the church militant. We are engaged in a spiritual battle. An army that is in fighting trim is formidable indeed. God's grace frames life as He wills it to be lived. God's grace enables us to see His love, His sacrifice, His plan aright. Seeing the spiritual realities that lie in, with and under the world around us invigorates the mind and gives us ambition for living in a way that aligns with what is true. I am so eager to celebrate Reformation. The end of this month will be a highpoint for believers who yearn for truth and goodness and refreshment and the bracing work of God. The Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, one the preminent theologians in the Lutheran Church ~ Missouri Synod, will be the preacher on October 31st (All Hallows Eve – the day that Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the church door at Wittenberg in 1517). Dr. Scaer will also teach the bible class that day and afterwards we will bask in each other's company, dine in a very Lutheran way, and play games and laugh and give thanks to God for all His benefits. There is so much grace at Christ the King Lutheran Church. There is so much grace in your life, stemming from the God who loves you and gave Himself up for you. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gifts of God – not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Peace be with you,

Pastor Smith

Going on Offence in Defense of the First Article

by Rev. Fredric Hinz

***I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth and of all things visible and invisible.***

Christians have always made this bold proclamation. But, truth be told, what the Church has had to say in the public square about the creative acts of God has recently been less than bold. For more than 200 years, the Christian witness concerning the creation has had a distinctly defensive quality to it as it has sought to fend off nearly constant assaults from militantly secular science.

Secular science confidently asserts that it has (or is on the verge of having) all the answers to all the questions regarding the origin of the universe and the life contained therein. Indeed, it is a confidence crystalized in the account of the famous French physicist, Pierre Laplace, in his 1802 encounter with emperor Napoleon Bonaparte. Asked why his recent writings about the origin of the solar system did not include even a mention of God's creative role, Laplace replied: "Sir, I had no need of that hypothesis."

This confidence—this bluster—has been based on two unsupported assumptions:

1. The universe is eternal and thus its existence has no need of explanation.
2. The structure of life is really quite simple, and therefore, given enough time, it could be reasonably expected to be generated and advanced through a purely chaotic process characterized by random mutation and natural selection with no need for any kind of intelligent or divine input.

Collectively, this is the foundation on which the secular science worldview has rested. Because these scientific assumptions were largely unchallenged until recently, the Church has, at least from a philosophical perspective, been left to fight a "rear-guard defensive action" when it comes to its public profession of the First Article. But, as is powerfully documented in his new book, *The Return of the God Hypothesis*, Stephen Meyer informs us that things have changed substantially in recent years. Specifically, he points us to three new scientific discoveries which together have effectively dismantled the assumptions on which the secular worldview was built.

1. The scientific community now broadly acknowledges that the universe did have a beginning and is therefore not eternal.

2. The scientific community now understands that the physical conditions required for life to exist are so many and so exacting that one cannot reasonably invoke chance to account for them.
3. The scientific community increasingly sees that the construction and function of even the simplest living organisms require such an immense amount of highly specified information, primarily contained within the DNA molecule, that there is no intellectually responsible way to offer Darwinian evolution as its source.

All of which means it is time for people of faith—who confess the First Article—to adopt a much more assertive posture as we enter into public discussions about the origins of the universe and the life with which it teems. To that end, let me highly recommend Stephen Meyer's book *The Return of the God Hypothesis*. In it, you'll find what you need to give a confident witness not just to "some generic creative force" but to the personal Creator-God revealed in Holy Scripture.

Whether you are a pastor, teacher, parent, grandparent, or other interested party, this is a resource that will allow you to challenge the often-intimidating forces of radical secularism by tapping into the powerful witness that the natural world gives to its Creator. Written in an easy-to-understand fashion, it can be used either by those less scientifically inclined as a means to skim the evidence or by the science enthusiast who wants to do a deep dive into the overwhelming volume of evidence that is now available to us.

Bottom line: Christians—whether well-versed in the sciences or not—can and should no longer reflexively defer to "the experts," some of whom have long sought to use science to sow unwarranted doubt in the biblical account of creation. Indeed, as is more obvious than ever, **"The heavens [and the earth do] declare the glory of God, and the sky above [does proclaim] his handiwork. Day to day [they do pour] out speech, and night to night [does reveal] knowledge"** (Psalm 19:1-2, ESV).

Rev. Fredric Hinz is the Public Policy Advocate for Minnesota South and North Districts (LCMS).

MEET YOUR ELDER

THOMAS CROWLEY

I was born in San Bernardino, CA in 1958 and spent my growing up years in Colton, CA. As you can see, I did not stray too far from home. I am the eighth of nine children—5 boys and 4 girls. I was baptized at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on December 21, 1958 and attended elementary school there through 5th grade when it closed. I then went to public school in Grand Terrace for three years before spending my high school years at Aquinas High School in San Bernardino. I graduated high school in 1977 the same year that the City of San Bernardino was named an All-American City.

Growing up in a large family had its perks and challenges. We learned to work together and make the most of what we had. All the boys earned college degrees in engineering and the girls all ended up in education, three of them spending at least a couple of years homeschooling. Having older siblings was so much fun—and gave me many examples to live up to! My parents have 33 grandchildren. My dad started a tradition that each grandchild received a green hat (our Irish heritage) with their birth order number; our five kids are numbers 25, 27, 29, 30 and 31.

My parents were outstanding role models in so many ways, and they instilled in me the value of faith and family. Like a good Catholic family, we attended church every Sunday, but we did not read scripture like we should have. Attending Catholic school, the Catholic sacraments were part of my everyday experience. Their importance was part of who I was and wanted to be. When I went to college, I was really challenged in my faith for the first time. The Born Again movement was big at that time; as a Roman Catholic I had to explain over and over that yes, I was born again—at baptism, but no, I had not had a giant aha event.

After college, I began looking for someone who also valued faith and family. While working as an engineer at CalTrans I met Donna (she was the girl across the table in a hard hat that had a pink ribbon). We were married February 21, 1987, in Redlands at the same church where my parents were married. By 2000 we had five children, 4 girls and 1 boy, and we were a homeschooling family.

As the years passed the hierarchical hypocrisy of the church and its lack of attention to the Word became more than we could stand. In 2008 we stopped attending the Roman Catholic Church. Donna had been raised Lutheran and when we needed a new church she suggested Christ the King. After a meeting with Pastor where the importance of the scriptures and sacraments in the life of CTK was ascertained, we started attending regularly. In 2010 we officially joined the congregation. I began to immerse myself in scripture and theology. This reignited my faith in Christ in a way I can hardly believe. Being around believers at Christ the King has shown me how important a church community is. I came to realize the



error in the saying “Lutheranism is Catholic-lite”. In reality, Lutheranism is Christianity on steroids. *Sola Scriptura*.

Of all facets of our faith, forgiving and being forgiven are the aspects that are the most recurring in my life. This past month the middle school Sunday lesson was on Joseph and his forgiving of his brothers who had sold him into slavery. God, over time, softened Joseph’s heart to the point he forgave his brothers which led to the reuniting of his family. Forgiveness: when I withhold it, it holds me back; when I give it, it allows me to move forward. These both happen in different parts of my life at the same time. God works on us from many angles, forming us into the vessel he has in mind. Thank God for His mercy and grace!

I have a few hobbies. Sports is a big interest of mine; especially college football. (Go Notre Dame!!) I enjoy hiking, fishing, and camping. Lately, I have added hunting to that list. I spent 20 years volunteering in the soccer community in a variety of ways—Coach and Tournament Director being my favorite titles.

When Pastor asked me to be an Elder, I was honored to be of service to you, and thoroughly enjoy the fellowship with Pastor, Deacon, and the other Elders. Being an elder has given me the excuse to go up to our members and introduce myself. Being a member of Christ the King has been one of the greatest gifts God has bestowed upon me and my family. We have grown in our faith and fellowship with this congregation and look forward to continued service and celebration of the sacrament with you all.

What's going on at CTK!



Our hearts
in HIS hand

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).

LWML SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD

Ladies, did you know that, as a member of Christ the King you are automatically a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League? "What is the LWML?" you ask. Come find out by joining us for refreshments following Sunday's Divine Service to learn more about its missions and ministry.

(The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives through active mission ministries and through support of global missions.)

AND we are **HAPPY** to say "Here are some LWML planned events for the 2021-2022 season!"

- **November:** Serve at Family Services
- **December:** Wassail Party
- **January:** Sponsoring a gift drive for the kids (blankets, baked goods, socks, stuffed animals, etc) in the pediatric ward at San Bernardino County Hospital (visit them, if we are allowed)
- **February:** Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night
- **March:** Adopt-A-Street Trash Pickup on Ford Street
- **April:** Bowling
- **May:** Backpack drive for Back-to-School 2022

From the Treasurer:

We are in the process of setting up a 403(b) retirement plan to offer to employees. This is in addition to the current Concordia Retirement Plan already available to employees.

There is no cost to the Church or the School. The 403(b) plan allows the employee to choose the mutual funds to invest in. A 403(b) plan is very similar to a 401(k) plan, but is specifically for non-profits.

Employee salary deferrals into a 403(b) plan may be made before [income tax](#) is paid and allowed to grow [tax-deferred](#) until the money is taxed as income when withdrawn from the plan.

The plan may also include designated Roth contributions, i.e., after-tax contributions, which will allow tax-free withdrawals if certain requirements are met. Primarily, the designated Roth contributions have to be in the plan for at least five taxable years and you have to be at least 59 years of age. Please let me know if you would like more details.

Bill Phillips

From the Preschool:

Happy fall y' all.

October brings crisp mornings and lots of sweaters in the lost in found as it quickly warms up mid morning and sweaters are no longer needed.

This month we celebrate all things pumpkin. Beginning with a "pumpkin round up" in the courtyard where children will weigh, measure and chart pumpkins, make a yummy pumpkin dip to spread on graham crackers, and do pumpkin crafts.

We will also practice earthquake safety by participating in the statewide Great Shakeout Earthquake drill on October 21st at 10:21 am.

Don't forget to come to our Harvest Festival on October 22nd from 6-8 in the courtyard. The Harvest Festival is a fan favorite and fun is had by all. Seeing cute little preschoolers in costumes puts a smile on everyone's face!

Christine Chernobieff, M.Ed.

EVANGELISM/ STEWARDSHIP:

The CTK congregation participated in the Adopt-A-Street Clean up project for the City of Redlands on Sunday, September 26. The congregation commits our time and service to this project quarterly. The project takes about 30 minutes and we clean up trash on Ford Street between Redlands

Avenue and Crestview. Everyone ages 12 and up are encouraged to sign up. The next Clean Up opportunity is in December. Look for the sign up sheet in November and join the next party. We enjoy each other's company and make a difference in our community.

Pictured left to right. Andrea and Jilian Belli, Hayden Hinkleman, Rebecca Mugiishi and Cliff Dawley.

Photo by Dwayne Mugiishi.





Christ the King – Mission Support

We at Christ the King support numerous missions locally and around the world.



September 2021 Mission Support	
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$350.00
Concordia Theological Seminary	\$200.00
Lutherans for Life	\$200.00
Pregnancy & Family Resource Center	\$200.00
Siberian Lutheran Mission Society	\$200.00
Redlands Charitable Resources Coalitions (The Coopers)	\$200.00
LCMS World Mission	\$250.00
Total Cash Contributions	\$1,600.00

CTK Treasurer's Report

Ordinary Income/Expense	<u>Aug 2021</u>	<u>Jan-Aug 2021</u>
Income		
400.00 GENERAL OFFERINGS	\$29,514.00	\$203,930.50
420.00 OTHER OPERATING INCOME	\$1,472.00	\$12,116.00
430.00 INTEREST INCOME	\$3.93	\$1,040.22
440.00 FUNDRAISING INCOME	\$69.00	\$3,849.00
Total Income	\$31,058.93	\$220,935.72
Expense		
500.00 ACTIVITIES	\$2,087.39	\$6,512.17
510.00 PROFESSION FEES	\$0.00	\$100.00
520.00 ADMINISTRATION	\$2,586.89	\$18,594.03
530.00 MAINTENANCE	\$2,634.29	\$12,935.49
540.00 MISSIONS	\$1,600.00	\$12,800.00
550.00 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$14,537.18	\$113,912.83
560.00 PAYROLL EXPENSES/BENEFITS	\$4,048.38	\$32,137.36
570.00 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$2,101.29	\$16,796.84
580.00 WORSHIP	\$139.68	\$1,904.34
Total Expense	\$29,735.10	\$215,693.06
Net Income	\$1,323.83	\$5,242.66



CTK October 2021 Events



WEDNESDAY MORNING

Please join us on Wednesdays at 9:30a.m.
in the St. John Hall.
Everyone is welcomed.

Saturday Morning Bible Study at 8:30a.m.



With Deacon Russ in the Church Conference Room

FRIDAY NIGHT COUPLES BIBLE STUDY



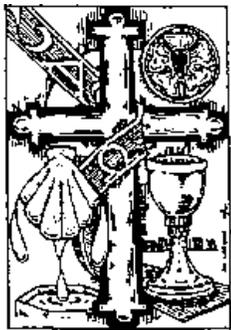
FRIDAY at 7:30p.m., October 1st
Join us in Pastor Smith's home for an enlightening time as we study God's Word and in the light of God's gift of marriage, followed by choice desserts. Hope to see you there.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday, October 22, 6p.m.-8p.m.



We need volunteers to man the booth in 30 minute shifts between 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. We always have a great time.



REFORMATION SERVICE & PICNIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

October 31st is Reformation Sunday! Following the Adult Bible Study and Sunday School hour we will celebrate our Lutheran Heritage with a good old fashioned picnic. The church will provide the main course and drinks. Please sign-up to bring a side dish, salad, chips, or dessert to share. The sign-up board will be in the narthex.



Anniversaries



10/09 Joseph & Andrea Belli
10/24 Mike & Sandy Nauman



If your special date did not appear or is incorrect, please contact Cindy Currier at the church office 909-793-5703.

Birthdays



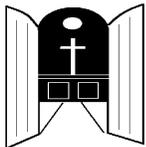
10/02	Donna Crowley	10/19	Mike Alhorn
10/04	Erick Nowak	10/19	Mary Beth Gosnell
10/05	Ava Belli	10/22	Robert Holman
10/09	Dennis Prill	10/28	Joe Belli
10/10	Christina Buck	10/28	Mary Burns
10/10	Joseph Vasquez	10/28	Sharon Haynes
10/11	Brett Crowley	10/29	Audrey Hoffman
10/11	Caleb Buck	10/29	Matthew Hoffman
10/12	Lauren Hathaway	10/29	Mira Wilson
10/15	Delores McDaniel	10/30	Annie Townsend
10/19	Clifford Dawley		

CTK October 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 AM Jr. Confirmation Class		7:00 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting	 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM New Members Class		 7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	Bible Study  8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 9:00 AM Divine Service (Immediately following: Join the LWML for refreshments) 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 AM Jr. Confirmation Class		7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice			Bible Study  8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Parking Lot Closed 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 AM Jr. Confirmation Class		7:00 PM School Board Meeting	 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice			Bible Study  8:30 AM Adult Bible Study
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 AM Jr. Confirmation Class			 9:30AM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	7:00 PM Elders Meeting	 6:00-8:00 PM Harvest Festival	Bible Study  8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 AM Jr. Confirmation Class			 9:30AM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice			Bible Study  8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ
31	Nov. 1	2	3	4	5	6
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 11:30 AM Reformation Picnic 		7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	9:30AM Adult Bible Study with Pastor Smith 6:30 PM Choir Practice		 7:30 PM Couples Bible Study	Bible Study  8:30 AM Bible Study with Deacon Russ



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Servants for October 2021



DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR	ELDERS
10/03	Dominick Vasquez & Christian Vasquez	Bernice David	David Alder
10/10	Samuel Lombardo & William Lombardo	Margaret Nowak	Tom Crowley
10/17	Emma Hansen & Emma Hinkleman	Nicole Cleary	Dwayne Danielson
10/24	Aiden DeCent & Josh Hoffmann	Nicole Cleary	Vic Haynes
10/31	Hayden Hinkleman & Alex Hathaway	Anna Bush	Roger Loewecke
DATE	FLOWERS	DATE	FINANCE
10/03	LWML	10/03	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
10/10	Joe & Andrea Belli	10/10 & 10/17	Lucy Becker & Roger Loewecke
10/17	Wiley & Anna Smith	10/24 & 10/31	John Hinkleman, Jr. & Joe Vasquez
10/24	Bob & Tammy Hathaway	DATE	USHERS
10/31	Wiley & Anna Smith	10/03	LWML
Thank you for serving		10/10	Chris Blank & Joseph Vasquez
		10/17 & 10/24	Tom Crowley & Glenn Henderson
		10/31 & 11/07	Dwayne Mugiishi & James Wilson