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Reformation Day reflections through the lens of Luke 18: 9-14: Some have said that this would make a wonderful passage for



Reformation Day. It is hard to disagree.

The passage is the familiar account of the Pharisee and the tax collector alone in the sanctuary. The Pharisee gives thanks that he is not a sinner like the tax collector and then rattles off the evidence that he is a righteous believer while the tax collector in anguished words begs God for forgiveness that he knows he does not deserve. The conclusion Jesus draws is:

"I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Culturally most of us come from a heritage that one of the greatest compliments you can pay someone is to say they "are so ordinary or common." Relatedly, one of the biggest insults is to say, "they are so full of themselves/big headed." We have taken this text to heart: arrogance/haughtiness is a sure sign of moral weakness and humility/being common is the opposite. Frankly, I concur overall with this sentiment. This being said, Jesus is saying something more and it is good for us to pay attention. The difference between the two men is not just self-congratulation and self-deprecation; it is not so simple. The lesson for us to learn is not to practice being more self-demeaning in the presence of God, it is to not think of ourselves much at all while we are in God's presence. We would be little better than the Pharisee if we were to run around perpetually trying to portray a humble presence to God, others and ourselves. For a person to be fixated on being humble is to show that in the end they are focused inwardly on themselves primarily, which of course, is one of the sure signs of the most egregious of sins, the sin of pride. Such a person is the flip side of the same pharisaical coin. This is exactly what makes this such a wonderful Reformation Day text. Our righteousness is not the result of our own initiative; it is strictly a result of God's unilateral action on our behalf. Our hands are empty at the foot of the cross. None of us is higher than another in the presence of our crucified and resurrected Savior. In that sacred space at Golgotha, at the Communion rail or in private prayer our focus should not be focused very long on ourselves, even upon our sinfulness, it should be focused on the unconditional grace of God that continues to save us as we continue to be unable to save ourselves, even by the well-intended pursuit of religious good works be it those claimed by the Pharisee or that evidenced by the tax payer.

For it is by grace that we are saved through faith not by works so that no one may boast, the Apostle Paul reminds us.

God bless, *Pastor Bruce*



**WELCA
Thank Offering Service**

Date: November 12, 2013
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Fryn' Pan

**Coffee and Cookie
Servers**



- November 3 Regina Hanson
- November 10 Germaine Gress
- November 17 Mavis Wang
- November 24 Phylis Nelson
- December 1 Becky Jegtvig
- December 8 Orpha Hoelstad
- December 15 Delores Hagene
- December 22 WELCA
- December 29 Ella Swanson

If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a home visit, contact Pastor Bruce at 218-329-2245.



**Daylight Savings
ends Sunday
November 3rd**

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“Stewardship” is the subject for Kids Corner in November. Kids Corner is located in the congregation section of the website.



**IT'S TIME TO DECORATE
THE CHRISTMAS TREE!
1 PM Saturday, November 30**

Come and join the fun as we decorate the church Christmas tree at 1 pm on Saturday, November 30. After the decorations are in place we will celebrate the birth of our savior with the singing of Christmas carols. After the singing, Kathy and Orpha invite everyone for coffee and fellowship. Whether or not you help decorate, everyone can sing and have a cup of coffee. So join the fun, festivities, and fellowship.

Winter Weather Cancellations



If the weather or roads are bad, check WDAY, Channel 6 television or WDAY radio 970. We will notify the stations and they will broadcast church cancellations.



**Pot Luck
November 3th**

There will be a potluck following worship on Sunday, November 3th. Marie, Wescott and Lloyd will talk about their summer visits to Norway.



**The Best on
Earth:
A Veteran's
Day Tribute**

If someone has done military service,
They earn the title "veteran," and more;
They earn our deep respect and admiration;
That they are special no one can ignore.

They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy;
The list is long of all the things they gave.
Our veterans are extraordinary people;
They're loyal, dedicated, true and brave.

When terror and invasion were real threats,
They showed us they could handle any storm.
We owe our freedoms and our very lives
To our veterans, who served in uniform.

Our veterans should be celebrities;
They're exceptional; no other group compares.
We're grateful for the many things they've done;
They're always in our hearts and in our prayers.

We owe our veterans support and friendship;
Let no one ever question what they're worth.
These men and women served us and our country,
Our veterans--the very best on earth.

~Joann Fuchs

Donations

With Our Thanks

Concordia Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Dorothy Powers
Osie Juve
Delores and Gerald Hagene
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Concordia General Fund

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Not a problem at Concordia!

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely. "The front row please," she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. "No," he said. "I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked. "No," she replied. "Good," he answered.

Recipe of the Month Peppered Squash Relish



Ingredients

- 3 lbs. yellow summer squash, finely chopped
- 3 lbs. zucchini, finely chopped
- 6 large onions, finely chopped
- 3 medium green peppers, finely chopped
- 3 medium sweet red peppers, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup salt
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 2 cups white vinegar
- 4 teaspoons celery seed
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard

Directions

- In a large bowl, combine the first six ingredients. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
- Drain vegetable mixture. Rinse in cold water and drain again.
- Place vegetables in a Dutch oven.
- Add the sugars, vinegar, celery seed, turmeric and mustard. Bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 15-20 minutes or until liquid is clear.
- Remove from the heat; cool.
- Spoon into containers.
- Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 weeks.

Yield: 4 quarts.

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Heating Season is upon us!

Donations to Concordia's general fund will be of great assistance in meeting those costs. Your help is appreciated!

Thank You

to everyone who worked to make the Fall Dinner a great success! It could not be done without the help of everyone. Thanks.

Black November

(A Turkey's Lament)

When I was a young turkey, new to the coop,
My big brother Mike took me out on the stoop.

Then he sat me down, and he spoke real slow,
He told me there was something that I had to know;

His look and his tone I will always remember,
When he told me of the horrors of Black November;

"Come about August, now listen to me,
You'll start to see changes, feel proud as can be.
Each day you'll grow thicker, where once you were thin,
And you'll grow a big rubbery thing under your chin.

"But one morning in November, when you're warm in your bed,
In'll burst the farmer's wife, and hack off your head;

"Then she'll pluck out all your feathers so you're bald'n pink,
And scoop out all your insides and leave ya lyin' in the sink,

"And then comes the worst part" he said not bluffing,
"She'll spread your cheeks and pack your rear with stuffing."

Well, the rest of his words were too grim to repeat,
I sat on the stoop like a winged piece of meat,
And decided on the spot that to avoid being cooked,
I'd have to lay low and remain overlooked;

I began a new diet of nuts and granola,
High-roughage salads, juice and diet cola,
And as the others ate pastries, chocolates and crepes,
I stayed in my room doing Jane Fonda tapes.

I maintained my weight of two pounds and a half,
And tried not to notice when the bigger birds laughed;
But 'twas I who was laughing, under my breath,
As they chomped and they chewed, ever closer to death;



And sure enough when Black November rolled around,
I was the last turkey left in the entire compound;
So now I'm a pet in the farmer's wife's lap;
I haven't a worry, so I eat and I nap,

She held me today, while sewing and humming,
And smiled at me and said "Christmas is coming....."

An optimist is one who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.

~Irv Kupcinet

From the Moorhead Daily News

Glyndon Couple Will Celebrate 50th Anniversary

November 19, 1934

Concordia Church Congregation to Honor Couple at Home Tuesday

The congregation of Concordia church and other friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Grover, Glyndon, will gather at the couple's home on Tuesday at 2 p.m. in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. A musical program has been arranged and will be given by local persons during the afternoon.










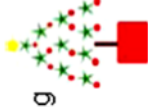
Mr. and Mrs. Grover were the first couple to be married in the new Concordia church which was destroyed by a tornado about three years ago. He was born February 12, 1860 and she July 10, 1862. Mr. Grover has lived near Glyndon since he was a child. Their two sons, Clarence and Elmer, will both be present.

from Social Notes

November 29, 1929

The Concordia Ladies Aid will serve a lutefisk dinner Saturday, November 30, at Concordia church which is located seven miles north of Watts Siding. Serving will commence at one o'clock. There will be an apron booth in charge of Mmes. A. T. and Otto Grover and a homemade candy booth in charge of Elvina Grover. Miss Orabel Thortvedt is in charge of the decorating committee. The general committee are the officers of the Ladies Aid, Mrs. A. J. Midgarden, president; Mrs. Lars Horpedahl, vice president; Mrs. Erick Hagene, secretary; and Mrs. Gilbert Cosen, treasurer.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Prairie Daughters: The Art and Lives of Anne Stein and Orabel Thorvædt</i> all month at the Hjemkomst Center</p>					1  Alex Sladky	2 Set clock back 1 hr before going to bed  Alex Arrundson
<p>3 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship DST Ends at 2 a.m. POTLUCK DINNER</p> 	4	5	6	7	8	9  Neil Hanson
<p>10 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day </p>	<p>12 1:30 pm </p>	13	14	15	16
<p>17 GREEN 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship</p>	18	19	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21	22	23  Eileen Kilian
<p>24 WHITE 9 am Coffee 10 am Worship</p>	25  Kjell & Orpha Hoelstad	26	27	28 Thanksgiving 	29	30 Tree Decorating Party 1 pm 

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Coffee Hour: 9:00 a.m

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Communion: 1st Sunday of the month

Concordia Women of the ELCA:

Second Tuesday: 1:30 p.m.

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