

Themes / Sermons

Sept 17 Natalia

Title: **As We Forgive**

Scripture: Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

The Gospel today remind us just how similar we are to the disciples, when they ask Jesus just how often they are supposed to forgive someone. 7 times? Then can we stop?

Jesus lays down quite the stunning answer to this question, one that we hate and love all at the same time.

(Note from Katie: BIBLE SUNDAY: will take place of KIDS Time)

Sept 24 Chad

Title: **Dealing With God**

Scripture: Jonah 3:10-4:11, Matthew 20:1-16

Let's be honest, sometimes the bible bugs us. Why should the lifetime criminal have a place in heaven right next to the lifetime active church member just because of some jailhouse conversion? Today we contend with the annoying reality that God occasionally does things without our permission!

Oct. 1 Pastor Natalia

Title: **Playing Politics**

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

Today's Gospel begins a series of challenges to the authority of Jesus by those holding positions of power. What is it about this Jesus guy that is so threatening? What does it mean that Jesus is occupying the temple in these stories and what does it have to do with us and the places we occupy? (Will preach on both Matt and Phil)

Oct. 8 Pastor Chad

Title: **Prize Fighter**

Scripture: Philippians 3:4b-14

Father Richard Rohr wrote that "religion either produces the very best people or the very worst." In this passage, Paul continues arguing against the outward trappings of the religious system that he had devoted his life to, in favor of "the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." This deserves a closer look!

Oct. 15 Pastor Natalia

Title: **Invitation Only**

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

Ooof. This is not a text we hear in Sunday school. Who would turn down an invitation to dine with the King?

And who would wear sweatpants to a wedding feast? In fact, both of the texts today feel like a call to worthiness. And that's hard to hear. But what if we're missing something? Is it really so dire?

Oct. 22 Pastor Chad

Title: **Show Me the Money**

Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23, Matthew 22:15-22

The prosperity gospel is a booming business. The idea that I can get a huge return on my investment by giving money to a ministry is an appealing theology to millions. The Lutheran theology of the cross is something altogether different. Jesus turns our attention away from what we have or desire toward who we are and what we value.

Oct 29 Pastor Natalia (Reformation Sunday)

Title: **Bottom Line**

Scripture: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Matthew 22:34-40 (**NOT** Reformation texts)

There are 613 laws/rules to follow in the Old Testament. 613. Phew. How are we ever to expect to follow them all? Jesus gives us a little help today and narrows it down to 2. On this 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, let's look at our two "rules" and what it means that grace comes first.