

From Pastor Kleinschmidt

What makes a sermon a good sermon? Do we look for some good jokes, down to earth language, personal stories, faithfulness to the Biblical text, kept under 10 minutes, or a really good illustration? There are many criteria that can be used to evaluate a sermon and some of them are helpful and others are not so helpful. Some things about a sermon can be *subjectively* good or bad and there are other things that can be *objectively* good or bad. But every Christian should know the difference between a good sermon that is faithful to Christ and his teachings and one that is not. I want to take some time to prick your ears to be ready to hear a sermon as I begin a series on **How to listen to a sermon.**

In listening to a sermon, you should always be listening for how God is speaking to you. Paul writes to the young preacher Timothy, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). The way that the Word of truth is divided is by the Law and the Gospel.

The contents of the entire Holy Scripture, both of the Old and New Testaments, are made up of two doctrines differing fundamentally from each other, namely, the Law and the Gospel (CFW Walther).

The most basic difference between a good sermon and a bad sermon is whether it rightly divides Law and Gospel. A good sermon must show sinners their sin, and show sinners their savior.

The Law tells us what God requires and what God forbids. The Law shows us that we have not done what God requires and have done what God forbids. The Law's demands are perfect, and the Law requires perfect obedience in thought,

word, and deed. The Law says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...You shall love your neighbor as yourself."(Matthew 27:37-39) The Law calls everything short of perfect obedience sin. The Law will make you squirm and feel ashamed. It is God's condemning word.

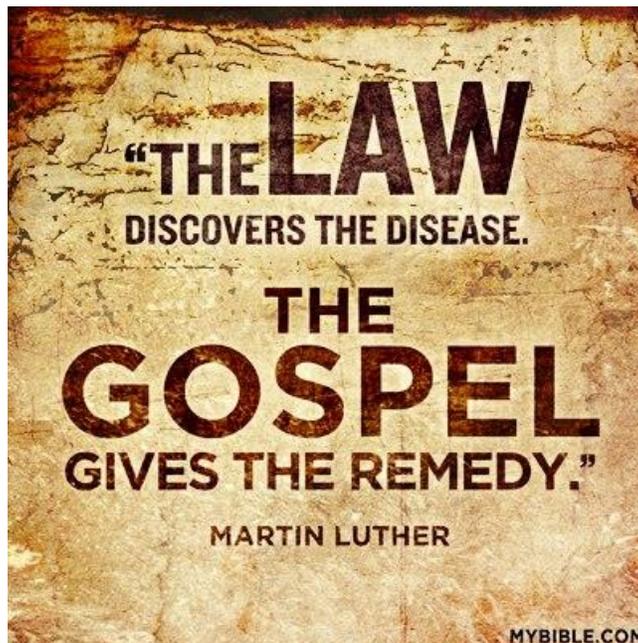
On the other hand, the Gospel tells us what God has done to save sinners. The Gospel shows us that Jesus has done everything the Law requires for us. The Gospel answers the perfect demands of the Law with the perfect, sinless obedience of Jesus. The Gospel says, "What the Law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son." (Romans 8:3) The Gospel answers the accusations of the Law with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus for us. There are no demands in the good news of the Gospel. There is only the free gift of God's grace. The Gospel will make you want to run again and again to the cool, running water of the grace of God and receive from His bounty the living water.

These two, Law and Gospel, must always go together in every sermon. They must be carefully divided in every sermon. As you listen to sermons, listen for how you are convicted of your sin. Listen for how you are shown to be worthy of death because of your unholiness. Listen for how Jesus has paid the price for your disobedience. Listen for how Jesus gives his life in place of your life and you have life by his resurrection from the dead.

With that in mind, the first thing to remember when listening to a sermon is how the law and the gospel apply to you.

All for the glory of God!

Pastor Kleinschmidt



ST. JAKOBI NEWS & EVENTS

HOW DO SCRIP CARDS WORK?

You've heard the announcements and you know there's a table after church selling them, but how do they work and how do I use Scrip cards? We've heard this type of question recently so we're going to try and explain it. **The cards that are sold can be used at store just like you would use a gift card you have received.** The merchant swipes it just as they would a credit card. As an example, you know you are going to go to Kwik Trip in the coming week so you go to the table after church and write a check for \$100 and you will receive a Kwik Trip card for \$100. You can then use that card at the pump and it is worth \$100. The way the church receives a benefit is the church earns \$9 just for selling you that card. **It doesn't cost you a penny more than you would already spend** at these stores. If you know you will be spending money at a store or gas station, buy a Scrip Card the weekend before and earn the church money! Next month we will explain cards that can be ordered if they are not on hand at church.

AED INSTALLED AT CHURCH

There has been an AED installed in the hallway of the church. This machine is to be used if someone suffers a heart attack in the church or parish hall. You don't have to be trained to use it since it audibly tells you what to do. It is best used in conjunction with CPR. If you have questions about the new AED, please contact an elder.

WOLF RIVER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

St. Jakobi is an association member of Wolf River Lutheran High School. This entitles our congregation to four representatives to the Association. If you would like to serve our congregation and the High School by being our designated representative, please talk to Pastor or Brad Teetzen.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN BALANCE:

The amount owed for the loan to build the new church at the start of the 2nd Quarter was \$336,142.56. After making our monthly payments, the balance at the end of the 2nd Quarter was \$327,833.91. Thanks be to God for His blessings.

ST. JAKOBI ON FACEBOOK

St. Jakobi has a [Facebook page](#). Stay up to date on happenings at church by liking the page. There have been many pictures posted from VBS and the Church picnic on the Facebook page. You don't need a Facebook account, just visit the website: www.facebook.com/lcmsjakobi



HIGHER THINGS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Seven High School Youth attended the [Higher Things](#) Youth Conference on the campus of Concordia, Mequon the second week of July. The speakers were Rev. President Matthew Harrison and Rev. Jonathon Fisk. There were also breakout sessions where the youth were able to choose different topics about faith and life to learn about. The kids had a great time learning about the love of God in Christ Jesus. They are already looking forward to next year's conference.



UPCOMING READINGS AT CHURCH

- August 3rd:** Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21
- August 10th:** Job 38:4-18
Romans 10:5-17
Matthew 14:22-33
- August 17th:** Isaiah 56:6-8
Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32
Matthew 15:21-28
- August 24th:** Proverbs 3:1-8
2 Corinthians 4:7-10
Luke 22:24-30
- August 31st:** Jeremiah 15:15-21
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

You can listen to Pastor Greg Seltz on the Lutheran Hour at 7:30am Sunday mornings on 96.5FM or 960AM here in Shawano. Pastor Seltz often preaches on the same texts that you hear in church.



FELLOWSHIP

It's time to get together again and share summer experiences and stories. Our meeting date is Friday, Sept. 12 at Mathews Supper Club in Clintonville. Eating time is a little different-7:00 pm. We also would like a general idea of how many think they would like fish. (It's not a definite count.) We hope to see a lot of you there!!

NEWSLETTER IN COLOR

The pictures in the newsletter look great in color plus you can zoom in for more detail on the pictures! You can receive a copy of the newsletter in color and save the church the printing cost by signing up for email delivery. Email stjakobi@frontiernet.net and you will receive it every month to your email inbox.

CHOIR PRACTICE

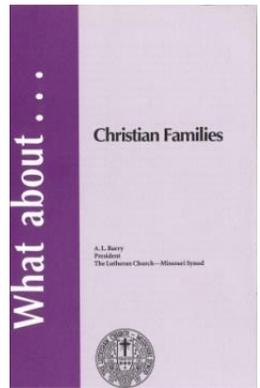
Voices of Praise will be meeting for our first rehearsal on Monday, Sept. 8 at 6:15 pm. Anyone is welcome to come and join the fun. We meet for about 45 min. to practice and then sing about once a month-plus our enjoyable Christmas concert on Wed., December 10 at 6:30 pm. If you have questions, please contact Joanne Bublitz. Hope to see you there!

LADIES OF ST. JAKOBI

There is no Ladies Bible Study for August.

WHAT ABOUT...

Each month we'll be highlighting a tract that can be picked up in the narthex. There is a series that was written by former President of the LCMS, Rev. A. L. Barry. They cover a multitude of topics. This month we look at **Christian Families**. You will learn about what God's Word says about families, what are some cultural trends impacting families, how to deal with the challenges of our day, the role of daily devotions in the family and how parents can raise their children to resist temptations. This short tract gives a wealth of resources and information!



ISSUES, ETC

Issues, Etc. is an internet radio program hosted by LCMS pastor, Todd Wilken. They address topics in the news from an intentionally Lutheran Christian perspective and interview guests about other issues within the church. It is a great learning tool. Upcoming programming features Reformation Church Music, The Movie "Hercules," Worship & the Conscience, Chanting, Joseph of Arimathea and more. You can listen to what you want, when you want at www.issuesetc.org. You can also download the episodes to your iPod or Smart Phone.

Issues, Etc.



Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

VOTER MEETING

You can pick up the reports and minutes for the July 31st voter meeting on the bulletin table in the Narthex.

RIDDLE ME THIS

The answer to all these begins with the letter S.

1. The name given to the seventh day.
2. This was worn to show repentance.
3. A sect disbelieving in immortality.
4. He was given to God as a child.
5. She died for lying to God.
6. The one who tempted Jesus.
7. The copiers of the law.
8. What we are told to be as wise as.
9. Roses grew on this plain.
10. The tabernacle used to be at this place.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Dustin Fischer
1 - Dave Hoffman
2 - Lena Johnson
3 - Cheryl Arthur
3 - Isabella Buettner
4 - Sommer McDowell
4 - Lorine Raddant
5 - Samuel Dick
6 - Michael Cotter
6 - Lainey Peters
9 - Miguel Kriewaldt
11 - Vicki Bahr
11 - Joshua Bahr
11 - Joan Stoehr
11 - Nancy Thelen
11 - Cooper Clark
11 - Josh Krueger
13 - Jim Hanson
13 - Ethan Opperman
13 - Jim Wendorff
13 - Dorothy Kroenke
14 - Tim Teetzen
14 - Kathy Jo Hanke
15 - Raymond Heinritz
16 - Krystal Buettner
16 - Parker Papiernik
16 - Gavin Klose
18 - Katie Horne
18 - Dylan Yorton
19 - Cindy Craig
19 - Kathy Kroenke
21 - Marion Ruhbusch
21 - Lee Lindner
22 - Barbara Bubolz
22 - Erwin White
22 - Roxanne Fischer
22 - Brooke Sperberg
22 - Hailey Hawkinson
22 - Rob McDowell
22 - Barbara Bubolz
23 - Vicki Waldvogel
23 - Diane Ireland
24 - Patti Samson
25 - Alicia Giese
26 - Shawn Verstoppen
26 - Wanda Stueck
27 - Karter Westphal
28 - Teagen Thompson
28 - Marilyn Picard
29 - Carrie Westphal
29 - Jana Yorton
30 - Teresa Schuettpelz
30 - Chase Benser
30 - Janelle Lange
31 - Barb Teetzen
31 - Ann Opperman
31 - Kelsey Gast

A BIRTHDAY PRAYER

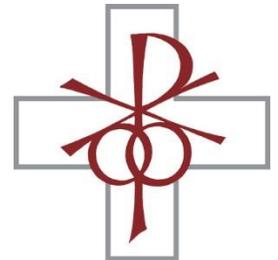
Heavenly Father, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor on name as he/she celebrates his/her birthday. Grant that he/she may continue to grow in wisdom and grace. Strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness and bless him/her with Your abiding love all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

02, 1986 - Larry & Kristi Lindner
02, 1975 - James & Carlene Felmer
04, 1990 - Pam & Mike Tadych
06, 1983 - Mark & Kathy Kroenke
06, 1966 - Howard & Shirley Popp
09, 1997 - Michael & Hope Peters
10, 1958 - Don & Joanne Bublitz
14, 1999 - Scott & Rebecca Blumreich
14, 2004 - Sarah & Jeremy Benser
18, 1962 - Marlyn & Kathy Teetzen
18, 1956 - Elmer & Joanne Ackermann
19, 2000 - Carrie & Wade Bohl
20, 2005 - Bob & Kay Marquardt
20, 2005 - Pete & Cheryl Arthur
25, 1973 - Dave & Patti Bohm
25, 1990 - Jim & Katie Horne
26, 2006 - Bradley & Jennifer Sperberg
28, 2010 - Grant & Amy Riesenberg
29, 1953 - Roy & Phyllis Habeck
31, 1968 - Dennis & Kathy Fonger
31, 1974 - Jim & Pam Hansen

AN ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE PRAYER

O Lord Jesus, Your mercies are new every morning. We thank You for another year of married life together for name and name. Open their hearts always to receive more of Your love that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Contact the Church Office if you find anything in need of correction to the Birthdays and Anniversaries.

August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elders: Sat: Brian Sperberg Sun: Chuck Stoehr Spec: Darryl Prodell	Altar Guild: Carol Magee Diane Ireland Donna Ward				1	2 6:30 Service Acolyte: Hunter Hawkinson
3 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Sommer McDowell	4	5	6	7	8	9 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Alec Raddant
10 9:00 Service 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Tristan Szucs	11 9:30-5:00 Volunteer @ LCFS Thrift Store	12	13	14	15	16 2:00 Krueger/Erickson Wedding 6:30 Service Acolyte: Gabriella Wendorff
17 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Payten Thompson	18 6:00 Elders Meeting	19	20	21 1:00 Bible Study	22	23 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Bryce Bohl
24 9:00 Service 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Sommer McDowell	25	26	27	28 1:00 Bible Study	29	30 6:30 Service (HC) Acolyte: Megan Gebert
31 9:00 Service (HC) 10:30 Bible Study Acolyte: Eli Magee						

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

“We Preach Christ Crucified”



Church Services:

Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am

Bible Study:

Wednesday at 6:30pm, Thursday at 1:00pm, and Sunday at 10:30am.

Sunday School:

Sunday at 10:30am

