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Pastoral Perspectives for October 2026

Grace and peace to you from God the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ I am writing this at the end of August as I will not be in America when you receive this newsletter.

I have to admit to you all that your answers I received on the question ***“Jesus asked “But who do you say that I AM?”*** has allowed me to go confidently to the wedding of my relative and on vacation in Europe because of your strong faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus!

Pastors often wonder if their sermons and teachings over the years make an impact on their flock and if the congregation is growing in their faith and understanding of God. The question from St. Matthew 16:15 is one everyone will have to answer one day, and boy did you folks knock it out of the park!

The answers you gave me are printed on the following pages and I am keeping your answer slips in my desk for the days when I am feeling down. I can simply open my desk and go through them and feel the light of Christ again shine from your statements of faith in God and in God alone!

I am looking forward to starting up the confirmation classes, getting back to the adult catechism classes, as well as being back in the pulpit. This October we will celebrate the 509th year of the beginning of the Reformation on October 25th Reformation Sunday (October 31st, 1517 original date).

See you soon until then may hymn #536 be in your heart as it is in mine.

Your servant in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

Jesus asked, “**But who do you say that I AM?**”

You are...

- . Son of God (4 responses)
- . Son of my Father, God.
- . The Christ, Jesus, son of the living God
- . The Son of the living God, Jesus Christ, the Messiah
- . The Son of God our Lord and Savior
- . The Son of God, sent to die for our sins
- . The Son of God who takes away the sin of the world
- . The Messiah.
- . The long-awaited Messiah. Our Savior
- . My Savior
- . My Lord and Savior (4 responses))
- . My lord and Savior. The King of Kings!
- . My Lord and Savior. The One I turn to in times of need.
- . The Lord our God.
- . My Savior, My Lord, Son of God
- . Jesus Christ, my Lord and savior
- . The Savior of Man
- . The Lord of All
- . The One that we call, to help move us forward
- . The Son of man and the Son of God, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
- . The Teacher, Rabbi....Messiah!
- . Love. Forgiveness. Redeemer. Healer.
- . Savior, Friend. Healer. Love
- . Our savior, our Healer Our Son of God
- . GOD!

Jesus asked, “**But who do you say that I AM?**”

You are...

- . God, my savior
- . Christ. God.
- . Loving. Constant.
- . Mighty and Forgiving
- . My Savior, My best Friend, the one I talk to every day and trust with all my heart. I don't know what I would do without Him or my faith. He is my Strength.
- . Light of the World
- . A Guiding Light.
- . My Guiding Light
- . The Way, the Truth and the Light (Amen)
- . The Way, the Truth and the Life Everlasting!!
- . The light, the truth, the way
- . The Way tegh Truth and the Light; You are the Christ, The Son of the Living God.
- . Jesus is my deliverer and my hope!
- . My only Hope, the Son of God.
- . Jesus is everything to everyone. He loves everyone and watches over us all.
- . Jesus IS the Son, the Father and the Holy Spirit who we must follow and Is the reason that I am here.
- . Jesus is my Savior, and hopefully my guide through the good times and the bad. He tries to keep me on the right track when thoughts stray. He is my mentor as I go through this life.



Dear First Lutheran Church Family,

I hope that fall finds you well. All of our classes and activities have begun, but it is not too late to join in for bible study, choir or dartball.

You are welcome any time.

I would like to thank Chris Maust and those that have helped again for the amazing work he is doing trying to fix up the church. More hands mean more can get done, please see Chris and let him know if you can donate 1 hour of your time. One hour doesn't seem like too much time, but it is more helpful than you think.

Please remember to send in your weekly donations if you are unable to attend church service on Sunday. Attendance and donations were down during the summer months with everyone on vacation and other summer activities. The weather impacted attendance this past Sunday with all of the rain, and again attendance and weekly donations were down. Because of this, our funds have gotten low and we will be struggling to pay our minimum monthly bills and salaries. Our roof loan is approximately \$2,000 per month on top of the normal expenses. Please remember to send in your monthly donations.

Did you know: Fall is harvest time for farmers because many crops, such as [pumpkins](#), squash, apples, and grapes, are ripe and ready to be gathered. Everything has been growing big and healthy throughout spring and summer, and they're ready for the picking.

Interestingly, before "fall" and "autumn," this season was simply known as the harvest season.

"Harvest" itself traces back to the Old English word *hærfest*, which refers to gathering crops, though the specific origin remains unknown.

Blessings,

Jennifer Black, FLC Council President



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Thursday, October 8 at 11 AM the ladies of the Circle will go to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for a program and lunch. We will meet in our Church parking lot at 10:30 AM if interested in riding together.

The Apple/Octoberfest will be held after church Sunday, October 18. Please bring your favorite apple or German dish and enjoy a fun lunch. Everyone is invited.

We will not hold our Circle Meeting as we are visiting Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

God's blessings,

Sonie Rea

MUM FUNDRAISER UPDATE

A huge thank you to all for the support of the Church Mum Fundraiser. With your generous support \$662.00 was raised to benefit the First Lutheran Church Restoration Fund.

Many thanks,
Caitlyn and Vickie Group

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

As the Christmas season approaches we will again have the Sarris Christmas Candy Fundraiser and the Wreath and Poinsettia Fundraiser. Please watch for these upcoming fundraisers.

All of your support is greatly appreciated,
Caitlyn and Vickie Group

October Lay Readers

4 Denny Lacko
11 Dennis Schmidt
18
25 Lisa Maust

October Altar Flowers

4 Lacko-C
11 Kathleen Black
18 Olivia and Larry
25

October Acolytes

4 Heidi and Denico Walsh
11
18
25

October Ushers

4 C. Ringer; D. Schmidt; Z., Mason; M. Verderber
11 E. Goga; R. Johnson; J. Ulanich
18 J. Sakerka; D. Wheeler; J. Stolfer
25 K. Carl; C. Group; C. R. Group; D. Lacko

October Counters—Alternate: Dennis Schmidt

4 R. McGoogan and K. Luketich
11 C. Group and V. Group
18 D. Schmidt and R. Williams
25 L. Coleman and J. Black

October Altar Team

L. Hager and K. Black

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Laurie Carl
Tammy Streater
- 6 Eveline Reihner
- 9 Shelby Kubacki
- 13 Bonnie Johnson
Lauren Conkle
- 14 Scott Berry
- 15 Kristine Briggs
- 16 Kara Clark
Richard Hager
- 17 Wesley Black
- 18 Janine Dyson
- 19 Jim Conkle
- 21 John Sakerka
Kim Luketich
- 23 Neil Bassi
- 25 Caitlyn Group
- 28 Dennis Schmidt
Karen Coleman