



IT'S STILL ALL ABOUT JESUS

"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus is LORD, to the Glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:10-11).

Dear Family,

From the first promise of a Savior to Adam and Eve in the Garden, it is about Jesus. It was about Jesus who would come to crush the head of the tempter. God's covenantal relationship with Abraham and His descendants was about Jesus. Truly, all nations and all people would be blessed. Proclamations and promises through the Prophets were about Jesus.

God's fulfillment is shared in the Gospels. Jesus, born in Bethlehem and raised in Nazareth, comes to announce and fulfill His Kingdom. Ultimately, it's about Jesus' payment for sin, His suffering and death on the cross. It's about Jesus' victory over sin, death and the devil shown to His followers and to His church through His resurrection. The Apostles' proclamation to the early church was about Jesus. We are blessed to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This occasion gives opportunities to learn about the lives of reformers and the confession and history of our church. The Reformation is about Jesus. We confess and celebrate the truth of Scripture that only through Jesus is there justification. Lutheran theology in every age is all about Jesus.

As we, the church, gather for the Divine Service, it's all about Jesus. We begin in remembrance of our Baptism in His name and into His grace. We hear the Good News of Jesus in His Word. We receive the body and blood of Jesus at His table. Lutheran worship is always and only about Jesus.

"It's Still All About Jesus" is a most significant theme not only for our Lutheran schools throughout our nation, but also for our LCMS churches. Our churches and schools have always been about Jesus as His historical, life-saving account has been shared and lived in every context. Additionally, this theme not only provides an opportunity to reflect on our history, it also commends us to review our ministry and refocus our mission--which is to bring Christ to all people and to help them grow in their Christian faith, life and service.

Therefore, may we proclaim throughout the years and throughout our lives, "It's Still All About Jesus!" And may the Lord be glorified as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation as well as our upcoming 160th year as an LCMS congregation/family.

In Christ,
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