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October 2017

October 1 (Philippians 2:14-16) **"Heat or Light?"**

By Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

Each of us possesses the potential to create heat or light in our world. Followers of Jesus Christ have the power to shine His true light onto a world that stumbles in darkness. Discover how the true "Light of the world", Jesus Christ, can shine in us and through us.

October 8 (Matthew 21:33-46) **"God's Vineyard"**

By Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN

God calls us, His people, His vineyard. That is because even though a vineyard requires much care and attention, the final harvest is well worth it. Jesus paid the ultimate price to make us God's vineyard.

October 15 (Matthew 22:1-14) **"The Wedding Feast"**

By Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul Lutheran Church~Decatur, IN

Salvation, and even heaven itself, are compared to a wedding feast. In this parable Jesus shows how some people reject the feast, and how God, in His generosity, invites the "nobodies" to this feast. We are invited. The only way we can partake of God's feast is if we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

October 22 (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10) **"Are We There Yet?"**

By Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians, giving thanks to God for their faith, love, and hope, as positive examples to other Christians. As children of God, we are on a journey of faith through life. We might be tempted to lose hope, to be diminished in our love, or to let our faith waver. Take courage! God has not left us alone but continues to carry us on!

October 29 (Galatians 5:1-2, 13-16) **"Living in the Freedom of Faith"**

By Rev. Gregory Seltz, The Lutheran Hour~St. Louis, MO

Living the life of freedom that uniquely flows from a faith relationship with God, human beings yearn for freedom, the fight for freedom, but they cannot have the ultimate freedom that they were indeed created for because of their sin. Jesus Christ entered the world to overcome our bondage, our sin, and all that seeks to separate us from the freedom that God created and redeemed us to have and to live for others in Him.