



"Together in Christ's love, we joyfully serve, actively witness, and dedicate ourselves to caring, teaching, and growing through the Word."

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, U.A.C.



October 2024

EIGHT RULES ON HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

THE EIGHTH RULE—AVOID ANACHRONISM

"Anachronism" is taking any historical custom, person, object, or event into a time period other than its own. The Biblical Narratives are those passages that relay specific events as a narrated story. They are to be heard and read from within their contextual window. Biblical narratives exist in time.

There was a common refrain around the year 2000—What Would Jesus Do? The notion was that Jesus, as revealed in the scriptures, could be used as a moral guide to aid your decision-making process. If you would just imagine Jesus in your situation, the correct answer would become clear.

The anachronistic fallacy here is that Jesus does not walk the earth in my time. By trying to drag Him here into my situation, I'm ignoring the teachings in their context. Also, I'm about to put my words into Jesus' mouth somehow to sanctify my choices into biblical truth.

Let's try another fitment. "Jesus was a socialist, distributist, capitalist, or anarchist." Jesus lived 1800 years before most of the codified economic systems we know developed. His experience with taxes, market forces, production, and consumption looked far different from our own. The application we should pull from "render unto Caesar" is simply: be a faithful Christian first and the best citizen, resident, or alien you can be second. Anything further pulls Jesus into our temporal context.

For a more recent application that has aged poorly, would Jesus wear a mask? He came healing the sick. So, surely, that means that He would wear a mask. Again, our specific time and concerns applied to Jesus. We couldn't discern the answer to that question.

This one dials in more tightly upon the problem with that question. It's not a good question. Jesus came healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, casting out demons, and forgiving sin as signs of what was to come. These signs demonstrate the fullness of God in human flesh subsisting. Jesus healed, recreated, forgave, and even raised dead to life again to teach what His death meant. Jesus died to forgive the sins of the world. All the brokenness and other evidence of the corruption of sin will fade away in the blinking of an eye at the resurrection of all flesh. His life and ministry testify to that. Who cares what political system, hand sanitizer, or chicken sandwich he may or may not have preferred?

God Bless,

Pastor Barlau



MEN OF FAITH—8AM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5—all men are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and study.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY—2-3 PM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6—Life Chain is the largest prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. Life Chains will be held throughout the US and Canada. Local pro-life people will be lining up along Buckeye by Faith Lutheran Church for the Abilene Life Chain. If you have questions, please ask Pastor. Please join us today to stand up for Life!



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST—8:30AM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10—all are invited. So we can have enough tablespace, please call Gertie B., 785-571-7153.

SALINA RESCUE MISSION—5:45PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15—will be providing chapel service and helping serve a meal. All are invited to serve. Contact Chris Bielefeld if you have any questions.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB—3 PM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27—in the church basement. They will be discussing *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel. Please contact Karen Schoenbeck (785-479-7013) if you would like more information. All ladies are invited to participate!



 **Faith Lutheran has a prayer chain.**
 If you would like to be added to the prayer chain texting, please speak with Kathy. To begin a prayer request call/text Kathy Minneman (785)819-2167 or Pastor Barlau (785)-280-3852.

October Anniversaries

Brion & Ashley Brigman	10-6-2009		Dave & Joyce Graves	10-21-1978
Rein & Katie Jenne	10-16-2010		Bryan & Monika Corn	10-30-2004
Rick & Lana Fischer	10-21-1976			

- 1 - Dylan Capsey
- 4 - Inarie Rippert
- 5 - Eric Sulanka
- 6 - Joesph Rahe
- 8 - Naomi Barlau
- 10 - Vickie Gill
- 11 - Marilyn Backhus
Donna Cook
Deserae Meade
- 14 - Gerri Bucher
- 19 - Allie Horner
- 20 - Reagan Bowers

Happy Birthday

- 23 - Kevin Stout
Martha Barlau
- 25 - Henry Corn
Joyce Graves
Sarah Minneman
- 27 - Serenity Medlock
- 28 - Laird Riffel
- 29 - Casen Depew
Calen Depew
- 31 - Justin Kuntz
Karen Schoenbeck



FAITHFUL SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER



Elder: C. Eaton

Organist: B. Schwab

Altar Guild: J. Hayes & L. Soliday

Church Service	Acolytes	Lectors	Ushers
Sunday, Oct 6 - 9:00am	C. Depew	C. Ascher	K. Bowers & L. Bowers
Sunday, Oct 13 - 9:00am	K. Seematter	M. Aufdemberge	R. Hayes & C. Bielefeld
Sunday, Oct 20 - 9:00am	B. Schmersey	L. Brake	M. Aufdemberge & K. Horsfall
Sunday, Oct 27 - 9:00am	S. Westerman	J. Rippert	M. Aufdemberge & K. Horsfall

NOTE: A master assignment list reflecting any changes will be posted in the upstairs office/cry room.

OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	2	1	2 5:15pm Midweek 4 th -5 th grade & 6 th -7 th grade	3	4	5 8am Men of Faith Breakfast
6 20 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Divine Service 10:15am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study 2-3 pm Life Chain Sunday	7	8	9 5:15pm Midweek 4 th -5 th grade & 6 th -7 th grade	10 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast 6pm Boards 6:30pm Council	11	12
13 21 ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Divine Service 10:15am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study	14	15 <i>Calendar items due</i> 5:45pm Salina Rescue Mission	16 5:15pm Midweek 4 th -5 th grade & 6 th -7 th grade	17	18	19
20 22 ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Divine Service 10:15am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study	21	22	23 5:15pm Midweek 4 th -5 th grade & 6 th -7 th grade	24	25	26
27 23 RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 am Divine Service 10:15am Quarterly Voter's Meeting 3pm Women's Book Club	28	29	30 5:15pm Midweek 4 th -5 th grade & 6 th -7 th grade	31 Reformation Day		