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Messiah Lutheran Church
develops disciples who are:



*United
with Christ*

*Transformed
by Christ*

*Obedient
to Christ*

We are in the business of
making disciples...
who make disciples.

CAMP HOPE VETERANS DINNER

Saturday, October 10
5:00 pm



9724 Derrington Road
Houston

Daily — Doggedly — Daringly
Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love



Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

This month we are making another visit to Camp Hope to visit with the vets there.

Pastor Tim says that these are different vets than Dr. Kyle at Bayou City Veterinary Hospital — it gets confusing.

These vets are men who served as soldiers and Marines, seamen and airmen who protected our nation.

I love these guys, and not just because they know how to give good scratches.

They remind me of my Jesus.

Jesus protects us from the enemy just like these vets.

My Jesus protects us from Satan.

In fact the Bible says that **“the reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil”** (1 John 3:8).

We can always trust Jesus to keep us safe.

Like the Army song says, “Over hill, over dale,” my dear Jesus will never fail.

Isn't that PAWSOME?

Your friend,
Gabriel



From the Pastor



“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

How sweet the name of Jesus
sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals
our wounds

And drives away our fear

Dear name! The rock on which I
build

My shield and hiding place

My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian,
friend

My Prophet, Priest, and King
My Lord, my life, my way, my
end

Accept the praise I bring

— John Newton

“It’s All in the Way That You Use It”

(From the LCMS Stewardship Department)

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It’s all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should “not misuse the name of the Lord.” In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

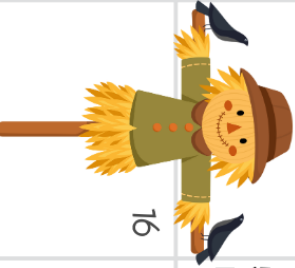
“We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.”

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord’s name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God’s gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It’s all in the way that you use it!

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