



Luther

All-Saints Weekend

November 2nd

This All-Saints weekend we are diving into what we in the church now call "The Priesthood of all Believers." This was one of the things that really defined the reformation movement away from a centralized all-powerful church to towards the All-Powerful Lord Jesus Christ who chooses to work through Christians on Earth collectively. This study will help to dive deeper into what was "rediscovered" during the reformation.

What about the term "Priest"? (Derived ultimately from presbyteros, "elder"). Title of ordained or authorized religious functionary who performs mediatorial, interpretative, ministerial, sacrificial, and ritualistic functions.

Read Genesis 8:20, 12:7, 14:18

What do we learn about the term in these verses - what are these men doing?

Read Exodus 29:1-9 & the whole chapter if you can handle it!

Who receives the established Priesthood?

Who was he?

Reflect on this ritual. What does it say about the priest?
(Think about the term "messiah")

Read Hebrews 5:1

How does the writer of Hebrew summarize the role of Priest?

Read Hebrews 2:14-17

What title was Jesus given?

Why?

How did He attain it?

Read Hebrews 5:5-10, 10:1-14

Who appointed Jesus?

Did the OT Priests do enough? What was needed?

Who was Jesus ultimately in relationship to the sacrificial system? (double answer!)

Read Hebrews 7:23-27

What assurances does this give to us?

Read Ephesians 2:14, 18, Hebrews 10:19-22

How do we now access the Father?

What was done to grant this access?

Read 1 Peter 2:9, Romans 12:1, Hebrews 13:15, Matthew 18:18-20

What are you?

List your duties:

BONUS - So what's a Pastor then? Turns out the work and authority of the pastor comes from the priests! (Meaning you!) Follow this sentence's argument via the verses cited.

To all believers belongs the right to select and call ministers (Acts 1:15–26; 6:1–6), whom God has chosen and appointed (Acts 13:2–4; 1 Co 12:28; Eph 4:11–12), and to set them apart through ordination (Acts 14:23) to be servants of Christ and His Church (2 Co 4:5) in preaching the Word and administering the sacraments (1 Co 4:1; 2 Ti 4:2; Tts 1:9).

NEXT WEEK: Luther the Educator

Read The Small Catechism!

Don't have one?

Read online: bookofconcord.org/smallcatechism.php

or borrow a hymnal for the week – pg. 321