

Children's sermon: December 11, 2011

"All boxed in"

Kids ... have I been crabby lately?
You think I'm crabby now ... you should have seen what I was like a few years ago!@!!

I remember one Sunday ... I came in here ... and look who I saw on the altar!@!!
Look at these goofs: green little furry guys ... purple and yellow ladies ...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY CHURCH???. (Notice how I said --- "my church" ...)
These little goofs were looking for a safe and fun place to be ... a place to worship ... they thought, for sure,
they would be welcome here ...

I kicked them out "YOU DON'T LOOK LUTHERAN!@!!"
Let me show you what a Lutheran looks like. Here in this box ---- THIS IS A LUTHERAN CHURCH!!
These furry brown critters ... this is what a Lutheran looks like.

So, I stuffed everyone into this box ---- this LUTHERAN BOX!! Put a little duck tape around it ----- to keep the
Lutherans in ... and to keep the goofs out ...

As I'm putting duck tape around the church ... and I hear this rumbling ... and sure enough:
THERE WERE A FEW GOOFS (who didn't look like Lutherans) who wanted OUT!@!!
"Don't you dare box us in ... this can't be what it means be Lutheran!@!!"

You know? ... over the years ... you have taught me a lot.
Look at us ... look at you ----- all shapes and sizes. Different colors ... different voices ...
each of you likes and does different things.

This is your church.
This is your altar.
It doesn't belong to me or anyone else.

And to be Lutheran?
It's about being open ... and accepting ...
It's about ripping the duck-tape off the box and opening it up to "all God's goofs."

So, my friends ... for each of you ... here is your VERY OWN LUTHERAN.
Please take this "Lutheran" home ... and make sure he/she understands what "being Lutheran" means.
OK???

OK.

Do you really think I'm crabby????