

Children's sermon: October 30, 2011
"Fred the multi-colored Lutheran"

I bet you don't even know what "Reformation Sunday" means. You know ---- there was a day when Lutherans and Catholics didn't much like each other ... can you believe it?? It's much nicer ---- getting along. Speaking of getting along ... I'd like you to meet Fred today ----- the "multi-colored KLACKER!! How many of you here are Catholic? ... any Lutherans? (I hope ...) ... Methodists ... any of you Jewish? ... part-time Hindu? ... Baptist???

Fred is a hoooot!! He is a life-long Lutheran ... but he likes a lot of religions. And ... he kind-of drives his minister nuts. He loves to "klack" in church.

Hi, Pastor ... today I'm feelin' Lutheran ...yes, red and Lutheran ...

The next week he tells the pastor --- I feel a bit Jewish today. (Oh, come on ... relax ---- Jesus was Jewish.) I'm a Methodist this week ... maybe next week, too ... oh, I feel a Baptist-moment comin' on ... OK ---- I'll be Lutheran again next week. This is fun ----- different religions, different colors ...

One day ... his church gets so tired of his festive variations ... well, they put tape around Fred. Maybe this electrical tape will keep Fred quiet!@!! How sad. Fred loves to "klack" ... he loves to celebrate different religions.

This morning Fred is walking to church ... and he hears a voice.

"Fred ... I think you should come over here ... just try it ... don't be afraid."

Out of the bucket hops a huge roll of duck-tape.

"Please ... don't tape me shut any more than I already am ... please ... leave me alone ..."

Rev. Duck-Tape smiles:

Don't worry. Be happy. I'm not here to tape you shut. In fact ----- first, this tape around you is coming off right now ... I'm here to keep the church on a firm foundation.

We like our colors.

We want to hear your klacking.

We want you to be YOU. We are happy-fun Lutherans ... and we enjoy all different kinds of religions and songs and prayers.

Fred is free again ... to "be" ... to "klack" ... to smile ...

Fred begins to sing his favorite song ... "What a wonderful world" ... by ... yes, LOUIE ARMSTRONG.

It can be a wonderful world ... when we are free "to klack" ...

My friends ... YOUR VERY OWN KLACKER!!

Go into the world ... klack-with-joy ... and please ---- "don't klack too loud during my sermon!!"

I love you.