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CHAPEL NEWS

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RECONCILIATION WITH GOD & WITH ONE ANOTHER

Each lesson of our current Adult / Student / Youth study begins with a review from one of the Six Chief Parts as taught in the Small Catechism. It is a wonderful review for those newly confirmed and a great foundation for parental teaching application of what their children have learned by heart. It is great refreshment for all ages.

Scripture **(2 Corinthians 5: 16-21)** teaches that *in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them* … and also that *God … through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.* Reconciliation denotes a transformation or renewal of the state between God and man. It is related to justification. We are right **before** God, and our magnificent standing also includes being united **with** God in Christ – reconciled.

The Holy Trinity's gift of reconciliation with Himself in Christ has its effect also on reconciliation with others. Jesus teaches **(Matthew 5:23-24)** *if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.* Reconciliation is both passive and active and is not detached and abstract from human experience. It is the very fabric of the Christian life, of your life – based on "the love of Christ." Please join in this new fall study after coffee break in the University Student Center.

Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High,
The fullness of the Godhead shares;
And yet our human nature bears,
Who came as man to bleed and die.
And from His cross there flows our peace
Who chose for us the path He trod,
That so might sins and sorrows cease
And all be reconciled to God.

LSB *538, "Praise Be to Christ," st. 3. Text: © 1984 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, number 100010152.*

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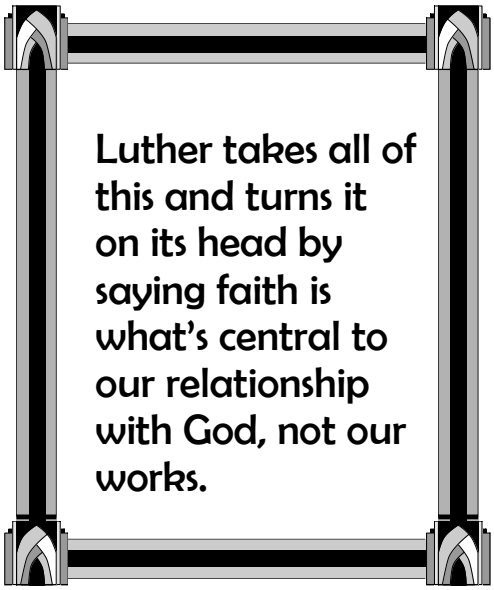
UNDERSTANDING THE STRUCTURE OF THE CATECHISM *BY VICAR JENNINGS*

Looking at confessional manuals and devotional books prior to the Reformation, it's not silly to ask whether or not there was a rationale as to the particular arrangement of the various chief parts. Were they arranged consciously to reflect one's theological beliefs or were they placed in a random order? While most pre-Reformation manuals and books didn't provide an explanation, there are a few catechetical writings that do reveal a rationale as to their arrangement.

One early church father who gives us insight into his arrangement of the catechism is Augustine. In his writing *De Catechizandis Rudibus* (Catechizing the Uninstructed) he follows the Pauline triad of virtues, "faith, hope, and love" (1 Cor. 13:13). Augustine correlates faith with the Creed, hope with the Lord's Prayer, and finally, Love with the Ten Commandments. Within this triad love emerges as the essence and goal of the Christian life. Without love, faith and hope are nothing.

Beginning in the Middle Ages and continuing through the Council of Trent (1545-63), confessional manuals and devotional writings generally followed Augustine's ordering. However, it was done within the context of the penitential system, where there was a focus on Christian life and piety. Knowledge of and obedience to the Creed, Lord's Prayer, and Ten Commandments were tested within a system of works-righteousness.



Luther takes all of this and turns it on its head by saying faith is what's central to our relationship with God, not our works. Faith not in terms of intellectual knowledge but, as Luther defines it, the reception of God's gifts. Luther takes this new understanding of faith and weaves it throughout every part of the Catechism until it becomes the theme of the entire work.

Luther places the Ten Commandments at the beginning of the Catechism since it functions primarily as a diagnostic tool, helping us to arrive at a true knowledge and understanding of ourselves. Since we lack the power and ability to keep the Ten Commandments, it ultimately reveals our need for faith.

Luther continues the theme of faith with the Creed, which reveals the gift of faith. God is not detached or distant, nor is His work irrelevant to His creation. He incarnates Himself and becomes deeply involved within human life. The Creed shows a God who breaks into our situation with His gifts of love and forgiveness in order to create faith in us.

Luther concludes the first section of his Catechism with the Lord's Prayer, the battle cry of faith. Prayer to God in Christ is a fruit of faith, since it's only through faith that we can call upon God for help. Struggle as we do with praying, there is comfort knowing that our Father tenderly invites us to believe so that we may ask.

Luther continues the theme of faith through the remainder of the Catechism, which we will look at next time.

SPECIAL SCHEDULE, GUEST PREACHER, & POTLUCK FOR *REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCT. 30*

Centennial Reformation Celebration! Rev. Dr. Benjamin Mayes will be the preacher for our combined service on Oct. 30. **The time for The Divine Service that Sunday will be adjusted to 10:00 a.m.** with Bible Study/Presentation/Sunday School from 8:30 to 9:30. (As a combined celebration, there will be no Monday evening service.) Dr. Mayes will also be giving the presentation/study in the University Student Center from 8:30 to 9:30.

Dr. Mayes was recently called to teach at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, where he serves as Assistant Professor of Historical Theology. He has served as an editor of professional and academic books at Concordia Publishing House (CPH), St. Louis, and will also continue serving CPH as managing editor and co-general editor of Luther's Works: American Edition (28 new volumes).

Please note the adjusted schedule and plan to attend also the congregational potluck following the Divine Service. Also, please use the enclosed gold half-sheet to take part in the potluck. Thanks!

CENTENNIAL SNIPPETS FROM MRS. BEHLING'S BOOK

1916: "We had hymn boards with the hymn numbers to be sung in our services. We had both Wisconsin and Missouri Lutherans attending who brought their own hymnals until we could ask for donations of old Missouri hymnals."

1917: "A message went out announcing the 400th Anniversary of the Reformation, where a hearty welcome and a great seat await you to hear special sermons on events from the life of Luther."

1919: "We got artificial flowers for the altar so that it would not seem so bare. At Easter time, the treasurer bought some plants and we ladies brought plants of our own to beautify the altar. We also gave the chapel a good general cleaning."

1919: "By the end of our fourth year, with many serious problems requiring much patience and prayers we could see growth in our little church. Through all our struggles we were a happy lot and we were like a large family. We had 335 souls on our list, 145 communicants, 35 voting members, 150 Sunday school pupils and 12 teachers. The Lord had blessed us."

1922: "Our Ladies Aid had 43 members by 1922. We had monthly meetings when possible. We spent many hours sewing quilts for our sales. Mrs. Engelbrecht, our lefty, got to do all the left handed corners. We would sew all day from 10 to 4 with a delicious lunch at noon. We also gave the church a good housecleaning and those women not taking part would furnish lunch. It meant hard work but we always enjoyed working together."

1924: "Every member of the church was called on during the campaign for our new church funding. We were urged to be at home for the solicitors' call so they couldn't be compelled to make a second trip. They would have subscription cards to be marked for the amount one planned to contribute in 1925. We were urged not to unnecessarily delay them because others would be waiting for them."

THE MSOE CHAPTER OF LCMS-U INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TUESDAY, OCT. 11, AT 6:30 P.M.

Dr. Gregory P. Schulz, Professor of Philosophy at Concordia University of Wisconsin, will be presenting at the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) the evening of Tuesday, October 11. His presentation is entitled ***Pre-Persons and Other Bioethical Problems Due to Technological Thinking.***

"Pre-Persons" is the title of a 1973 short story by Philip K. Dick, narrating how the logic behind abortion on demand leads at the same time to the termination of older children at their mothers' will. Beginning with an excerpt from Philip K. Dick's short story, Dr. Schulz argues that this is not slippery-slope reasoning but what he calls "black ice" reasoning based on our current Western commitment to technological thinking to the exclusion of other ways of thinking.

Ways to think first elaborated by Aristotle and the Greeks are noted. Dr. Schulz then unpacks Martin Heidegger's (largely unheeded) warning in the last century that "technology enframes us." Technological thinking easily undermines our urgent need for ethical conversation and for Christian thinking.

MSOE students attending worship at LMC would love to see you at their fall presentation. Admission to this event is free. The presentation will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the MSOE Alumni Partnership Center located at 1120 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MEET/GREET/EAT SEPT. 11, 2016

At an annual LMC event, new and returning students from several Milwaukee-area universities enjoyed meeting each other, receiving treat bags, and eating together Sunday after church.

International Outreach at LMC *by Deirdre Christiansen*

Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.
Mark 10:14-15

The Children's Program of the International Student Ministry at Luther Memorial Chapel is an important support for scholars visiting the United States. These advanced-degree scholars from other lands study in the United States for a year or two, and many are allowed to bring their families. They all experience American culture and our wonderful Wisconsin. Many things are new to them and provide a different view of the world: the language, the customs, the food, and the beliefs.

Designed to meet in the evening, after "regular" school, the Children's Program allows the visiting adults to attend classes at LMC to improve their English or participate in Worldview Conversations. Each Thursday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., the children's class meets to learn a Bible story, perhaps learn some new English words, and meet new friends. The children also like the crafts, snacks, and songs. Last year the class included approximately twelve children, ages 4 through 12. There is also a Sunday School class which averaged five children, ages 8 through 12. Currently the majority of the scholars are from China; others are from Taiwan, Iran, and Ukraine. Having a place for their children allows the parents freedom to learn more about our loving God.

Before my involvement in the International Student Ministry I was not aware how many people came to LMC for the classes and opportunities we offer. From English classes, and Worldview Conversations, to a household goods exchange room, LMC is a huge support to people new to America and new to Wisconsin. As Christians, we welcome the people God sends us and we attempt to meet their physical and spiritual needs.

Each week's classes remind me to trust that the Holy Spirit will use God's Word to bring these children to Him and eventually, perhaps, to the baptismal font. Many of these families have never heard anything about God. They do not know He created the world, that He loves us even though we are sinners, and they do not know that Jesus died and rose to save them. They don't hate God, they just don't know anything about Him. Some families become more interested in Christianity and subsequently have pursued Bible study and instruction in the faith with Pastor. Over the years some have even been baptized.

We are only planting seeds of faith, someone else will water it, and the Lord will harvest when ready. Like foster parenting, Luther Memorial Chapel is given the opportunity to help international people adjust to their temporary life here in our community. We offer them encouragement and friendliness and, in turn, our worldview and theirs change to include new friends. Each week is a new chance to tell the love of God for His creation, to learn that we are sinners but God loved us and He still loves us.

If you are reading this and understanding the words then you know enough to help. If you are curious to see what goes on or wish to help in some way please contact Bessie Fick, the International Student Coordinator.

You can add your involvement to this realm of Christ's mission right here at Luther Memorial Chapel.

Upcoming Event: Pumpkin Carving, Thursday, Oct. 27, at 5:30 p.m. Pizza provided; please bring an additional snack to share.

Baptismal Birthdays

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Rachel Schuette	Oct. 1
Roger Carlton	Oct. 4
Zephaniah German	Oct. 4
Elijah Himsel	Oct. 5
Mark Wieting	Oct. 6
Royce Huffman	Oct. 8
Eunice Peterson	Oct. 10
Linda Fitzgerald	Oct. 17
Gideon Himsel	Oct. 18
Eva Astrid Lane	Oct. 19
Lillian Sagert	Oct. 21
Lauren Genthe	Oct. 23
Michelle Toll	Oct. 24
Tyler Bross	Oct. 25
Bill Osterndorf	Oct. 25
Brenda Carlton	Oct. 26
David Hessel	Oct. 26
Donald Toll	Oct. 26
James Berrens	Oct. 27
Susan Rebholz	Oct. 27
Elizabeth Blanke	Oct. 28
Karen Kosmider	Oct. 28
Jason Pelsis	Oct. 28
Melissa Pergande	Oct. 28

Thanks from Hope Lutheran Church

From a letter of thanks for our FOOD BARREL GIFTS by Claudia Rimmer, Food Pantry Coordinator of Hope Lutheran Church in Milwaukee:

"Throughout Milwaukee we gather in our churches by the hundreds of thousands to nourish our spiritual lives through the sacraments, and give thanks for the blessings that God has bestowed upon us. As such, our Lutheran faith calls us to proclaim Christ and make disciples through the sacramental life of the Church.

"Your generous support helps deliver sustenance both spiritual and physical to children and families. Your past generosity shows that help truly does come from the Lord through people like you. I hope you will be supportive of this most worthy effort again."

Altar Guild

Thanks to all who attended our annual meeting in September and to the two new individuals who are joining us. More assistance is welcome, and there is great flexibility in times and frequency of service. Those new to our work always have a partner, and the steps we take are carefully explained and demonstrated.

The Altar Guild would also like to have younger ladies observe and assist with this important work of our congregation. We therefore want to invite the involvement of those girls confirmed in a smaller role (a Junior Altar Guild). We hope you may have interest, and ask you to please call me with questions or even with a desire to come and see what we do.

We continue to celebrate the Trinity season during October with green paraments. Then, on Sunday, Oct. 30, we observe Reformation Day with red paraments, for red represents the Holy Spirit and the martyrs of the Christian Church. We remember that at times in the history of the Church, the blood of faithful confessors was shed.

Gospel lessons for October are:

Oct. 2	Matthew 9:1-8
Oct. 9	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct. 16	John 4:46-54
Oct. 23	Matthew 18:21-35
Oct. 30	John 8:31-36

Judy Hessel, Altar Guild Chair

Luther Memorial's Officers & Staff in 2016

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Geographical Elder Areas

Don Toll – North 53211

John Galvin – South 53211

Carl Swanson – Riverwest/East Side

Ben Wieting – Near North

Peter Gurneau – Far North

Jeff Hagedorn – South

Joe Bratz – Wauwatosa/Near West

Luther Himsel – West/Far West

Members of the **Board of Trustees** give attention to the financial responsibilities of the congregation and the church's physical properties. Concerns about budgets, maintenance of the church, or similar items should be addressed to the Trustees.

Members of the **Board of Christian Education** give attention to education programs. Concerns about Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Classes, or similar items should be addressed to the Board of Christian Education.

Members of the **Board of Elders** work closely with Pastor for the spiritual well-being of the congregation. Concerns about the Divine Service, service times, pastoral care, church membership, or similar items should be addressed to Pastor or the Elders.

Daily Scripture Readings for October 2016

WEEK ONE

Oct. 1 Deut 2:16–37
Matt 6:16–34

Oct. 2 Deut 3:1–29
Matt 7:1–12

Oct. 3 Deut 4:1–20
Matt 7:13–29

Oct. 4 Deut 4:21–40
Matt 8:1–17

Oct. 5 Deut 5:1–21
Matt 8:18–34

Oct. 6 Deut 5:22—6:9
Matt 9:1–17

Oct. 7 Deut 6:10–25
Matt 9:18–38

Oct. 8 Deut 7:1–19
Matt 10:1–23

WEEK TWO

Oct. 9 Deut 8:1–20
Matt 10:24–42

Oct. 10 Deut 9:1–22
Matt 11:1–19

Oct. 11 Deut 9:23—10:22
Matt 11:20–30

Oct. 12 Deut 11:1–25
Matt 12:1–21

Oct. 13 Deut 11:26—12:12
Matt 12:22–37

Oct. 14 Deut 12:13–32
Matt 12:38–50

Oct. 15 Deut 13:1–18
Matt 13:1–23

WEEK THREE

Oct. 16 Deut 14:1–2, 22–23, 28–29; 15:1–15
Matt 13:24–43

Oct. 17 Deut 15:19—16:22
Matt 13:44–58

Oct. 18 (St Luke)
Deut 17:1–20
Matt 14:1–21

Oct. 19
Deut 18:1–22
Matt 14:22–36

Oct. 20 Deut 19:1–20
Matt 15:1–20

Oct. 21 Deut 20:1–20
Matt 15:21–39

Oct. 22 Deut 21:1–23
Matt 16:1–12
Deut 22:1—24:9

WEEK FOUR

Oct. 23 Deut 24:10—25:10
Matt 16:13–28

Oct. 24 Deut 25:17—26:19
Matt 17:1–13

Oct. 25 Deut 27:1–26
Matt 17:14–27

Oct. 26 Deut 28:1–22
Matt 18:1–20

Oct. 27 Deut 29:1–29
Matt 18:21–35

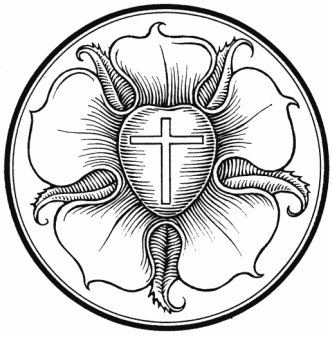
Oct. 28 (St Simon & St Jude)
Deut 30:1–20
Matt 19:1–15

Oct. 29 Deut 31:1–29
Matt 19:16–30

WEEK FIVE

Oct. 30 Deut 31:30—32:27
Matt 20:1–16

Oct. 31 (Reformation Day)
Deut 32:28–52
Matt 20:17–34
Deut 33:1–29



SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER 2016

USHERS

Tom Rebholz, *Head Usher*
Temish Christiansen
Jim Genthe
Paul Hessel
John Kretsch
Carl Schramm
Aaron Siegmann
Prince Solomon
Rachel Swanson
John Swanson
Aaron Viets

COFFEE BREAK SERVERS

October 2 Albers/Cortright

October 9 Hessels

October 16 Galvins

October 23 Hagedorns

October 30 *Reformation Potluck instead*

HYMN OF THE DAY & PSALM OF THE WEEK

October 2 Ps. 84
LSB **708** *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

October 9 Ps. 27:1-9
LSB **828** *We Are Called to Stand Together*

October 16 Ps. 8
LSB **607** *From Depths of Woe*

October 23 Ps. 116:12-19
LSB **611** *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

October 30 Ps. 46
LSB **656** *A Mighty Fortress*

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER

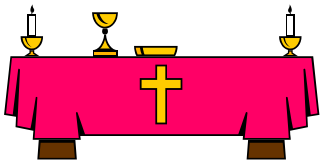
October 2
Peter Gurneau

October 9
Ben Wieting

October 16
John Wolck

October 23
Jeff Hagedorn

October 30
Mark Paterson



ALTAR GUILD

Bethany Bratz

Sheila Genthe

Piera Siegmann

NEWS & NOTES

A Reminder

On the first two Sundays and Mondays of October, we will gather Mission Gifts in support of Pastor Peter Burfeind, domestic missionary in Toledo, OH. Pastor Burfeind is the brother of our member John Burfeind.

Matching Funds

The anniversary-year fund for upgrading our beautiful facility continues to grow through your gifts and their doubling by an anonymous donor. Enclosed is an envelope for that purpose.

$8,810.32 received to date

will equal $17,620.64 *after matching*

Centennial Capital Improvement Fund as of Sept. 20, 2016