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Receiving More on the Lord's Day

by Pastor Larson

How can you prepare yourself and your family for worship on the Lord's Day? Here are three ideas for you to consider. I have listed these in order of priority. You will need a Bible and a hymnal.

1) **Read the Gospel**. If you can do nothing else, just read the Gospel text before coming to church. You could read the appointed Gospel on Saturday evening or early on Sunday morning before you leave for the service. In your monthly *Chapel News* (church newsletter) you will find a section titled "Preparation for the Lord's Day," which will provide you all three readings for the Sunday service, including the Psalm and Hymn of the Day. Again, if you can do nothing else, just read the appointed Gospel text for that particular Sunday. Why is this so important? Well, I think it's a regular experience to become distracted at worship, and there's just a lot to take in on Sunday morning. Generally speaking, the sermon will be grounded in the Gospel text more than anything. Therefore, being familiar with the text before hearing it read at the service will prove a helpful habit. You may be surprised at how much better you can track with the sermon if you familiarize yourself with the text before arriving at church.

   If you read the Gospel with your spouse or children, don't feel the need to necessarily explain everything in the text. Just read through it. Maybe try summarizing the text out loud in a simple way.

2) **Sing the Hymn of the Day**. That same section in the monthly newsletter will also provide the "Hymn of the Day" for each Sunday, which coordinates with the theme of the Gospel text. For example, each week my family will sing the Hymn of the Day for that coming Sunday every day at morning and evening prayer. By the time Sunday rolls around, we pretty much have it learned by heart! That's fun and very rewarding! The hymn will also provide something of a commentary and meditation upon the Scripture readings and sermon that day. The Hymn of the Day each week is not picked lightly by Martha Galvin and myself. Those hymns represent the very best of our evangelical Lutheran heritage. They are hymns that preach, teach, and comfort.

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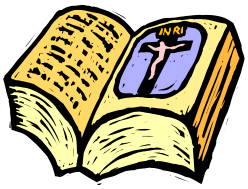

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3) **Pray Christian Questions with Their Answers**. If you go to page 329 in your *Lutheran Service Book*, you will find questions and answers "prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament." The first question is, "*Do you believe that you are a sinner?*" Answer: "Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner." Second question: "*How do you know this?*" Answer: "From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept." The questions walk you through a confession about who Christ is, what He has done, and what sort of benefit you hope to receive from the Lord's Supper. At the parsonage on Saturday evenings, we pray these questions and answers together. It is our way of preparing for the Lord's Supper together. My favorite questions are questions 17 and 18:

   What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins? His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

   Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament? That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

I hope these suggestions are helpful to you. Again, if you can do nothing else, just go ahead and read the Gospel text. You may be surprised by how much that little practice might enrich your hearing and receiving of God's Word on the Lord's Day!

THREE BAPTISMS THIS SUMMER OF 2020

Amos Timothy German
Born June 5; baptized June 10

Lilah Jean Ledic
Born June 27; baptized July 28

Lydia Grace Larson
Born August 5; baptized August 9

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC: *HOPE*

BY JULIE WOHLRABE, IO DIRECTOR

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

One of our longtime iO volunteers, my fellow OSELC member (Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church) and also my friend, Susan Eyer, recently gave me the suggestion of asking our iO volunteers to take turns writing prayers for the "graduates" of our program, particularly those in persecuted countries. This is a wonderful idea and if anyone wants to do this, please contact me, though in the meantime, please continue to pray for them on your own.

Since not much has changed with iO between last month's article and this one, I want to apply the first part of Romans 12:12, "Rejoice in **hope**," and consider other Scripture verses about **hope**. When you read and pray through these verses regarding the future of iO, please also apply them for other very important things in all of our lives, such as our faith, our health, our safety, our families, our friendships, our livelihoods, our church, our synod, our neighborhoods, our communities, our cities, our state, our country, our entire world. Three days ago, violent civil unrest landed here in Wisconsin in our neighboring town of Kenosha, 50 miles south of Milwaukee. Yes, there is much to pray for. *Kyrie eleison*.

Lamentations 3:21-24
"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have **hope**: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will **hope** in Him."

Psalm 33:18
"Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who **hope** in His steadfast love."

Psalm 119:114
"You are my hiding place and my shield; I **hope** in Your Word."

Romans 5:1-5
"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in **hope** of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces **hope**, and **hope** does no put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Romans 15:13
"May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in **hope**."

1 Peter1:3-9
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living **hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you, guide you, protect you, and fill you with **hope**!

Excerpts from the Large Catechism by Martin Luther: The Second Article of the Creed

The Second Article

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

If now you are asked, What do you believe in the Second Article of Jesus Christ? answer briefly: I believe that Jesus Christ, true Son of God, has become my Lord. But what is it to become Lord? It is this, that He has redeemed me from sin, from the devil, from death, and all evil. For before I had no Lord nor King, but was captive under the power of the devil, condemned to death, enmeshed in sin and blindness.

For when we had been created by God the Father, and had received from Him all manner of good, the devil came and led us into disobedience, sin, death, and all evil, so that we fell under His wrath and displeasure and were doomed to eternal damnation, as we had merited and deserved. There was no counsel, help, or comfort until this only and eternal Son of God in His unfathomable goodness had compassion upon our misery and wretchedness, and came from heaven to help us. Those tyrants and jailers, then, are all expelled now, and in their place has come Jesus Christ, Lord of life, righteousness, every blessing, and salvation, and has delivered us poor lost men from the jaws of hell, has won us, made us free, and brought us again into the favor and grace of the Father, and has taken us as His own property under His shelter and protection, that He may govern us by His righteousness, wisdom, power, life, and blessedness.

Let this, then, be the sum of this article, that the little word *Lord* signifies simply as much as *Redeemer*, i.e., He who has brought us from Satan to God, from death to life, from sin to righteousness, and who preserves us in the same. But all the points which follow in order in this article serve no other end than to explain and express this redemption, how and whereby it was accomplished, that is, how much it cost Him, and what He spent and risked that He might win us and bring us under His dominion, namely, that He became man, conceived and born without [any stain of] sin, of the Holy Ghost and of the Virgin Mary, that He might overcome sin; moreover, that He suffered, died and was buried, that He might make satisfaction for me and pay what I owe, not with silver nor gold, but with His own precious blood. And all this, in order to become my Lord; for He did none of these for Himself, nor had He any need of it. And after that He rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed the government at the Father's right hand, so that the devil and all powers must be subject to Him and lie at His feet, until finally, at the last day, He will completely part and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, etc.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date in September
Janet McAllister	
Taylor Paronto	1
Ann Gurneau	5
Rebecca Nickels	7
Louie Sagert V	7
Arleen O'Connor	8
Rachel Baka	10
Paul Himsel	10
Karl Meier	10
Jessica Himsel	11
Molly Pangallo	11
Marta Lane	12
Daniel Swanson	13
Elisabeth Handgraaf	13
Anne Baka	16
Wolfgang Hoerner	18
Carl Schramm	22
Klaus Zirkle	22
Judith Hessel	24
Rufus Lane	24
Marcia Genthe	27
Sheila Genthe	27
Kalia German	27
Zachary Hessel	27
Karolina Hagedorn	28
Steven Paronto	29
Laura Carlton	30

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Lydia Grace Larson, *August 9, 2020*

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on August 14, 2020:
John & Nancy Wolck *to Elm Grove Lutheran Church, Elm Grove, WI.*

LMC READING GROUP MEETS SEPTEMBER 12

Our LMC reading group begins with ***The Benedict Option: A Strategy for Christians in a Post-Christian Nation***, by Rod Dreher. This book serves as a nice conversation starter to address these questions:

How can we embrace exile from mainstream culture and construct a resilient counter-culture as Christians?

How can our congregation and homes be places of respite informed by principles of order, hospitality, stability, and prayer?

The book can be purchased at Amazon.com.

We will meet at LMC the morning of Saturday, Sept. 12. Schedule:

9:00 Matins in Small Chapel
9:30 Book Discussion
11:30 Wrap-up

Please let Pastor know by Friday, September 4 if you are able to participate in this. Will look forward to our discussion!

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN SEPTEMBER

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Sept. 6	13th Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 683	2 Chron. 28:8–15	Psalm 74	Gal. 3:15–22	Luke 10:23–37
Sept. 13	14th Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 849	Prov. 4:10–23	Psalm 84	Gal. 5:16–24	Luke 17:11–19
Sept. 20	15th Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 760	1 Kings 17:8–16	Psalm 86	Gal. 5:25—6:10	Matt. 6:24–34
Sept. 27	16th Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 758	1 Kings 17:17–24	Psalm 88	Eph. 3:13–21	Luke 7:11–17