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AN ETERNAL CONFESSION *BY MATTHEW C. HARRISON, PRESIDENT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

The orthodox Lutheran church of all times and places confesses the verbally inspired and inerrant Scriptures to be the very Word of God and “the only source and norm” for all teaching and preaching. Every one of our 6,000 LCMS congregations, every pastor, teacher, DCE, deaconess and church worker, every LCMS entity (whether the Concordia Plans, Lutheran Church Extension Fund, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, Lutheran Federal Credit Union), every preschool, grade school, high school, and every university is pledged to this truth. Those who believe in Jesus recognize His words and voice in Holy Scripture. “My sheep hear my voice” (John 10:27). “The Scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:35). This is asserted in every ordination, installation and consecration service. Every LCMS teacher and institution makes this pledge. Faith in Christ’s vicarious (for us) life, death and resurrection is not compatible with a smorgasbord approach to Christianity. Our culture has gone mad. There are well-meaning but misled individuals also among us who would like to put a veil over what Jesus says about marriage (Matt. 19—one man, one woman) or quietly snip the “unwoke” bits—like Romans 1—out of the Bible. “Too much doctrine,” they say.

But we are also pledged—every one of us—to the 1580 *Book of Concord*. This issue of *The Lutheran Witness* is all about our public confession. Other great churches are focused on their form of governance (Rome, Anglicanism), the authority of their liturgy (Eastern Orthodoxy), or the Bible over against the ecumenical creeds (Baptists). We Lutherans recognize the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. To be a Lutheran is to confess that the catechism rightly interprets the Bible. And our *Book of Concord* further elaborates the faith of Luther’s catechism (Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, Absolution, Lord’s Supper) in the face of wrong interpretations of the Bible.

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Thus, we confess the *Book of Concord* to be “a true exposition of the Word of God.” One may believe that the catechism gets wrong what the Bible teaches, but he will have to do that outside of the Lutheran church, particularly if that person is a called pastor or servant of the church. This is solemn, serious business. It may be rarely acknowledged and is often violated, but in our confirmation vows, we promise to uphold the faith of the Bible and Small Catechism and suffer all, even death, rather than depart from it. Pastors do the same in ordination and installation vows. “I make these Confessions my own *because they are in accord with the Word of God*” (*LSB Agenda*, p. 166; emphasis added).

Our confession of the Gospel of Christ and all its articles of faith is done in view of eternity.

“Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,” says Jesus (Matt. 10:32).

Luther knew well that rascals would come after he died and lie about what he really taught, especially about the Lord’s Supper. Before he died, he penned his *Confession concerning Christ’s Supper*. And then he added,

Hence if any one shall say after my death, “If Luther were living now, he would teach and hold this or that article differently, for he did not consider it sufficiently,” etc., let me say once and for all that by the grace of God I have most diligently traced all these articles through the Scriptures, have examined them again and again in the light thereof, and have wanted to defend all of them as certainly as I have now defended the sacrament of the altar. I am not drunk or irresponsible. I know what I am saying, and I well realize what this will mean for me before the Last Judgment at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let no one make this out to be a joke or idle talk; I am in dead earnest, since by the grace of God I have learned to know

a great deal about Satan. If he can twist and pervert the Word of God and the Scriptures, what will he not be able to do with my or someone else’s words? (LW 37:360–61)

Right now, we Lutherans stand before Christ clothed in His sacred righteousness. Yes, there are Christians wherever the true Jesus is believed and confessed, thank God. But we confess the true faith in the true God in all its Gospel-filled truth and purity. And so we confess along with the authors of our *Book of Concord*:

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” (Rom. 10:9–11)

With the authors of our *Book of Concord* and faithful teachers in the generations since, we confess the truth of Christ and His Word before an unbelieving world. With this confession, on the Last Day we will stand before Christ without fear.

In the sight of God and of all Christendom [the entire Church of Christ], we want to testify to those now living and those who will come after us. This declaration presented here about all the controverted articles mentioned and explained above—and no other—is our faith, doctrine, and confession. By God’s grace, with intrepid hearts, we are willing to appear before the judgment seat of Christ with this Confession and give an account of it [1 Peter 4:5]. We will not speak or write anything contrary to this Confession, either publicly or privately. By the strength of God’s grace we intend to abide by it. Therefore, after mature deliberation, we have, in the fear of God and by calling on His name, attached our signatures with our own hands. (FC SD Conclusion 40)

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC:

THANKFUL AND PRAYERFUL

BY JULIE WOHLRABE, IO DIRECTOR



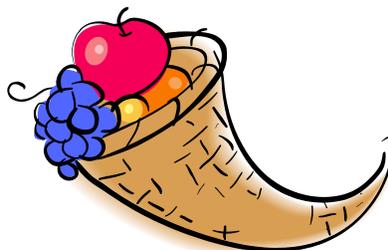
Since the first day of autumn, I have been delighted and grateful to meet with Russian-speaking women and a young German woman. I have scheduled Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for English conversation, where they are invited to come and go as their own schedules permit. I have asked them to come prepared to talk about something that interests them, and they have brought wonderful photographs and shared interesting things. One 80-year-old woman is from Minsk, Belarus, and after living in Wisconsin for 25 years, has decided she wants to speak better English now! Better late than never, right?!! She's had quite a challenging life, and I thank God that He has brought her to LMC, along with the other internationals.

Recently my contact in the UWM International Department phoned me with information about two short-term visiting scholars from Uzbekistan. Two men, both engineering professors, one who is a grandfather of five and the other a young 37-year-old man, have made their way to LMC to practice their English language skills. They are only here until the end of December, and they have no car, so I will drive them places so they can see a bit of Wisconsin. I know that God will open opportunities for me to talk about Him, like He always does! They will also

be invited to my home for a meal, and hopefully, they will accept my invitation to attend church services, especially around Thanksgiving and Christmas. I am also hopeful to meet other visiting scholars through them, or that they will tell others about iO.

November is the month we Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, but we Lutheran Christians, wherever we are from, thank our Holy Triune God every single day of our lives. We all face hard things, in one way or another, whether in small ways or life-changing ways. Some things we share with a few people and some things we share with everyone, but we all can pray for each other, whether we know the details of a situation, or have no idea at all that someone might be hurting. Our Lord Jesus knows! Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all those who have prayed for International Outreach. I also want to personally thank you for praying for one another, and for me, too, "praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints" (Eph. 6:18).

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



MEMBERSHIP NEWS CHANGES

<u>God's Child</u>	<u>Rebirth Date</u>	<u>TRANSFERRED</u> on 10-25-2021
Cheryl Toll	Nov.	to Augsburg Lutheran Church,
Zoe Kempf	Nov. 1	Shawnee, KS:
Levi Ledic	Nov. 3	Andrew & Emily Newton & son
Allison Clark	Nov. 4	Alexander
Piera Siegmann	Nov. 6	
John Boldt	Nov. 7	to Our Savior's Lutheran Church,
Jonathan Hagedorn	Nov. 12	Sheboygan, WI:
Michael Kohut	Nov. 12	Dr. Charles & Connie Cortright
Karen Hagedorn	Nov. 14	
Kathleen Knutsen	Nov. 14	
Kirk Reiter	Nov. 16	
Hans Paterson	Nov. 20	
Allison Pelsis	Nov. 20	
Dexture Iusi II	Nov. 22	
Ruth Paterson	Nov. 24	
Rev. Jason Lane	Nov. 25	
Keziah Wieting	Nov. 29	



DECEMBER SERVICES

Please mark your December calendars now for these special services celebrating Christmas and the New Year:

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, Dec. 19, at 10:45 a.m.

The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m. Divine Service

New Year's Eve and Day
Divine Services
With Corporate Confession & Absolution on
Friday, Dec. 31, at 6:30 p.m.
Circumcision & Name of Jesus on
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Please use the Giving Tree in the parish hall to help Mary-Martha Circle gather baby items for A Place of Refuge. Take tags from the tree, purchase named items, and place them in the barrel by the tree by Saturday, Dec. 11. Thank you!

Donating Poinsettias for December:

We will use green envelopes to be found in the narthex and parish hall to gather your donations for red and white poinsettias in small or large pots. Envelopes with prices for 2021 should be available to you by Sunday, Nov. 14.

You may place your green envelopes in the offering plate. Envelopes should be returned to the church office by Monday, Dec. 13.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN NOVEMBER

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	First Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Monday, Nov. 1	All Saints' Day	LSB 677	Rev. 7:2-17	Psalm 33	1 John 3:1-3	Matt. 5:1-12
Nov. 7	Twenty-fifth S. after Trinity	LSB 658	Ex. 32:1-20	Psalm 31	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Matt. 24:15-28
Nov. 14	Twenty-sixth S. after Trinity	LSB 508	Dan. 7:9-14	Psalm 56	2 Peter 3:3-14	Matt. 25:31-46
Nov. 21	Last S. of the Church Year	LSB 516	Is. 65:17-25	Psalm 45	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Matt. 25:1-13
Nov. 28	First S. in Advent (Ad Te Levai)	LSB 332	Jer. 23:5-8	Psalm 25	Rom. 13:8-14	Matt. 21:1-9

EXCERPTS FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM BY MARTIN LUTHER: THE FOURTH PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER: PART 1

Give us this day our daily bread.

Here, now, we consider the poor breadbasket, the necessities of our body and of the temporal life. It is a brief and simple word, but it has a very wide scope. For when you mention and pray for daily bread, you pray for everything that is necessary in order to have and enjoy daily bread and, on the other hand, against everything which interferes with it. Therefore you must open wide and extend your thoughts not only to the oven or the flour-bin but to the distant field and the entire land, which bears and brings to us daily bread and every sort of sustenance. For if God did not cause it to grow, and bless and preserve it in the field, we could never take bread from the oven or have any to set upon the table.

To comprise it briefly, this petition includes everything that belongs to our entire life in the world, because on that account alone do we need daily bread. Now for our life it is not only necessary that our body have food and covering and other necessities, but also that we spend our days in peace and quiet among the people with whom we live and have intercourse in daily business and conversation and all sorts of doings, in short, whatever pertains both to the domestic and to the neighborly or civil relation and government. For where these two things are hindered [intercepted and disturbed] that they do not prosper as they ought, the necessities of life also are impeded, so that ultimately life cannot be maintained. And there is, indeed, the greatest need to pray for temporal authority and government, as that by which most of all God preserves to us our daily bread and all the comforts of this life. For though we have received of God all good



things in abundance, we are not able to retain any of them or use them in security and happiness, if He did not give us a permanent and peaceful government. For where there are dissension, strife, and war, there the daily bread is already taken away, or at least checked.

Therefore it would be very proper to place in the coat-of-arms of every pious prince a loaf of bread instead of a lion, or a wreath of rue, or to stamp it upon the coin, to remind both them and their subjects that by their office we have protection and peace, and that without them we could not eat and retain our daily bread. Therefore they are also worthy of all honor, that we give to them for their office what we ought and can, as to those through whom we enjoy in peace and quietness what we have, because otherwise we would not keep a farthing; and that, in addition, we also pray for them that through them God may bestow on us the more blessing and good.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:00 AM Choir Practice 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Congregational Meeting	1 7:00 PM Divine Service for All Saints' Day	2 6:30 PM Elders	3 8:30 AM Matins 7:00 PM Basketball in Gym	4	5	6 Turn clocks back 1 hour at bedtime
7 8:00 AM Choir Practice 8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Coffee Hour & Fellowship 10:45 AM Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism	8 7:00 PM Divine Service	9 6:00 PM Trustees	10 8:30 AM Matins 7:00 PM Basketball in Gym	11	12	13
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Future Fellowship Events

Mark your calendars.

2021

Friday, Nov. 19 – Fall English Country Dance (6:30pm)

Sunday, Nov. 21 – Thanksgiving Potluck

2022

Sunday, Feb. 13 – Game Day / Potluck (following Bible study)

Friday, April 22 – Spring English Country Dance (6:30pm)

Saturday, May 7 – May Day Trail Run / Cookout (starts 9am)

All events are intended for congregational members, university students, and internationals to participate!