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Reading the Bible

by Pastor Larson

"Whoever believes and holds to Christ's Word, heaven stands open to him, hell is shut, the devil is imprisoned, sins are forgiven, and he is a child of eternal life. That is what this book teaches you – the Holy Scripture – and no other book on earth" (Martin Luther WA 48:155).

The Bible is God's Word. It is a collection of writings including historical narrative, prophecy, poetry, letters and so on. Through the Holy Spirit God gave the writers the thoughts and words they recorded. We call this verbal inspiration. For this reason, the Scriptures are both infallible (incapable of error) and inerrant (containing no mistakes). God's Word (the Bible) is therefore entirely reliable and gives us everything we need to know and believe for Christian faith and life.

In new member catechesis, in order to explain what the Bible is all about, I usually start with the story of the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). The risen Christ, unrecognized, draws near to His dejected disciples mourning the death of Jesus, whom they thought would be their Savior. How wrong they were to imagine that the death of Jesus was the end of the story! "And [Jesus] said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and *all* the Prophets, he interpreted to them in *all* the Scriptures the things concerning himself."

It's the little word *all* that really gets me! Jesus teaches those Emmaus disciples that He is not merely here and there in the Bible but everywhere in the Sacred Scriptures! Jesus said, quite simply, "The Scriptures testify of me" (John 5:39). Luther once referred to the Scriptures as the swaddling clothes that wrapped the infant Christ in the manger. Therefore, we learn that the main reason the Bible is so important is that it is the source for knowing who Jesus Christ is and what He has done for us. In the Scriptures

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Serving Us

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*

Jason Lane & Brian German, *Assisting Pastors*

Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*

Martha Galvin, *Director of Music*

Julie Wohlrabe, *IO Director*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Oct. 31, following Divine Service.

Lunch will be provided after the meeting.

Rest assured, there will be plenty of room for social distancing.

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we encounter the living Christ, just like those Emmaus disciples.

And yet we also remember that the Word became flesh and dwells among us (John 1:14) and that we receive Him in the Sacrament of Baptism, Absolution, and His Supper. As Jesus was teaching the Scriptures to those Emmaus disciples, it was all leading to when He would reach out with bread and wine in the Sacrament. Because ultimately it was there that their eyes were apocalyptically opened to see the risen Christ and know God right where He wants to be found, in the sacrificial meal of His Son's body and blood.

We learn here that although the Bible is foundational for the church's ministry, it was never intended to stand apart from the life of the Christian church. Wherever God's Word is preached and taught, the Holy Spirit is active in calling sinners to repentance and faith in the Gospel.

Consider taking up a routine of daily Bible reading. *The Treasury of Daily Prayer*, published by Concordia Publishing House, is a fantastic resource that contains devotional readings alongside a continuous reading of Scripture. Learn by heart this prayer to pray before or after your Bible reading:

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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Excerpts from the Large Catechism by Martin Luther: The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer, Part 2

The Third Petition
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Hence there is just as great need, as in all the others, that we pray without ceasing: "Dear Father, Thy will be done, not the will of the devil and of our enemies, nor of anything that would persecute and suppress Thy holy Word or hinder Thy kingdom; and grant that we may bear with patience and overcome whatever is to be endured on that account, lest our poor flesh yield or fall away from weakness or sluggishness."

Behold, thus we have in these three petitions, in the simplest manner, the need which relates to God Himself, yet all for our sakes. For whatever we pray concerns only us, namely, as we have said, that what must be done anyway without us, may also be done in us. For as His name must be hallowed and His kingdom come without our prayer, so also His will must be done and succeed although the devil and all his adherents raise a great tumult, are angry and rage against it, and undertake to exterminate the Gospel utterly. But for our own sakes we must pray that even against their fury His will be done without hindrance also among us, that they may not be able to accomplish anything and we remain firm against all violence and persecution, and submit to such will of God.

Such prayer, then, is to be our protection and defense now, is to repel and put down all that the devil, Pope, bishops, tyrants, and heretics can do against our Gospel. Let them all rage and attempt their utmost, and deliberate and resolve how they may suppress and exterminate us, that their will and counsel may prevail: over and against this one or two Christians with this petition alone shall be our wall against which they shall run and dash themselves to pieces. This consolation and confidence we have, that the will and purpose of the devil and of all our enemies shall and must fail and come to naught, however proud, secure, and powerful they know themselves to be. For if their will were not broken and hindered, the kingdom of God could not abide on earth nor His name be hallowed.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Roger Carlton	Oct. 4
Zephaniah German	Oct. 4
Derek Kempf	Oct. 11
Rebekah Frusti	Oct. 14
Linda Fitzgerald	Oct. 17
Eva Astrid Lane	Oct. 19
Alexander Schauer	Oct. 20
Luther Larson	Oct. 21
Lillian Sagert	Oct. 21
Josh Weisel	Oct. 22
Lauren Genthe	Oct. 23
Michelle Toll	Oct. 24
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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

ADDRESS CHANGE

Darlene has moved to Saint John's On The Lake:
Mrs William Walters
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TRANSFERRED *on 9-28-2021 to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Olive Branch, MS:*
Mitchell & Minte Irmer

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o'ertaken;
For the foe,
Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping
While the saints are sleeping.

2 Watch against the devil's snares
Lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares
To deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey
Oft are they
Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping.

3 Watch! Let not the wicked world
With its lies defeat you
Lest with bold deceptions hurled
It betray and cheat you.
Watch and see
Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm you,
Who but seek to harm you.

4 Watch against yourself, my soul,
Lest with grace you trifle;
Let not self your thoughts control
Nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin
Lurk within,
All your hopes to shatter;
Heed not when they flatter.

5 But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day,
Strength and faith increasing,
So that still
Mind and will
Shall unite to serve Him
And forever love Him.

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PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN OCTOBER

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Oct. 3	19th Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 708	Gen. 28:10–17	Psalm 34	Eph. 4:22–28	Matt. 9:1–8
Oct. 10	20th Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 828	Is. 55:1-9	Psalm 145	Eph. 5:15–21	Matt. 22:1–14
Oct. 17	21st Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 607	Gen. 1:1—2:3	Psalm 90	Eph. 6:10–17	John 4:46–54
Oct. 24	22nd Sunday after Trinity	*LSB* 611	Micah 6:6-8	Psalm 130	Phil. 1:3-11	Matt. 18:21–35
Oct. 31	Reformation Day	*LSB* 555	Rev. 14:6–7	Psalm 46	Rom. 3:19–28	John 8:31–36 *or* Matt. 11:12–19
Monday, Nov. 1	All Saints' Day DS at 7:00 p.m.	*LSB* 677	Rev. 7:17	Psalm 33	1 John 3:1–3	Matt. 5:1–12

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC:
IN-PERSON ENGLISH CLASSES RESUME

BY JULIE WOHLRABE, iO DIRECTOR

"*But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere.*" 2 Corinthians 2:14

It is with a thankful heart to our Heavenly Father that I can tell you that on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, five women joined me for an in-person iO conversation class! In the area of LMC that I refer to as the 'west wing,' four Russian-speaking women (from Ukraine, Russia, and Kazakhstan) and one young woman from Germany sat comfortably on the couches getting to know one another. It was SO GREAT! This class will be split into two groups as I identify their levels of English understanding and speaking, and these classes will eventually be scheduled in the bulletin and the monthly calendar. Prayerfully, they will tell other internationals about iO so that our program will start growing, as God chooses.

Pastor Larson and I made a trip to the UWM Student Union to scope out the situation there and the possibilities of setting up our tables for both LCMS-U and for iO. This is still a work in progress and hopefully, soon, all of our ducks will be aligned *just right* and we can make that happen!

Please continue praying for International Outreach and clarity for the direction that our Triune God is taking us!

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

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SEPT. 26, 2021

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 **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, SS, Catechism	27 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	28	29 **8:30 AM** Matins **7:00 PM** Basketball in Gym	30	1	2
3 **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, SS, Catechism	4 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	5 **6:30 PM** Elders	6 **8:30 AM** Matins **7:00 PM** Basketball in Gym	7	8	9
10 **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, SS, Catechism	11 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	12 **6:00 PM** Trustees **6:30 PM** Response to Critical Race Theory *Due date for items for November Chapel*	13 **8:30 AM** Matins **7:00 PM** Basketball in Gym	14	15	16 **9:00 AM** LMC Book Club: Live Not by Lies
17 **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, SS, Catechism **11:55 AM** Saint Samuel Lunch, Practicum	18 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	19	20 **8:30 AM** Matins **7:00 PM** Basketball in Gym	21	22	23
24 **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, SS, Catechism	25 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	26 **6:30 PM** Church Council	27 **8:30 AM** Matins **7:00 PM** Basketball in Gym	28	29	30 **9:00 AM** Reformation Fun Run & Cookout
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

Future Fellowship Events

Mark your calendars.

2021

Saturday, Oct. 30 – Reformation Fun Run / Cookout (starts 9am.)

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!

LMC Book Club: *Saturday, Oct. 16, 9-11:30am*

Live Not By Lies: A Manual For Christian Dissidents
by Rod Dreher, author of *The Benedict Option*

Are the dystopian novels we read in high school beginning to mirror our society more and more? Rod Dreher suggests that we are entering a post-Christian, 'pre-totalitarian' society. What do you think? Prescient prediction or exaggeration?

Live Not By Lies surveys Christian persecution and communist oppression, making some sobering comparisons with social justice corporate interests, the surveillance state, and big tech censorship.

The second half of the book looks at pastors, parishes, and families who flourished under the totalitarian state (primarily the Soviet Union), kept the faith, and cheerfully bore witness to the Gospel. Learn to live like Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who refused to affirm anything he knew to be untrue, even at the price of exile.

Join us for a discussion. Please let Pastor know if you are interested in bringing treats or preparing coffee.

9:00am Matins. 9:30am Discussion. **10:30am Break.** 11:30am Depart.

A Christian Response to Critical Race Theory

Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford
President of the Minnesota South District, LCMS

Tuesday, October 12, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Luther Memorial Chapel
& University Student Center

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