



# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHAPEL & UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER CHAPEL NEWS



1916 – 2016: A Century of God's Gifts in Jesus Christ

3833 N. MARYLAND AVENUE, SHOREWOOD, WI 53211

PHONE (414) 332-5732

OCTOBER 2022

## SEEING THE FACE OF GOD: ON CHOOSING THE BETTER PART *THE BEATIFIC VISION IN CHRISTIAN TRADITION*



Contemplation of God—seeing God—is the ultimate purpose of our biblical reading. This talk discusses the Mary-Martha relationship through the lens of a number of medieval authors. They all point to the same conclusion: Mary has chosen the better part. When we contemplate or see God, we reach the end or purpose both of biblical exegesis and of our human existence.



Hans Boersma holds the St. Benedict Servants of Christ Chair in Ascetical Theology at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin. His most recent book deals with the traditional practice of Lectio Divina and is entitled *Pierced by Love: Divine Reading with the Christian Tradition* (Lexham Press, 2023). He has also written *Five Things Theologians Wish Biblical Scholars Knew* (IVP Academic, 2021); *Seeing God* (Eerdmans, 2018); and *Heavenly Participation* (Eerdmans, 2011). His main theological interest is the retrieval of the sacramental ontology of the Great Tradition of the church.

**Please join us at Luther Memorial Chapel on Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m. Food and conversation will follow the presentation.**

### SERVING US

- Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*
- Jason Lane & Brian German, *Assisting Pastors*
- Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*
- Dr. Craig Sproat, *Kantor*
- Julie Wohlrabe, *IO Director*
- Anna Young, *US Coordinator*

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Oct. 30, following Divine Service.

Lunch will be provided after the meeting.

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

LUTHER ON BAPTISM, PT. 3	2
MEMBERSHIP   PROBERS	3
CALENDAR   FUTURE EVENTS	4
LMC BOOK CLUB OCT. 15	

## EXCERPTS FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM BY MARTIN LUTHER: ON BAPTISM, PART 3

Therefore we always teach that the Sacraments and all external things which God ordains and institutes should not be regarded according to the coarse, external mask, as we regard the shell of a nut, but as the Word of God is included therein. For thus we also speak of the parental estate and of civil government. If we propose to regard them in as far as they have noses, eyes, skin, and hair, flesh, and bones, they look like Turks and heathen, and some one might start up and say: Why should I esteem them more than others? But because the commandment is added: Honor thy father and thy mother, I behold a different man, adorned and clothed with the majesty and glory of God. The commandment (I say) is the chain of gold about his neck, yea, the crown upon his head which shows to me how and why one must honor this flesh and blood.

Thus, and much more even, you must honor Baptism and esteem it glorious on account of the Word, since He Himself has honored it both by words and deeds; moreover, confirmed it with miracles from heaven. For do you think it was a jest that, when Christ was baptized, the heavens were opened and the Holy Ghost descended visibly, and everything was divine glory and majesty?

Therefore I exhort again that these two, the water and the Word, by no means be separated from one another and parted. For if the Word is separated from it, the water is the same as that with which the servant cooks, and may indeed be called a bath-keeper's baptism. But when it is added, as God has ordained, it is a Sacrament, and is called Christ-baptism. Let this be the first part regarding the essence and dignity of the holy Sacrament.

In the second place, since we know now what Baptism is, and how it is to be regarded, we must also



learn why and for what purpose it is instituted; that is, what it profits, gives and works. And this also we cannot discern better than from the words of Christ above quoted: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Therefore state it most simply thus, that the power, work, profit, fruit, and end of Baptism is this, namely, to save. For no one is baptized in order that he may become a prince, but, as the words declare, that he be saved. But to be saved, we know, is nothing else than to be delivered from sin, death, and the devil, and to enter into the kingdom of Christ, and to live with Him forever.

Here you see again how highly and precious we should esteem Baptism, because in it we obtain such an unspeakable treasure, which also indicates sufficiently that it cannot be ordinary mere water. For mere water could not do such a thing, but the Word does it, and (as said above) the fact that the name of God is comprehended therein. But where the name of God is, there must be also life and salvation, that it may indeed be called a divine, blessed, fruitful, and gracious water; for by the Word such power is imparted to Baptism that it is a laver of regeneration, as St. Paul also calls it, Titus 3, 5.

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS    MEMBERSHIP NEWS    INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

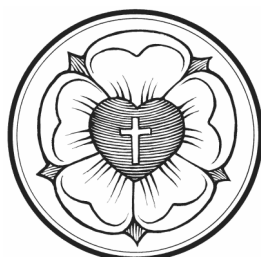
<b>God's Child</b>	<b>Rebirth Date</b>
Roger Carlton	Oct. 4
Zephaniah German	Oct. 4
Lucy Lane	Oct. 4
Derek Kempf	Oct. 11
Rebekah Frusti	Oct. 14
Linda Fitzgerald	Oct. 17
Eva Astrid Lane	Oct. 19
Alexander Schauer	Oct. 20
Luther Larson	Oct. 21
Lillian Sagert	Oct. 21
Lauren Genthe	Oct. 23
Michelle Toll	Oct.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



**BAPTIZED** on 9-25-22:  
David Elliot Bender, son of  
Andrew & Jocelyn. Born 9-14-22.

**TRANSFERRED** to LMC on  
9-26-2022:  
Kantor Craig Sproat  
3503 N Downer Ave  
Shorewood, WI 53211  
405-312-3235

**NEW ADDRESS & PHONE**  
Paul Haase  
Harbour Village  
5700 Mockingbird Ln  
Greendale, WI 53129  
414-433-9308



*“Rejoice in hope,  
be patient in tribulation,  
be constant in prayer.”*

Romans 12:12

*Please remember the birth-  
day of our shut-in member  
Elizabeth Blanke, who will  
be 93 on Thursday, Oct. 13.*

Elizabeth Blanke  
815 Washington St. Unit 106  
Grafton, WI 53024

**PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN OCTOBER**

Date	Name of Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel	Hymn of the Day
Oct. 2	Sixteenth S. after Trinity	1 Kings 17:17-24	Psalm 88	Eph. 3:13-21	Luke 7:11-17	LSB 758
Oct. 9	Seventeenth S. after Trinity	Prov. 25:6-14	Psalm 119:137-144	Eph. 4:1-6	Luke 14:1-11	LSB 703
Oct. 16	Eighteenth S. after Trinity	Deut. 10:12-21	Psalm 122	1 Cor. 1:1-9	Matt. 22:34-46	LSB 708
Oct. 23	St. James of Jerusalem	Acts 15:12-22a	Psalm 130	James 1:1-12	Matt. 13:54-58	LSB 568
Oct. 30	Twentieth S. after Trinity	Is. 55:1-9	Psalm 145	Eph. 5:15-21	Matt. 22:1-14 or Matt. 21:33-44	LSB 693
Monday, Oct. 31	Reformation Day <i>observed</i>	Rev. 14:6-7	Psalm 46	Rom. 3:19-28	John 8:31-36 or Matt. 11:12-19	LSB 555

## OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break by Doyings & Hintze 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 8:30am Matins	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break by Burfeinds & Kempfs 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>11</b> 6:30pm "The Beatific Vision in Christian Tradition" by Hans Boersma	<b>12</b> 8:30am Matins	<b>13</b> Happy 93rd Birthday to Elizabeth Blanke	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Fall English Contra Dance	<b>15</b> 9:00am Book Club: C. S. Lewis Space Trilogy
<b>16</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break by Sovitzkys & Lange 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 8:30am Matins	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Coffee Break by Frustis & Rebholzes 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>25</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church Council	<b>26</b> 8:30am Matins	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00am Reformation Fun Run
<b>30</b> 9:00am Divine Service 10:15am Congregational Meeting & Luncheon	<b>31</b> 7:00pm Divine Service	<b>1</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 8:30am Matins 6:30pm Elders	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

**LMC Book Club 2022-2023**

C.S. Lewis published an entertaining and theologically illuminating space trilogy for adults, *Out of The Silent Planet*, *Perelandra*, and *That Hideous Strength*.

Discussions will be held on **Saturdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m.** We will begin with Matins in the small chapel. RSVP to John Galvin to indicate your participation or willingness to bring treats (262-527-1342 or [johngalvin28@gmail.com](mailto:johngalvin28@gmail.com)).

**Discussion Schedule**

**Oct. 15, 2022: *Out of The Silent Planet***

**Jan. 21, 2023: *Perelandra***

**April 22, 2023: *That Hideous Strength***



**UPCOMING EVENTS  
THIS MONTH**

**10/11** "The Beatific Vision in Christian Tradition" (a presentation by Hans Boersma) 6:30 p.m.

**10/14** Fall English Contra Dance  
6:30 p.m.

**10/29** Reformation Fun Run 9 a.m.