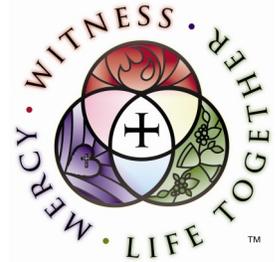




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WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

From the Book of Concord: Smalcald Article Part III, Article III. Of Repentance

This office [of the Law] the New Testament retains and urges, as St. Paul, Rom. 1:18, does, saying: The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. Again, Rom 3:19: All the world is guilty before God. No man is righteous before Him. And Christ says, John 16:8: The Holy Ghost will reprove the world of sin.

This, then, is the thunderbolt of God by which He strikes in a heap [hurls to the ground] both manifest sinners and false saints [hypocrites], and suffers no one to be in the right [declares no one righteous], but drives them all together to terror and despair. This is the hammer, as Jeremiah 23:29 says: Is not My Word like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? This is not *activa contritio* or manufactured repentance, but *passiva contritio* [torture of conscience], true sorrow of heart, suffering and sensation of death.

This, then, is what it means to begin true repentance; and here man must hear such a sentence as this: You are all of no account, whether you be manifest sinners or saints [in your own opinion]; you all must become different and do otherwise than you now are and are doing [no matter what sort of people you are], whether you are as great, wise, powerful, and holy as you may. Here no one is [righteous, holy], godly, etc.

But to this office the New Testament immediately adds the consolatory promise of grace through the Gospel, which must be believed, as Christ declares, Mark 1:15: Repent and believe the Gospel, i.e., become different and do otherwise, and believe My promise. And John, preceding Him, is called a preacher of repentance, however, for the remission of sins, i.e., John was to accuse all, and convict them of being sinners, that they might know what they were before God, and might acknowledge that they were lost men, and might thus be prepared for the Lord, to receive grace, and to expect and accept from Him the remission of sins. Thus also Christ Himself says, Luke 24:47: Repentance and remission of sins must be preached in My name among all nations.

But whenever the Law alone, without the Gospel being added, exercises this, its office there is [nothing else than] death and hell, and man must despair, like Saul and Judas; as St. Paul, Rom. 7:10, says: Through sin the Law killeth. On the other hand, the Gospel brings consolation and remission not only in one way, but through the word and Sacraments, and the like, as we shall hear afterward in order that [thus] there is with the Lord plenteous redemption, as Ps. 130:7 says, against the dreadful captivity of sin.

SERVING US

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*

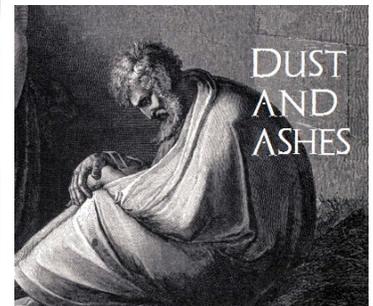
Jason Lane & Brian German,
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Dr. Craig Sproat, *Kantor*

Julie Wohlrahe, *IO Director*

Anna Young, *U Student Coordinator*



On Wednesdays in Lent through March 29, LMC offers a **Lenten Supper at 5:30 p.m.**, followed by a **Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m.**

There is just one exception:

The St. Louis Seminary Choir will join us for midweek Lenten worship on **Tuesday, March 21.**

There will be no Wednesday service that week.

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INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC
HOPE, PATIENCE, PRAYER

JULIE WOHLRABE, IO DIRECTOR



Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,

That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM BY MARTIN LUTHER: THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: PART 2 OF 10

It is the Word (I say) which makes and distinguishes this Sacrament, so that it is not mere bread and wine, but is, and is called, the body and blood of Christ. For it is said: *Accedat verbum ad elementum et fit sacramentum*. If the Word be joined to the element it becomes a Sacrament. This saying of St. Augustine is so properly and so well put that he has scarcely said anything better. The Word must make a Sacrament of the element, else it remains a mere element. Now, it is not the word or ordinance of a prince or emperor, but of the sublime Majesty, at whose feet all creatures should fall, and affirm it is as He says, and accept it with all reverence fear, and humility.

With this Word you can strengthen your conscience and say: If a hundred thousand devils, together with all fanatics, should rush forward, crying, How can bread and wine be the body and blood of Christ? etc., I know that all spirits and scholars together are not as wise as is the Divine Majesty in His little finger. Now here stands the Word of Christ: Take, eat; this is My body; Drink ye all of it; this is the new testament in My blood, etc. Here we abide, and would like to see those who will constitute themselves His masters, and make it different from what He has spoken. It is true, indeed, that if you take away the Word or regard it without the words, you have nothing but mere bread and wine. But if the words remain with them as they shall and must, then, in virtue of the same, it is truly the body and blood of Christ. For as the lips



of Christ say and speak, so it is, as He can never lie or deceive.

Hence it is easy to reply to all manner of questions about which men are troubled at the present time, such as this one: Whether even a wicked priest can minister at, and dispense, the Sacrament, and whatever other questions like this there may be. For here we conclude and say: Even though a knave takes or distributes the Sacrament, he receives the true Sacrament, that is, the true body and blood of

Christ, just as truly as he who [receives or] administers it in the most worthy manner. For it is not founded upon the holiness of men, but upon the Word of God. And as no saint upon earth, yea, no angel in heaven, can make bread and wine to be the body and blood of Christ, so also can no one change or alter it, even though it be misused. For the Word by which it became a Sacrament and was instituted does not become false because of the person or his unbelief. For He does not say: If you believe or are worthy, you receive My body and blood, but: Take, eat and drink; this is My body and blood. Likewise: Do this (namely, what I now do, institute, give, and bid you take). That is as much as to say, No matter whether you are worthy or unworthy, you have here His body and blood by virtue of these words which are added to the bread and wine. Only note and remember this well; for upon these words rest all our foundation, protection, and defense against all errors and deception that have ever come or may yet come.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

<u>God's Child</u>	<u>Rebirth Date</u>
Jack Berrens	March 3
Miriam Paterson	March 3
Talitha Wieting	March 4
Laine Scott	March 5
Ezra Paterson	March 6
Corliss Gnas	March 10
Jana Ledic	March 11
Holly Dyer	March 12
Sara Kreuter	March 12
Zsofia Cox	March 17
Amanda Christensen	March 18
Feng Li	March 18
John Demarest	March 19
Lucia Larson	March 20
Thomas Demarest	March 23
Eric Pool	March 26
Melanie Goulee	March 29
Janelle Galvin	March 30
Leah W	March 30
George Z	March 30



EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes for your donation of Easter lilies to adorn the chancel will be available in the narthex from March 5 to March 26. Prices are the same as last year: single-stem pots cost \$15, double-stem pots cost \$30.



You may place your envelopes in the offering plate or bring them to the church office. Please deliver your envelopes by Monday, March 27. Flowers will be ordered on Tuesday, March 28.

DEATH on January 28, 2023
William "Bill" Henry Buelow



A LENTEN HYMN

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

- 1 Savior, when in dust to Thee
Low we bow the_adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O, by all Thy pains and woe
Suffered once for us below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!
- 2 By Thy helpless infant years,
By Thy life of want and tears,
By Thy days of deep distress
In the savage wilderness,
By the dread, mysterious hour
Of the_insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye;
Hear our penitential cry!
- 3 By Thine hour of dire despair,
By Thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble sigh;
Hear our penitential cry!
- 4 By Thy deep expiring groan,
By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God,
O, from earth to heav'n restored,
Mighty, reascended Lord,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry!

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PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN MARCH

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Gradual Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Mar. 5	Second S. in Lent (Reminiscere)	LSB 615	Gen. 32:22-32	Psalm 25	1 Thess. 4:1-7	Matt. 15:21-28
Mar. 12	Third S. in Lent (Oculi)	LSB 659	Ex. 8:16-24 or Jer. 26:1-15	Psalm 9	Eph. 5:1-9	Luke 11:14-28
Mar. 19	Fourth S. in Lent (Laetare)	LSB 743	Ex. 16:2-21 or Is. 49:8-13	Psalm 122	Gal. 4:21-31 or Acts 2:41-47	John 6:1-15
Mar. 26	Fifth S. in Lent (Judica)	LSB 531	Gen. 22:1-14	Psalm 143	Heb. 9:11-15	John 8:42-59

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	27 7:00pm Divine Service	28 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	1 8:30am Matins 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service	2 6:30pm New Member Catechesis	3	4
5 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by German & Pohlod 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School 5:00pm iO Friendship Potluck Dinner	6 7:00pm Divine Service	7 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8 8:30am Matins 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service	9 6:30pm New Member Catechesis	10	11
12 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Galvins & J Paul 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	13 7:00pm Divine Service	14 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	15 8:30am Matins 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service	16 6:30pm New Member Catechesis	17	18
19 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Doying & Rebholz 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	20 7:00pm Divine Service	21 5:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service	22 8:30am Matins	23 6:30pm New Member Catechesis	24	25
26 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Frusti & Lange 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	27 7:00pm Divine Service	28 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	29 8:30am Matins 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service	30 6:30pm New Member Catechesis	31	1