

October 29, 2017

Announcements and Upcoming Events

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Fred and Helen Schmidt's 54th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

Today, 4 p.m. Celebrate the Reformation

Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m. Heritage Room

Sewing Group, 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays

Choir: Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

November 19, Country Music Concert presented by Ann Brown.



A map showing Goshen, where Joseph's brothers are invited to relocate. The cities will be mentioned in Genesis 46.

Gloria patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be
— world without end.
Amen, amen.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Spiritual Food for Thought

The Bible is the inspired and unerring record of what God has revealed to humanity concerning himself and the Way of Salvation. Hence, if we ask, "What must I do to be saved?" the answer to our question must be sought in the Bible. It tells us what to believe and what to do in order that we may belong to God's kingdom on earth and heaven. It is the only rule and standard of Christian faith and life.

— Joseph Stump, Philipsburg NJ, Reformation Day, 1907. Commenting on Martin Luther's Smaller Catechism

Session:

Class of 2017
Barbara Matlack
Randy Niederer

Class of 2018
Patti Manz
Tim Shaub

Class of 2019
Mark Niederer
Kristine Schmidt, Clerk

Deacons:

Class of 2017
Judy Niederer, Secretary

Class of 2018
Gail Butterfoss
Lettie Ritner, Vice-Moderator

Class of 2019
Chris Manz, Moderator

Ministers: All members of Titusville Church

Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Good

Worship Assistant: Kris Schmidt

Music Directors: Jon and Helen Eastburn

The Rev. Dr. R. William Shaub, *Pastor Emeritus*
Barbara Matlack, *Office Administrator*



"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth". These words are from the Gospel of John and describe our Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and truth speak to two great themes of our life before God and others. The story of Joseph culminates with the grace of

reconciliation. Paul, continuing his defense of the gospel, continues to speak the truth. We are to live both grace and truth. As Christians, we do so because we have taken the name of the Lord as our own.



Call to Worship

Today, we use our weekly reading from the Psalms as our Call to Worship.

Psalm 147, page 448.

If you are sitting on the pulpit side of the sanctuary, please read the odd numbered verses as part of our responsive reading.

If you are sitting on the lectern side, please read the even numbered verses.

Prayer of Confession

All powerful Creator,
You are our sustainer, our Redeemer, our Pursuer, and the Lover of our souls.
You are truth in a world wracked by lies.
You are light in darkness.
You are hope for the hopeless.
You are grace for the undeserving.

We have allowed ourselves to be pulled in so many different directions, We have failed to pause and remember the anchoring truth of who you are.

Overwhelmed by the truth of the gospel, we approach your throne with humility. You look upon us with forgiveness and love. We can't comprehend it, but we adore you for it.

...Let us pause for a silent time of personal confession...

(from lotsofscotts.blogspot.com)



Order of Liturgy

Prelude

*Call to Worship (page 1)

*Opening Hymn / Prayer (page 1)

Confession (page 1)

—call, prayer, assurance

*Gloria patri (page 4)

Scripture (page 1)

Message

*Hymn of Response (page 1)

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Announcements

Prayers of the People

Offering: "On Faith Alone"

*Doxology

*Sending Hymn (page 1)

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "May God Support You All Your Days" Verse 4

*Please stand if able

Scripture

Genesis 45 (page 35)

Acts 25 (page 792)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Songs for Today

Opening Hymns

#151 "A Mighty Fortress"

Hymn of Response

Insert "Reformation Hymn"

Sending Hymn

#408 "How Firm a Foundation"

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Notes on Morning Scripture

Genesis 45

Vs 10 Goshen is a 900 square mile portion of Northeast Egypt, within the Nile Delta. Tanis and Rameses were two major cities. Archeological digs proved Exodus 5:7-13, where the Hebrews were commanded to make bricks without straw.

Vs 11 7 years of famine were first discerned by Joseph in his interpretation of Pharaoh's dream (41:27)

Vs 22 earlier Benjamin received 5 times the food portions of his brothers (43:34)

Vs 24 Joseph's command to not quarrel references his overhearing the earlier arguments among the brothers (42:23)

Acts 25

Vs 1: Festus is the Roman governor of Judea, appointed by Nero

Vs 6: 8 or 10 days: unusual phrase. Luke seems to admit he doesn't know the exact time frame.

13 The first mention of Agrippa in Scripture, he is mentioned 12 other times. This is Herod Agrippa II, succeeding his Father in 50AD.

Web Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6h9-tTA0yg> The Imani Milele Children's Choir from Uganda Would they sound good in this sanctuary?

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm7qRzwTkr0> song from last week's benediction, "God of Justice"

<http://ntwrightpage.com/2016/03/29/full-of-grace-and-truth/> Sermon by N.T. Wright

<http://www.epm.org/resources/2010/Mar/13/grace-and-truth-paradox-responding-christlike-bala/> Blog entry from the Author of The Grace and Truth Paradox

<http://blog.acton.org/archives/98654-how-a-church-in-chicagos-south-side-is-empowering-people-through-work.html/>
amp great story

New City Catechism

A 52 question catechism developed by Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York. For an introduction to this catechism, visit: <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/intro.php>

Part 3: Spirit, Restoration, Growing in Grace

Question 42: How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

Answer: With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

To learn more about Question 42, including Scripture background, prayer, commentary and video from scholars, visit <http://newcitycatechism.com/new-city-catechism/#42>

Editorial: Robert J. Morgan, Then Sings My Soul

Behind his house in Wittenberg, Martin Luther kept a garden where he tended flowers and fruit trees to attract birds. When his handyman put up bird traps, Luther tossed them out and wrote a poem on behalf of the 'blackbirds, linnets, finches, plus other good and honorable birds,' begging the handyman to honor "our God-given liberty to fly in the air and gather grains of corn on the ground." Luther cared for the birds because he needed their songs, and he felt churches should be as filled with songs as his backyard aviary. In Luther's mind, all creation should sing praises to the Lord of hosts. The church should be an aviary of praise to the Creator.

Advocating the priesthood of all believers, Luther wove music into his movement and worked hard to restore congregational singing to the whole church.

In 1524, Luther published a small hymnal. Congregations met during the week to practice these new Germany hymns, and Luther encouraged musicians across the land to produce hymns for the people...During the first 100 years of the Reformation, scholars reckon 25,000 hymns were written in Germany alone, earning Luther the title "The Father of Congregational Song," for championing the cause.

Luther said, "I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God...Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor...Next to the Word of God only music deserves to be extolled as the governess of the feelings of the human heart.

"God is praised and honored, and we are made better and stronger in faith," wrote Luther, "when his holy Word is impressed on our hearts by sweet music."

Taken from Luther's Vision for Congregational Singing, included in the Sing! Worship conference journal, and as mentioned above, adapted from Robert Morgan's book, Then Sings My Soul.

Prayers to the Lord and Author of Life (offered in 10/29 worship by the congregation)

Dear Tabby, Raising Life (issues) Acts 9:36

Dear Tabby

So Martin Luther posted a lecture 500 years ago. Big deal. What is the lasting legacy of the Reformation?

Frustrated in Frenchtown

Dear Frustrated,

The historian and theologian in me is chomping at the bit to address your question. But I am going to bring up perhaps an unanticipated angle: Singing. We turn to Keith & Kristyn Getty to help us with the answer.

Five hundred years ago, in the autumn of 1517, a German monk named Martin Luther began what became known as the reformation of the church through the preaching and the singing of the Word. You might understandably think of Luther primarily as a theologian, or preacher, but he was also a focused and prolific hymn-writer, who reinvigorated singing in what became known as the Protestant Church. How the congregation sang was a key question for Luther; he believed that a truly biblical church would be one where every believer was actively participating in every part of the service, including the singing, celebrating this incredible gospel together: Let God speak directly to His people through the Scriptures, and let His people respond with grateful songs of praise.

Many of Luther's enemies feared his hymns more than the man himself. Singing was at the heart of the Reformation. Luther's predecessor, the Bohemian Jan Huss, was martyred for (among other things) speaking the "heresy of congregational singing".

Taken from Sing! How Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church, pg XXIV.