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Resurrection Life
October 2017

From the Pastor

Singing the Word of God

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the aspects of Lutheran Worship that is usually taken for granted, is congregational singing. Today, Lutheran Worship is known for congregational singing. Congregations sing liturgical responses as well as hymns that are interspersed through the Liturgy. This was not always so. Martin Luther's leadership of the Reformation was not only to reform the theology of the Church, but also to apply those theological reforms to the Church in general including its Worship life. Here are excerpts from an article by Professor Mark Noll in which he introduces us to Luther's ingenious legacy of helping us learn how to 'sing the Word of God (you can read the full article online by googling it).

Pastor James Gajadhar

Singing the Word of God (excerpts)
By MARK A. NOLL *the Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame.*

Protestant reformer Martin Luther planted the seed that grew into a rich musical tradition culminating in Bach.

Let my people sing
Luther's musical practice followed his theological principle. When he revised the Catholic mass for use in the new "reformed" churches, which he did very soon after his break from Rome, the new services were jammed full of music. Chorales, chants, brief liturgical compositions, hymns for daily use, and more—all were to be sung as the believer's response to the grace of God.

Luther pursued a path that lay between two significant Christian alternatives. Against Catholic tradition, Luther insisted that all the people of God sing, not just the priests and specially prepared choirs. Modern scholars like Christopher Brown have argued persuasively that congregational singing, perhaps more than any other single factor, secured the survival of Protestantism in Europe. Although Luther's own musical standards were relatively high, his great concern was what could be called the musical priesthood of all believers. Because God's grace in Christ was for all, all should sing. Because Christ made his people a royal priesthood before God, the voices of all priests (that is, all Christians) should be raised in song. With Luther began the broad, deep, and extraordinarily significant tradition of congregational hymnody that remains one of the great gifts of the Reformation to the worldwide church.

But against some of his fellow Protestants, Luther's musical practice was free rather than restricted, expansive rather than prescriptive. Other early Protestants like Ulrich Zwingli in Zurich and John Calvin in Geneva valued music and shared Luther's belief that a biblical reform of theology required a biblical reform of worship. But these Reformed leaders defined a biblical reform of worship as hewing as closely as possible to specific scriptural guidelines. Thus, since the Bible said nothing specific about polyphonic music (the complex singing of multiple lines of tunes and texts), the use of the organ, or the free composition of new hymns, their churches would use only biblical materials (usually paraphrased Psalms) as their church music. Some results of this practice, like the tunes and texts of Calvin's *Geneva Psalter*, made a memorable musical contribution, but it was a limited contribution.

By contrast, Luther thought it was biblical to use every form of God-honoring expression to praise the God of grace, just so long as that praise did not violate biblical truth. Lutheran church music, as a result, almost immediately created a rich culture of choir directors, choristers, organists, composers, and performers. In 1538, Luther expressed this theology in yet another preface, this time to a full collection of masses, vespers, antiphons, responsories, and hymns that was published by Georg Rhau (whose career included a stint at the Thomas Church

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Ladies Guild October

The Gift of Friendship

... there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24b.

Friendships come in many forms: school friendships, childhood friendships, multigenerational friendships, work friendships. Some friendships are new; others remain solid after many years. We see some friends almost daily while others are miles away.

How wonderful it is to have a friend in whom we have complete trust. One who forgives us, encourages us, and loves us – warts and all. Our deepest friendships are those that share a mutual faith in Christ. What a blessing to have a friend who prays for us and shares God's Word with us! These relationships are treasured gifts from our Savior Jesus Who is our truest friend.

We thank and praise God for the cross-centered love of Christian friendships. We celebrate the laughter that is shared, the conversations that never end, the hugs that give us strength. Whether a single day or years pass between visits, we can thank God that *A friend loves at all times* (Proverbs 17:17a).

Walking with my Lord

Jesus, how awesome that Your love comes to me through friends. Thank You! In Your name I pray. Amen.

LWML Sunday

October 1, 2017

Come and join the women of Resurrection's Ladies Guild as we celebrate LWML Sunday.

AD LWML 2017 Annual Fall Retreat – Tuscarora Inn - October 13–15, 2017

Our next meeting will be on **Tues. Oct. 10, 2017 @ 7:00pm**

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Always Remember your Mite Boxes . . .

In Christ,

Debbie Sichler

President Ladies Guild

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OCTOBER 2017

Fall for Jesus. He is truly unbe-leaf-able

AND

Heaven is No trick and Hell is No treat

BIBLE TRIVIA

OCTOBER 2017 Trivia Question

LAUGHERS and DANCERS ...

What group of people were busy dancing and partying when David caught up with them?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK 1 SAMUEL

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER 2017

LAUGHERS and DANCERS ...

What graven image did the Israelites dance in front of?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF EXODUS

- for all of us at Resurrection that we may all have a heart for those who don't know Jesus, to help everyone come to know the love of God, and become part of God's church family, into an even closer relationship with God, and come to eternal life.

Our Members who are *Home-Bound*: Joe Dunlop and Dorothea Gruenwald; **in *NURSING HOMES***: Harriet Rose; and those with ***OTHER CONCERNS:*** Lynn, Connie, Marie Cappello, Nicole, Kathy, Lee Cookson, Pastor Sam, Ronnie Sowa, Diana Green, John Ulicny, Cheryl Ulicny, Marilyn Lang, Heather Valente, Ralph Valente, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Tim, Grace Serro, Antony Gajadhar, Jennifer Gajadhar, Karen Carella, Eileen Alvarez, Nancy Michaelis, Arlene Novitske, Anthony Novitske, Melissa Samuels, Mike Scarano, Julie, Baby Brielle Timmers, Audrey Jones, Trina Seibel, Peter Siebel, IV, Tom McNeely, Joanne and Laraine Hetzer.

Heavenly Father - Look with favor upon those who are homeless, unemployed, or underemployed. Grant them patience in the midst of suffering and meaningful vocations in Your perfect timing. Amen

Shared Faith Ministries - Dear Heavenly Father, Direct and guide us as our two churches work together in your name spreading the good news of your beloved son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Our Mid-Week BIBLE Study - Dear Heavenly Father, God, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have revealed your beauty in creation and inspired the book that we are now studying. Please help us now as we read together. Take us deeper into understanding more about you and your love for us. Amen

Our missionary groups right here in Flushing, the Chinese Lutheran Ministry, the Korean Ministry, the Indo Pak Ministry, and Glory Lutheran Ministry that God will continue to bless all of these ministries and help them to grow.

- For all of our troops: "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

"Pray without ceasing ... Do not put out the Spirit's fire"
1Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn to not judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall.

When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted.

The second son said no – it was covered with green buds and full of promise.

The third son disagreed, he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen.

The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but one season in the tree's life.

He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are – and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life – can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up.

If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfillment of your fall.

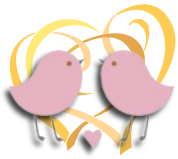
Don't judge a life by one difficult season. Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest.

God's Blessings to all celebrating this month.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 2 Joel Gonzalez
Oct. 7 Eleanor Johnson
Oct. 24 Douglas Gonzalez

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Stephen and Ada Gavora - October 4th
Walter and Wilma Wichern - October 7th

We acknowledge with gratitude the following gifts that were made to the Resurrection Memorial Fund or other funds this past month to the Glory of God and in memory of:

In Loving Memory of

LENNOX JONES

from the following individual:

Christel Schnackenberg

MARGARET MARY CIMINELLI

from the following individuals are:

Gary & Karen Carella

Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near; Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Stewardship is a Way of Life

OCTOBER is Stewardship Month - the theme is: "***Stewardship is a Way of Life***"

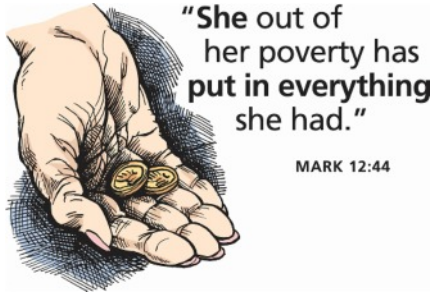
"How shall I be a good steward for the Lord, for all the good things God has done for me?"

STEWARDSHIP is about realizing how gifted one is and then properly using all the gifts - our ***TIME***, ***TALENT*** and ***TREASURE***. ***The core of stewardship is gratitude*** - a gratitude that overflows into giving as a "Way of Thankfulness" for all that God has given us. For most people, when they hear the word "stewardship," they immediately think "its all about the money." But ***Stewardship is a Way of Life! - It's about offering up our grateful hearts to God***. May we see that Stewardship is a ***"Way*** of ***Life***" and that you will think about how to use your gifts of ***TIME, TALENT*** and ***TREASURE*** - ***to the glory of God.***

Please note the following dates:

OCTOBER 15th - STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
Stewardship packets will be given out.

NOVEMBER 19th - LOYALTY SUNDAY
A day when we show our Loyalty and commitment in thankfulness - a way of giving back. The Stewardship packets are to be brought back on this Sunday and will be offered up during the service.



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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost 1 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran LWML Sunday	2	3	4 9:00am HEALING SERVICE 10:00am MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY NO Choir Practice	5	6	7
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REFORMATION SUNDAY 29 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran	30	31 500 Reformation Reformation Supper/Fellowship 6:00pm till 7:59pm Communion Service begins 8:00pm				

Serving Schedule: OCTOBER 2017

October 1, 2017	October 8, 2017	October 15, 2017	October 22, 2017	October 29, 2017
Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely
Reader: Debbie Sichler	Reader: Gary Carella	Reader: Eleanor Johnson	Reader: Walter Hartman	Reader: Stephen Gavora
Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: George Fisher	Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: George Fisher	Usher: Stephen Gavora
Greeter: Dottie McNeely	Greeter: Sharon Rouzier	Greeter: Sonja Munzenmaier	Greeter: Ada Gavora	Greeter: Dottie McNeely
Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg Sonja Munzenmaier	Altar Care: Karen Carella Dottie McNeely	Altar Care: Jenny Gajadhar Karen Carella	Altar Care: Debbie Sichler Ada Gavor	Altar Care: Ada Gavora Debbie Sichler

October 31, 2016

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Elder: Tom McNeely

Usher: Stephen Gavora

Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson
Dottie McNeely

Pastor Appreciation Sunday — October 8, 2017

DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles
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FOOD PANTRY Needs Your Help!

Your HELP is NEEDED NOW for the food pantry at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Corona which serves the hungry in this community. Non-perishable foods can be brought to the FOOD BASKET located in the Narthex of the church for future distributions at Emanuel, the second Saturday of the month

For further information call (718) 359-3289.

Won't you please help to fill the basket with non-perishable foods!

SUNDAY'S -	Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 9:30am Pastor Sam uses Church 2:00pm - 3:30pm Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm
WEDNESDAY'S -	Resurrection Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 10:00am Choir Practice - @ 7:30pm Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm -8:30pm
THURSDAY'S -	Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00pm - 8:00pm Glory Lutheran Bible Study 7:30pm - 9:00pm
FRIDAY'S -	Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm
SATURDAY'S -	Alcoholics Anonymous - 11:15am - 2:00pm

DEADLINE IS NOV. 12th

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Contact person is:
Liane Runco (718) 357-4681

New in 2017!

No toothpaste or candy

These items are no longer allowed in shoeboxes due to customs regulations.

$9 Donation

A $9 donation per shoebox gift is critical to cover shipping and other ministry expenses.

EVA BOSSENBERGER IS USING HER TALENTS TO BRING GLORY TO GOD THROUGH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.

Most mornings 100-year-old Eva wakes up between 3-4 and heads for her sewing machine. She's a woman on a mission with no time to waste.

At the end of last year, Eva's pastor asked her to make about 180 items for girls that could be packed in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Eva didn't have to think long before she knew what she'd do.

Eva is making dresses that will soon be packed in shoeboxes and distributed to little girls across the world who need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"At first it took me a day and a half to make a dress. Now, I can get three done in a day," said Eva, a resident of the North Carolina mountains.

Eva works hard but said she doesn't mind—she's grateful.

"I love it. The Lord gave me hands with no arthritis. I'm doing what the Lord has asked me to do."

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WORD ALONE FAITH ALONE GRACE ALONE

REFORMATION Celebration

Celebrate Reformation Day, Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 44-10 192nd Street, Flushing, New York 11358.

Resurrection will provide a Reformation Supper/Fellowship from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. followed by a Communion Service starting at 8.00 p.m.

Bishop Derek Lecakes has kindly consented to join us in fellowship and Worship and also to be our Guest Preacher.

We are excited to have all of you share with us in gathering together for Fellowship and Worship on the day, 500 years ago, that God set in motion what we now call the Reformation.

Please RSVP to the church office at 718 463-4292 or by signing the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

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in Leipzig where Bach would later serve). At a time when other parts of the Protestant world were narrowing musical expression, Luther boldly defended polyphony and compositional complexity as showing why "next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

To Luther, the reasoning behind this judgment was transparent: "when [musical] learning is added … and artistic music which corrects, develops, and refines the natural music, then at last it is possible to taste with wonder (yet not to comprehend) God's absolute and perfect wisdom in his wondrous work of music." Those who did not see it that way got one of Luther's characteristic brush-offs: "any who remain unaffected [by skilful polyphony] are unmusical indeed and deserve to hear … the music of the pigs."

A mighty fortress

Luther, the theologian who defended music and the church reformer who called for music, was also the Christian pastor who wrote music. Luther was condemned by the pope and outlawed by the emperor in 1521. Almost immediately, he then began to work on many tasks of church reform, including hymns that he wrote himself. The authoritative American Edition of *Luther's Works* contains 37 hymns, 24 of which were written or first published in 1523 and 1524.

Martin Luther and music | Musée virtuel du Protestantis

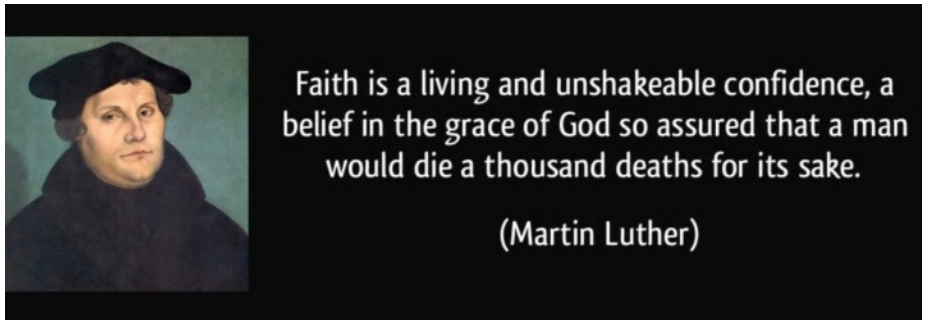
Almost all of the Luther's hymns are tied closely to biblical texts. They are not poetic flights of fancy but carefully constructed vehicles for gospel teaching. His most famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," is a loose, Christ-centered paraphrase of Psalm 46. Whatever the possible connections of this hymn to Luther's own spiritual journey, the editors of the American Edition are clearly correct in saying that "he did not write it to express his own feelings, but to interpret and apply the 46th Psalm to the church of his own time and its struggles."

Luther sometimes modified existing medieval texts for his hymns, just as his tunes often cannibalized existing music (though not, as frequently repeated, from the tavern). Often he wrote hymns to accompany the seasons of the church year.

The Lutheran legacy

Bach was his age's most powerful exponent of Martin Luther's theology and practice. Indeed, the great modern historian Jaroslav Pelikan has asserted that Bach might be considered among the premier expositors of Luther's theology for any age. For Bach, the lodestar—musically, ecclesiastically, theologically, temperamentally, professionally—was Luther's understanding of Christ and his work. As summarized in Martin Geck's recent biography, "That [God] can be found only … through the suffering and cross of Jesus Christ and his followers, is an insight coming from Luther and one that Bach passed down in a great many different ways in the texts of his cantatas and passions but most of all in his music itself."

Theological student and writer Sarah Hinlicky Wilson recently explained why she is a Lutheran: "The only reason I follow Luther, as far as I can figure, is because Luther followed Christ. … The Jesus I get in Scripture and sermons and hymns and sacraments is there because Luther told his evangelical followers to give Jesus away freely in them."



Bible Wordsearch

Wheat & Tares

Wordsearch 262 Matt. 13:16-30

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GROW	HARVEST
HEART	HEAVEN
JESUS	KINGDOM
LISTEN	MESSAGE
ROCKY	PARABLE
SOWED	PROPHETS
THORNS	RECEIVED
TRUTH	SERVANTS
WEALTH	SNATCHES
WEEDS	SPROUTED
WHEAT	YIELDING
UNFRUITFUL	
RIGHTEOUS	

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

FIVE FINGER PRAYER

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty".

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many in fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our 'pinky' or little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others.

As the bible says, "the least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinky should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

And should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight; just remember the homeless family who has no bed to lie in.

Our Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus and in obedience to God's word, the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is:

Growing in the knowledge and love of Christ, ministering to one another and to those in the community, sharing the Gospel with unbelievers so that the Holy Spirit draws them into a faith relationship with Jesus.

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Sunday Worship 9:15am
* (Pre-Worship Singing begins at 9:05am)
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Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

YOU

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