

Zion Lutheran Church

Newsletter

August 2023



Pastor Siebert's Message

Pastor Siebert is attending the LCMS convention in Milwaukee July 29 through August 3

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” LSB 556

Your may or may not remember singing this hymn several months ago. It was the Hymn of the Day for the Fifth Sunday of Easter. What you might remember about this hymn is that it has ten verses. And yes, we sang all ten of them. When singing our beautiful hymns, do you meditate on the words. I know that I don't always do that. My mind gets distracted. So I thought I would do a brief hymn study on this beautiful hymn. The following information is taken from Lutheran Service Builder “A Companion to the Hymns Volume 1.

This hymn was written by Doctor Martin Luther, probably in 1523, setting forth the indescribable grace of God and the true faith. “This Christian hymn by Doctor Martin Luther set the Reformation Gospel before the common people on the wings of song as a **remarkably clear and complete summary of the Lutheran doctrine of justification.**”

Verse 1 sets the theme for the hymn by proclaiming the Reformation Gospel as a source of Easter joy. Verses 2 and 3 shift to recalling the reign of sin and death. These proclaim the Law in its full severity. Verses 4-6 proclaim the Gospel in all its sweetness. Verse 7 is the center

of the entire hymn as it frolics in the joyous exchange between the Bride and Bridegroom. The Christian's sin is laid on Christ, and Christ's righteousness is laid on the sinner. Verse 8 continues by describing the cost of Christ's own blood and proclaiming the promise that His victory has swallowed up death forever. Verses 9 and 10 conclude the hymn by pointing forward from faith's appropriation of Calvary's benefits toward the promise of the Holy Spirit, who will teach Christians to know the truth and will comfort them. Conversely, Christians are to guard themselves against human teachings lest this great Gospel treasure be destroyed.

I invite you to take time to read and meditate on the words of this hymn. It can be considered a sermon set to music. Corinne Mankin

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all rejoice,
With exultations springing,
And with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How His right arm the vict'ry won.
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell;
My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own bood works all came to naught,
No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought,
Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state
Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great,
He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart;
He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.

- 5 God said to His beloved Son:
 "It's time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 And bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free;
 Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
 Was born of virgin mother;
 And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
 A servant's form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "stay close to Me,
 I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I myself will be;
 For you I strive and wrestle.
 For I am yours, and you are Mine,
 And where I am you may remain;
 The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,
 Me of My life bereaving.
 All this I suffer for your good;
 Be steadfast and believing.
 Life will from death the vict'ry win;
 My innocence shall bear your sin,
 And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart,
 From earth to heav'n ascending,
 And, heavn'ly wisdom to impart,
 The Holy Spirit sending;
 In trouble He will comfort you
 And teach you always to be true
 And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught
 Guide all your life and teaching;
 So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
 And honored in your preaching.
 But watch, lest foes with base alloy
 The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
 This final work I leave you."

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July 22 was an evening of Food, Fun and Fellowship. 26 were in attendance. Games included corn hole, kings corner and Fact or Fiction. Roger was on hand to look up geneology information on the computer. Thank you, Doyle and Gayle for grilling hamburgers and hot dogs.

Sunday, August 13 the staff of Zion Classical Academy will be installed during the worship service. This will be followed by a pot luck dinner at 11:15 in the east fellowship room. Drinks and dessert will be provided. We will recognize Pastor Siebert's 10 year anniversary of his ordination.

**First St. Paul's Annual Ice Cream Social
 with Car and Motorcycle Show
 Wednesday, August 2 6:30 – 9:00 PM
 501 N. Burlington Ave. Hastings**

Donations will be given to Kelly Boom. Matching Funds are provided through Thrivent Choice Dollars. Kelly is a member of First St. Paul's since a teenager. For the past year, she has suffered serious health issues and medical complications, resulting constant financial struggles.

Peace Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary
 Mark your calendar for Sunday, Sepetember 10 as Peace Lutheran Church celebrates its 75th Diamond Jubilee. There will be more information in the September newsletter.

Celebrating Birthdays



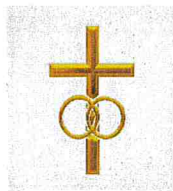
Rena Hull	Aug. 1
Michaela Hargis	Aug. 8
Conner Robinson	Aug. 8
Jayme Holliday	Aug. 9
Rayna Holliday	Aug. 9
Kelly Kiffin	Aug. 9
Adalynn Hinrichs	Aug. 10
Colson Beatty	Aug. 11
Joel Philippi	Aug. 13
Kelsi Alloway	Aug. 14
Mary Buss (88)	Aug. 14
Pastor Ben Siebert	Aug. 14
Eleanor Ehrman (84)	Aug. 17
Jenna Garver	Aug. 17
Bailey Kopisch	Aug. 17
Janice Douglas (85)	Aug. 18
Caitlyn Schumm	Aug. 18
Roger Sittner	Aug. 18
Jordan Garver	Aug. 19
Steve Kathman	Aug. 20
Steven Lyons	Aug. 24
Linda Wills	Aug. 24
Felicia Melendez	Aug. 27
Karyssa Standeven	Aug. 28
Rosie Mittelstadt (93)	Aug. 29

Baptism Birthdays



Alexis George	Aug. 4
Adam Torske	Aug. 5
Emily Hinrichs	Aug. 7
Cooper Meyer	Aug. 8
Rose Henriksen	Aug. 9
Gayle Mankin	Aug. 10
Meg Woita	Aug. 11
Raegen Halbmaier	Aug. 20
Jordyn Pracht	Aug. 22
Breana McIntyre	Aug. 23
Karla Armstrong	Aug. 23
Steve Kathman	Aug. 25
Angela Eckhardt	Aug. 27
Blake Bourland	Aug. 29
Margaret Bourland	Aug. 29
Brendan Johnson	Aug. 30
Harold Kelley	Aug.
Marge Peterson	Aug.

Wedding Anniversaries



Roger & Janey Sittner (25 th)	Aug 1, 1998
Jake & Lin Johnson	Aug 2, 1969
Brian & Tammie Alloway	Aug 8, 2009
Christopher & Amanda Rooker	Aug 12, 2011
David A. & Donna Peterson	Aug 14, 1982
Martin & Marilyn Meyer	Aug 17, 1985
Jim & Penny Pratt (50 th)	Aug 18, 1973
Steve & Cindy Kathman	Aug 20, 1988

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:30 AM Bible-Hymn Study	3	4	5 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
6 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class	7 7:00 PM Elders Meeting	8	9 9:30 AM Bible-Hymn Study	10	11	12 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast 9:00 AM LWML 6:00 PM Worship Service
13 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class 11:15 Potluck Dinner	14 10:00 to 3:00 Quilt Tying at Peace Lutheran Church	15 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting	16 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Micah Gaunt 9:30 AM Bible-Hymn Study	17	18	19 6:00 PM Worship Service with Communion
20 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class	21	22	23 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Duffy 9:30 AM Bible-Hymn Study	24	25	26 6:00 PM Worship Service
27 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class	28	29	30 8:30 ZCA Chapel with Pastor Siebert 9:30 AM Bible-Hymn Study	31		