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## A message from Pastor Quinn

### **Martin Luther: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord**

What would a study of Lutheran hymnody be without considering the hymns of Martin Luther? We will have the chance to do so again at Reformation, but the Pentecost season provides a wonderful opportunity to look at a hymn by the man who said that music was (next to theology) the greatest art.

Born on November 10, 1483, at Eisleben, Germany, Martin Luther's family moved to Mansfeld, Germany when he was very young. His father, Hans Luther, was a hard working miner, and together with his wife, Margarete, wanted the best education for his children. Luther began his schooling in Mansfeld and continued in Magdeburg, Eisenach, and finally at the University of Erfurt. While in school he used to sing with the other boys to receive handouts. After receiving his bachelor's and master's degree Luther entered the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt in 1505, despite his father's wish that he become a lawyer. After becoming a priest in 1507, Luther was appointed to teach philosophy at the University of Wittenberg. After a return to Erfurt and a trip to Rome, Luther became disillusioned with the Roman Catholic Church due to its corrupt practices. In 1512 he returned to Wittenberg and, after receiving his doctorate, became a professor of theology. In 1517, he strongly opposed John Tetzel and his sale of indulgences. On October 31, 1517, Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Though he was called to Rome to explain these theses, Elector Frederick of Saxony refused to let his prized professor of theology go. Frederick was convinced that Luther would only receive a fair trial on German soil.

Luther was a tremendous writer. He wrote many tracts proclaiming the true gospel he had discovered in his study of God's Word in opposition to

the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. In 1520, Luther publically burned the papal bull from Pope Leo X that condemned the statements Luther made in his writings. After Luther was excommunicated later that same year (an invalid excommunication because he was not an impenitent sinner), he was called to appear before the Diet of Worms and Emperor Charles V. It was here that Luther made his famous "Here I Stand" speech as he refused to retract his convictions and writings which proclaimed the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. Luther was declared to be an outlaw and was protected by Elector Frederick for a year's time at the Wartburg Castle near Eisenach, Germany. During his time at the Wartburg Luther translated the New Testament into German. He then returned to Wittenberg where he continued to write and encourage his followers in their efforts to bring the gospel to the people of Germany and beyond.

This tremendous reformer and theologian also spent quite a bit of time working with music. Luther's serious concern for and contributions to our hymnody began in 1523. He desired to make the liturgy more meaningful to the people and to provide a way for the people to participate musically in the service. He is responsible for 37 hymns which he produced in various ways. Luther would translate Latin works into German. He would revise popular religious poetry, paraphrase the Psalms, or adapt texts from other books of the Bible. He also produced a number of original texts as well as hymn tunes. He was involved in the production of several Lutheran hymnbooks by submitting hymns, editing, and writing introductions. Luther saw music as a wonderful vehicle for gospel proclamation. "I am minded," he said, "after the example of the prophets and the fathers of the church to make German psalms for the people, that is, spiritual hymns, so the Word of God may be kept among the people through song." Luther's op-

ponents during the Reformation saw the power Luther saw in music too. They, however, did not think it was so wonderful, a fact made apparent by the comment of a Catholic historian. "The songs of Luther have seduced more souls from the Catholic Church than his teaching and preaching."

The Luther hymn we are considering this month is "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" (CW 176). The first stanza of this hymn was based on an old Latin antiphon for use on the eve of Pentecost. Luther thought so highly of it that he said both the words and music were composed by the Holy Ghost himself. He altered that first stanza and wrote two additional stanzas. The hymn proclaims the wonderful work of the shy member of the Holy Trinity as he "calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith" through the gospel.

*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!  
May all your graces be outpoured  
On each believer's mind and heart;  
Your fervent love to them impart.  
Lord, by the brightness of your light  
In holy faith your church unite  
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;  
This to your praise, O Lord our God, be sung:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Come, Holy Light, Guide divine,  
And cause the Word of life to shine.  
Teach us to know our God aright  
And call him Father with delight.  
From ev'ry error keep us free;  
Let none but Christ our Master be  
That we in living faith abide,  
In him, our Lord, with all our might confide.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Come, Holy Fire, Comfort true;  
Grant us the will your work to do  
And in your service to abide;  
Let trials turn us not aside.  
Lord, by your pow'r prepare each heart,  
And to our weakness strength impart  
That bravely here we may contend,  
Through life and death to you, our Lord, ascend.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Coming up in July

July 4	Fourth of July Holiday
July 5	Board of Trustees
July 12	Church Council
July 19t	Voters' Assembly
July 31	Church Picnic

## Vacation Bible School August 1-5

At *Big Jungle Adventure VBS*, kids go on a faith adventure with Jesus as they learn how he protects and guides them throughout their lives. VBS will be held from 6 to 8 PM, August 1-5. Registration is now open for children age 3 (must be potty trained) to those entering 6th grade. Kids will meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks. We expect a great response, so enroll your child today. There is no charge to attend VS, but space is limited. To register, fill out a VBS registration form (available on the table in the entry) and return it to the church office or call the office at 835-4181. Early enrollment helps us plan ahead, so please register your children and their friends at your earliest convenience.

**Teen and Adult Volunteers Needed!** Through the dedication of our members who volunteer at VBS we minister to dozens of children each year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you haven't been a VBS Volunteer in the past, why not give it a try this summer? If you can help some nights, just one night, every night, or in advance we have many levels of involvement too suit your schedule and interests. New this year is the opportunity to volunteer on a decorating committee, and the sooner this group gets going the better. If you have any props the decorating committee can use (things like green fabric, potted plants, stuffed animals, vines, etc.) please let Pam Krueger know. We will need lots of helpers the week of VBS. For specifics see the VBS Volunteer sign up sheet in the hallway across from the church office. Questions? Contact Pam Krueger, our VBS coordinator.

## Scripture Readings for July

### July 3 Trinity 2

Habakkuk 1:1-3:2:1-4

Psalms 27

II Timothy 1:3-14

Luke 17:1-10

### July 10 Trinity 3

Isaiah 12:1-6

Psalms 100

1 Peter 5:6-11

Luke 15:1-10

### July 17 Trinity 4

Isaiah 65:17-19, 24, 25

Psalms 31

Romans 8:18-23

Luke 6:36-42

### July 24 Trinity 5

Lamentations 3:22-32

Psalms 89

1 Peter 3:8-15

Luke 5:1-11

### July 31 Trinity 6

Ruth 1:1-17

Psalms 145

Romans 6:3-11

Matthew 5:20-26

## Our Shut-Ins

Please see your paper copy of the newsletter, or call the church office for information on our shut-ins.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

People love to have their birthdays and anniversaries remembered. How about sending a card to someone in July?

### Birthdays

July 2	Joe Shaffer
July 2	Hayden Farquharson
July 7	Danielle Browning
July 8	Lovell Kain
July 16	Joe Cummings
July 16	Theresa Lehman
July 20	Ethan Peil
July 26	Don Schwab
July 26	Abigail Ross
July 26	Dee DeLong
July 30	Paula Pretzer

### Anniversaries

July 17 Bob and Amy Lindesmith

July 28 Rod and Annette Gunsell

## Our Central Africa Medical Mission

Do you ever think of our medical clinics in Zambia and Malawi? Probably not. I don't. But in taking down the information from the bulletin board I read it before filing it away. It's difficult to conceive that people can live in such terrible conditions while we complain because gas is too high or we need a bigger flat screen TV or maybe we can't go to Disneyland this summer.

The Lutheran Mission Rural Health Center in Mwembezhi, Zambia and the Lutheran Mobile Clinic in Malawi work with so little in the way of supplies and still accomplish much with so little. Recently the clinic in Malawi got a second ambulance, a Toyota from Tokyo, Japan.

The Malawian government hospitals are overcrowded, badly understaffed and poorly equipped. While there are a few private hospitals that offer better care, the trouble is that few Malawians are too poor to take advantage of their services. The Lutheran Mobile Clinic offers the following services at all five of its clinic sites:

- 1) Expecting mothers get health screening and education from LMC Nurse Midwives.
- 2) Children under five receive routine health exams, vaccinations, etc.
- 3) Husbands and wives receive information about family planning

- 4) Sick patients receive examinations and treatment from a trained LMC clinician.

Because of the poverty that is so rampant in Malawi, malnutrition and starvation are all too common. Babies and young children are especially at risk.

Polluted water and poor sanitation are often the cause of sickness. The LMC clinic sites provide access to a borehole (drinking water well) and pit latrines. Health classes stress the importance of washing hands, good hygiene and proper food preparation of the food that is available. The LMC participates in the international World Food Program and the LMC Nutritional Support Program.

Caring for the souls of the people has led the Lutheran Mobile Clinic to partner with the pastors and members of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. And every clinic day begins with a devotion from the Word of God.

### **A Thank You from the Westphal Family**

We thank everyone at Good Shepherd for all they have done for our family. There is not a day that goes by that I do not thank God for the blessings he has shown us. Slowly we are getting into the new normal of not having my mom here. She is in a better place.

Thank you!!

Bonnie (Westphal) Doepel

### **Church Picnic July 31st**

Sunday, July 31st will be our summer picnic here at Good Shepherd. It will begin right after the 10 AM church service and will be held on our church property.

#### **Items to bring:**

- Your own meat and something to drink (grills will be provided for use)
- A generous dish to pass to share with your fellow members
- Your own table settings
- A blanket or lawn chairs for relaxation
- Summer games or equipment for fun

This is a great opportunity for fellowship. Enjoy!

### **New Technology Discovery**

There is a flood of NEW things on the market for those who like to read. The kindle is just one item to mention. But science has announced a new device they have named Built-in Orderly Organized Knowledge (BOOK). The advantages are many and may catch on.

There are no wires, no electric circuits, no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It's so easy to use that even children can operate it. You just lift its cover! Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere—even sitting in an armchair by the fire.

Each BOOK is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets of paper, each capable of holding thousands of bits of information. These pages are locked together with a custom-fit device called a binder, which keeps the sheets in order. Manufacturers can use both sides of the sheet, doubling the information density and cutting costs in half. Each sheet is scanned directly into your brain and a flick of the finger takes you to the next sheet. It has a browse feature which allows you to move forward or backward as you wish.

An optional accessory is a BOOKmark which allows you to open the BOOK to the exact place you left it in a previous session—even if the BOOK has been closed. BOOKmarks fit universal design standards so you may use them in any BOOK. An added feature is that you can easily make personal notes next to BOOK entries with the new optional programming tool, the Portable Erasable Nib Cryptic Intercommunication Language Stylus (PENCILS).

Portable, durable and affordable, the BOOK is being hailed as the entertainment wave of the future. Don't miss out. Try one today!

### **Ladies' Guild**

Ladies' Guild of Good Shepherd meets the first Tuesday of each month September to June at 6:45. Dessert is served and a time of fellowship is enjoyed. This is followed by a Bible study and then the regular business meeting.

Elections were held at the June 7 meeting. New officers taking up their positions in September are:

President: Marilyn Schwab

Vice President: Norma Lewis

Secretary: Diana Johnson

Treasurer: Joyce Tafel