

Pastor Pete's Ponderings

The Season of Advent

Hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But it we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Romans 8:24-25)

The word "Advent" means "coming." It is the season of the Church year where we are reminded of the reality of Christ's coming into our world. It is a season of preparation and anticipation, not simply for the celebration of Christmas, but to recognize that hope and expectation are part of our daily life of faith.

When writing on the subject of Advent, Martin Luther spoke of **THREE DIFFERENT** "comings" of Christ.

The **first coming** was indeed when Christ was born as a child in Bethlehem - his advent in the **past**. The first advent was when the eternal Son of God took on human flesh and became a living part of our world.

As Christians, we also believe in the **second coming** of Christ - his advent in the **future**. At the end of time, Christ will return to bring his kingdom to fulfillment.

The **third coming** of Christ of which Luther spoke has no single particular time attached to it. It occurs with no portents in the heavens, and no choirs of angels on high. It is hard to see because it happens through the Holy Spirit of God. This is Christ's advent into the **present**, when our Lord enters into the hearts of everyday people in the here and now, through his Word and Sacraments, through faith.

Of the three, this may be the single **most important** advent for us, at least as far as our salvation is concerned. It is only through this advent of faith that the first and second comings of Christ take on meaning for us. Christ enters our hearts and his presence becomes a **living reality** for each of us. We recognize all of the many ways that God is truly with us.

May you discover the blessings of all three of the comings of Christ on each of the four Sundays in this season of Advent.

Pastor

JOINT BADGER-TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 9, 2011

A joint meeting of the Badger and Trinity Church Councils was held on November 9, 2011 in Badger. Present from Trinity were Rusty Antonen, Gerry Koisti, Dan Koistinen, David St. John, Don Thue, and Pastor Gene Peterson. Eight members of the Badger Council were present.

The joint meeting discussed several items: Pastor's 2012 compensation, parsonage utilities, office internet, Sunday service schedules, joint services, annual meeting dates (Trinity on Jan 15 @11:45 and Badger on Jan 22 @ 11:45), Confirmation Sunday (May 6, 2012), financial giving to the NALC and its eastern South Dakota Mission District. Joint decisions were made and will be presented for congregational approval at their respective annual meetings. Following coffee, each council moved into their separate meetings.

TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 9, 2011

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council met in Badger on November 9, 2011. Vice President David St. John called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Rusty Antonen, Gerry Koisti, Dan Koistinen, David St. John, Don Thue, and Pastor Peterson. **Absent:** Brandy Aho, David Carlson, Harlan Olson, and Mary Pekas.

Secretary's Report:

Dan Koistinen made a motion to accept the secretary's report, seconded by Gerry Koisti.

Treasurer's Report:

Rusty moved to accept the treasurer's report; seconded by Don Thue.

Committee Reports:

Property: A new refrigerator was purchased for the kitchen in the basement, to be paid for out of the general fund. A new typewriter was purchased for the office. Both items were several years old and needed to be replaced.

Evangelism: Food Pantry and songs for worship services were discussed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Offerings received in Thanksgiving envelopes will be divided one-half for the food pantry, and one-half for the hunger and drought crisis in East Africa.
2. January 15 was the date set for the Annual Meeting at Trinity.
3. A new budget for 2012 is being worked on.
4. A report on progress of "Get Connected" cards was given to the council.
5. Snow removal in the parking lot will now be done by Gordon Kangas.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be December 1, 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 | Marcey Hagedorn |
| 3 | Barb Ruotsalainen |
| 5 | James Juntunen |
| 8 | Deano Hartwig |
| 8 | Patricia Larrabee |
| 10 | Ron Dickson |
| 10 | David Lee |
| 11 | George Grape |
| 12 | Terry Kasten |
| 14 | Donna Steffensen |
| 17 | Dylan Kastein |
| 17 | Harlan Olson |
| 19 | Brad Steffensen |
| 20 | Linnea (Swanson) Sando |
| 20 | Doriane Paso |
| 21 | Christiana Bahr |
| 21 | Lilace Kastein |
| 22 | Ericka Koistinen |
| 24 | Barbara Halonen |
| 25 | Crystal Steffensen |
| 26 | Sharon Thue |
| 29 | Dacia (Pedersen) Sorrell |
| 31 | Janet Andrews |

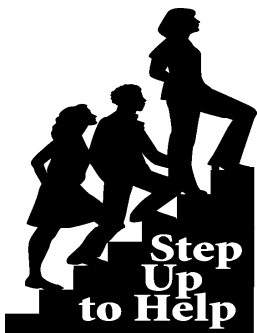
Happy Birthday!

Library News To Share

The Women's Resource Center in Watertown has given the church copies of the book, "Why Does He Do That?" The book deals with angry and controlling men who may abuse family members.

Please feel free to pick up a copy for someone who may be dealing with abuse during this time of year. Stress may mount for people dealing with hectic schedules, or financial difficulties

as they try to make the dollars stretch. You do not need to sign the book out, just give it to someone who may find it helpful.



PRAYER CONCERNS...

- * North American Lutheran Church; Bishop John Bradosky
- * Local Congregations and Pastors
- * People recovering from surgery or illness
- * Shut-ins, those in care centers and assisted living centers
- * The lonely and those who are depressed
- * Hungry, unemployed or under-employed people

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"Special Christmas Meals"

As noted in the November Newsletter, the decision was made to discontinue the Angel Tree due to the potentially high number of children. Families have been given information on other locations where they may sign their children up for a gift.

In place of the Angel Tree, the emphasis will be on making holiday meals more special for those using the Trinity Food Pantry by giving them extra food items. If you wish to donate any special items, consider cranberries, gravy, pie filling, pie crusts, vegetables, margarine or butter, or stove-top dressing. If you wish to contribute toward the purchase of such items, please write "Special Christmas Meals" on your check and place it in the offering plate or mail it back to the church.

Donations of nonperishable items for the food pantry are always welcomed and appreciated. Thank you for continuing to show your love and concern for those in need.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS MONTH

Those remembered in the prayers of the church on Sundays and during the weeks of December are the following:

Dec. 4: Brad Ruotsalainen; Tony Arneson; Roger & Jane Haufschild; Barb Ruotsalainen

Dec. 11: Christina (Andrews) Bahr; Kelly Haug; Linnea (Swanson) Sando; Tracy (Lee) Barlow

Dec. 18: Lynn & Lillian Haug; Bud and Pat Larrabee; Cyra & Danielle Schaefer; Larry Barnett

Dec. 25: Elaine Larsen; Robert & Pam Bentley; Roy & Sami Hauschildt

THANKS FROM LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR)

"Thank you for responding quickly and compassionately with your gift of \$565.00 to help the people of East Africa. (*Note: This was half of the Harvest Festival offering designated for East Africa*). With your gift, you witness to the love and mercy of Christ and I thank God for your support."

~ John A. Nunes, President and CEO of LWR

Evangelism Corner

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

Luke 2:13-14

“It’s no secret that my husband is an optimist. Charlie sees the good side of just about everything, occasionally to the exasperation of the perennial pessimist he lives with. I’m constantly talking myself out of fears, irritations and moods, while he always starts on the right track. He never even has a bad dream.

I look at him and wonder how he does it. How does he maintain such a good attitude? I badger him for answers, thinking if I can figure out his secret, I can be like him. He always puts off my questions by saying with a grin, “Good genes.”

Last Christmas, we bundled up and headed out into the cold Connecticut night for a carol sing at church. As excited as I get about this holiday, I couldn’t resist complaining about the cold night, the bad weather forecast. But the church was cozy, and soon I got into the spirit, caroling out the beautiful old songs with Charlie at my side. We came to **“O Little Town of Bethlehem.”** At the words, “The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight,” I heard Charlie sing, “The hopes and dreams of all the years are met in thee tonight.” I looked up swiftly to see if he’d realized his mistake. He sang on blithely, innocently. It never occurred to him that **“fears”** could describe the world at Jesus’ birth; to him it could only be **“dreams.”**

Tears of joy came into my eyes as I looked at Charlie. Maybe I can’t be like him, but I sure can learn from him.

Dear Jesus, in the season of Your birth, help me to focus on dreams and not fears.

Marci Alborghetti

~ Submitted by Evangelism Committee



Notes of Appreciation

Trinity Church Women: Thanks so much to those who furnished food for the annual meeting of the Hamlin Chapter of Thrivent, and a big thank you to those who worked at the event! It was a delicious meal!

Trinity Lutheran Church Council: Thank you for designating one-half of the Harvest Festival offering to the Food Pantry. This is definitely a mission program our church is involved in that benefits those in need.

God’s blessings on you and Trinity for your faithfulness in supporting this program.

In Christ, Sharon Thue & Barb Ruotsalainen

NEW OPTION AT THE BULL PEN

The Star Card option began at the Bull Pen November 1. The card allows individuals to choose a different mealtime including Monday through Thursday after 12:30; Friday from 12:30-5:30, and Saturday from 11 – 5:30. Individuals may also choose from five entire meals. Included on the Star Card menu are French dip sandwich, chef salad, baked chicken strips, hamburger platter, or club sandwich. Each meal includes vegetables, fruit, whole grain bread, milk and one cup of coffee.

For more information or to obtain a card, call Sue Koistinen at 854-3701 from 8-4:30 Monday-Friday. The cost per meal is \$3.10 plus cash match, and compares to the 60 Plus Dining program which still continues at the Bull Pen. The Star Card may also be used in Brookings at the HyVee Deli; Lake Preston at the J&M Café; Madison at the Country Café, Arlington at The Cardinal Café; and Watertown at HyVee, The Stockman’s Café and The Other Place Café.



Seniors, take advantage of this option to have a nutritious meal at an affordable price, and enjoy conversation

**Senior
Adult
Event**



Saturday, December 3

9:00 A.M.

Trimming the Tree

Come and join in the fun!

More helpers would be appreciated!

TLCW Christmas Party at GLCC

Trinity Lutheran Women will gather at the Golden Living Center for a Christmas Party with the residents at **7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7.**

Please bring a gift wrapped and marked for a man or a woman, and a goodie to share for lunch. Gift ideas suggested by the activity director at the care center are toiletries, socks, gloves or calendars. Additional lightweight decorations are needed for the hallways.

The night always puts everyone in the Christmas spirit! It is sure to warm the hearts of all and bring a bit of joy to the residents.

Class to go Caroling

Students in the Confirmation Class will go Christmas Caroling at the Golden Living Center and the Homestead Assisted Living on Wednesday, December 21. Both the staff and residents enjoy having the youth stop by to brighten their day and share the Christmas spirit.



Children's Christmas Programs

On **December 18** the Sunday School will present their annual **Christmas Program** during the regular worship time. Dinner will be served for everyone following the program. Please note Sunday School will begin at **9:30** on December 4.

Come and show your support for the teachers and Sunday School students!



Saturday, December 24 – 9:00 P.M.



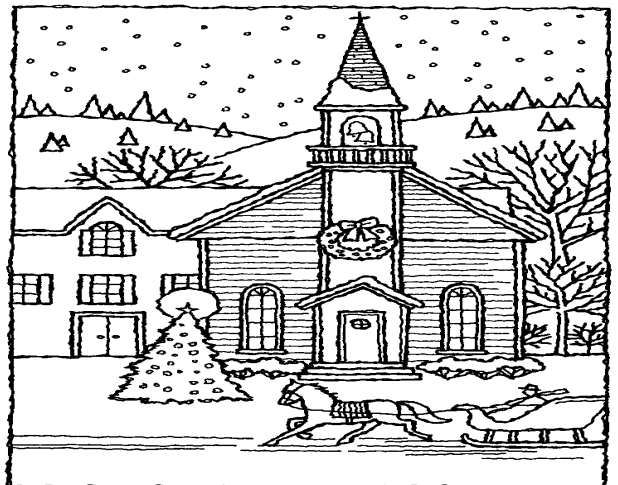
Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday, December 25 - 10:45 A.M.



Festival Christmas Day Service

Join us for worship this Christmas!





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North American Lutheran Church



Regional Mission Districts

Congregations of the North American Lutheran Church are organizing regional Mission Districts in various parts of the United States. Eight Mission Districts have formally organized, and others are in the process of doing so.

Members of NALC congregations in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming gathered Oct. 28-29 at Watertown, S.D., to organize three mission districts.

Pastor Randy Eisenbeisz of Hayti and New Hope Lutheran Churches was elected Dean of the Eastern South Dakota Mission District.

Pastor David Baer of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Whitewood, S.D., was elected Dean of the Western Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming Mission District.

Each Mission District Dean will work with the NALC Bishop in conducting similar ministry to the Bishop in their regional area. They will serve as pastor to ordained ministers, their families, and congregations, and will conduct a ministry of teaching and visitation with ordained ministers and congregations.

The NALC constitution explains the purpose of the Mission Districts as: "Congregations shall join in collaboration to fulfill most effectively the ministry and mission of the NALC, normally based on common geographic boundaries."

The boundaries and number of Mission Districts will remain flexible to best serve mission on the local level as the NALC continues to grow.

Convocations to be in Minnesota

Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, Minn., (a suburb of Minneapolis) has been chosen as the site for the Convocations of the North American Lutheran Church and Lutheran CORE. The NALC Executive Council approved the location and schedule at its October meeting.

The 2012 NALC convocation will be Thursday and Friday, August 16-17. Lutheran CORE's Convocation is Tuesday, August 14.

A joint NALC-Lutheran CORE Theological Conference is held between the two Convocations. The 2012 theological conference will focus on Law and Gospel.

EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA MISSION DISTRICT FORMED

Eastern South Dakota will be one mission district, with Pastor Randy Eisenbeisz as the Dean. Pastor Gene Peterson was elected as a clergy member on the district council.

It was a joy to hear Bishop John Bradosky speak about the mission of the church, and the direction it needs to take. He has a heart for reaching people with the Gospel.

Members of Trinity attended the conference, and also the meeting on the NALC women's organization being formed. Emphasis in the women's meeting was on doing what works for the local congregation, continuing a "mission" emphasis, and recognizing all generations in the congregation.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT EAST AFRICA

By Jonathan Ernst

I recently returned from Dadaab, Kenya, where Lutheran World Relief is helping to support the monumental effort by Lutheran World Federation to manage virtually all the goings-on at the world's largest refugee camp.

The people I met and the things I saw are featured throughout this newsletter. Unfortunately, from what I see, the stories of the millions of people affected by the ongoing East Africa drought are fading from media spotlight, even though the crisis wears on.

One night in August, during my stay in Dadaab, I met a crew of broadcast producers and technicians at the United Nations offices in Kenya who had planned to rotate in for a month to provide satellite access to the international news media. After just four days they left — the news crews had gone elsewhere and they were no longer needed in Dadaab.

As people of faith, we are called to keep this story alive, through our prayers and our collective support of a sustainable response to drought and hunger in East Africa.

So I implore you: don't forget about East Africa. There are so many in need of help.

Don't forget about Fatuma Ahmed Mahmoud, a mother of four living in the Hagadera camp outskirts with her four children. Her husband was murdered three years ago in Somalia while trying to herd his livestock. "He was a good man," Fatuma says. "A herder trying to support his family."

Unable to feed her children amid drought conditions, Fatuma fled to Dadaab. LWR and LWF look out for vulnerable families like hers, along with other groups, like unaccompanied children and the elderly.

Don't forget about Ahmed and his family. Back in Somalia they, too, herded cattle but the animals are



now long dead. To get to Dadaab, his family sold everything they owned. When they arrived they fell prey to a scammer who "sold" them land at Dadaab, supposedly to avoid eviction. They gave the scammer everything they had left. LWR and LWF are working hard to let every new arrival know that all services offered are free of charge.

And don't forget about Nuradin, a longtime resident of Dadaab who was orphaned at just 13 by violence in his Somali village. A neighboring family brought him to Dadaab, but he was left on his own when they resettled in the U.S. Now a tailor, he and other longtime residents are opening their hearts and humble homes to new arrivals, knowing all too well the fear and uncertainty they feel.

But if we don't do something to address the hunger that plagues this region, sadly, today's new arrivals will be returning that favor to others someday.

So don't forget about this crisis. And don't forget that there is so much that you can do to help — not only for survival today, but to pave a path to a better future.

Lutheran World Relief will stay with the people of East Africa for "the long haul," walking and working with families to overcome drought, rising food costs and other barriers to self-sufficiency.

And so I ask one last time. Don't forget about the people of East Africa. You may not see their stories on the news, but millions remain in need of your compassion. Join LWR in responding to their needs.

Jonathan Ernst is a photographer and journalist who traveled to Dadaab, Kenya for Lutheran World Relief.

Thoughts for the Season



“The gift God gave the world is sometimes lost amid all the tinsel and jingle. Some of us need the admonition of a little girl, when her parents were setting up a Christmas crèche. She said only, ‘Make sure Jesus shows.’”

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“Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

~ Isaiah 9:6

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*“Bless us, Lord,
this Christmas
With quietness of mind;
Teach us to be patient
And always to be kind.
~ Helen Steiner Rice*

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*“He who has not Christmas
in his heart... will never find it
under a tree.” ~ Roy L. Smith*

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*“Love was born...
on Christmas morn.”*

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Jesus is the Reason

In Bethlehem, God gave to us
The source of Christmas joy;
A star shown on a miracle;
The virgin birth of a boy.
He was born both God and man,
A Savior for us all,
The way to get to our heavenly home,
If we just heed His call.
So as we shop and spend and wrap
And enjoy the Christmas season,
Let's keep in mind the sacred truth:
Jesus is the reason.

~ Joanna Fuchs

Christmas brings:

- Heaven to earth,
- Song to silence,
- Hope to anxiety, and
- People to each other in God's love.

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*“Those who give with joy.....
find that joy is their reward.”*

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The Miracle of Christmas

Things to Thank God for in Every Season

- A heart full of joy
- The gift of faith
- Blessings to share
- Friends and family to love
- The miracle of Jesus,
God's amazing grace!

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*“When God saw the bruised world at his
doorstep, he knew what they needed. The
world thought they needed THINGS, but
God gave them:*

- A Baby to love
- A Man to follow
- A Savior to worship,
- A Life to share.”

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*“There are some of us who think to our-
selves, ‘If only I had been there! How
quick I would have been to help the Baby. I
would have washed His linen. How happy I
would have been to go with the shepherds
to see the Lord lying in the manger!’ If we
had been there at that time, we would have
done no better than the people of Bethle-
hem...Why don't we do it now? We have
Christ in our neighbor.” ~ Martin Luther*

The reading of the Holy Scriptures is central to Christian worship

By Pastor Michael G. Tavella

The Father sent the Word into the world as His supreme self-revelation. The Gospel of John tells us that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us to give us life and light. The Word is the Son of God, Second Person of the Holy Trinity, co-equal in divinity with the Father and the Holy Spirit. We affirm in the Nicene Creed that the Son is one Being with the Father and is eternally begotten of Him.

The Word is also the reading of the Scriptures in worship and preaching. The evangelical preacher is called upon rightly to divide the Word between the Law and the Gospel so that repentance of sin, forgiveness, and strengthening of faith may occur. The Holy Spirit uses the Word and the Sacraments, which are the Word together with material signs, to create and sustain faith. St. Paul tells us that the Word is the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). Finally, the written text itself, the canon (a term that refers to the books accepted by the Church as Scripture) of the Old and New Testament, is the Word of God.

This threefold description of the Word is common in Lutheran circles. It is derived from Luther's own theology of the Word and the Confessions of the evangelical Lutheran Church.

Luther emphasized the centrality of the Word of God, which he thought (and was right in his assessment) had been neglected and distorted in the life of the Church. He translated the Bible into German, his native tongue; wrote *Church Postils* that provided and still can provide guidance for sermon preparation; and preached often. He stood on the foundation of the Word of God and on it alone in all his teaching, preaching, and writing. He insisted that all essential doctrines of the Church must derive from, and not contradict, the Holy Scriptures. The confessional Lutheran view of the Holy Scriptures is stated in the *Epitome of The Formula of Concord*, Part I of the last of the Lutheran Confessions, "We believe, teach, and confess that the prophetic and apostolic writings of the Old and New Testaments are the only rule and norm according to which all

doctrines and teachers alike must be appraised and judged . . ."

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the Isaiah scroll, asserting when He had finished, that this Scripture is fulfilled in Him. He is the One anointed by the Spirit to bring the Good News that God has come to save His people. The reading of the Old Testament Scriptures in the Church, written in Hebrew with a few instances of Aramaic, derives from the practice of the synagogue. The early Christian Church understood the Old Testament as revealing Christ. When Christians gathered, the Old Testament was read, as in the synagogue. Apostolic letters and other works that were available to them were also read. It was during the early centuries of the Church that the New Testament canon was in formation.

The hearing of the Scriptures then is central to the worship of the Church. In a Lutheran congregation, a lesson is read from the Old Testament (except in the Easter season when the reading is from the book of Acts); from the New Testament, and from one of the four Gospels. A psalm provides an intervenient chant between the first two lessons. The Gradual (coming from the Latin word *gradus* for step, because it was sung from steps in the sanctuary) or Gospel Acclamation, both Scripturally based, provide the bridge to the reading of the Gospel.

Because of its special place of honor in worship, the Gospel is preceded and succeeded by the acclamations of the worshiping community, first *Gloria tibi, Domine*, "Glory to You, O Lord", and afterwards, *Laus tibi, Christe*, "Praise to You, O Christ." Some pastors, when announcing the Gospel, lift up the book from which this lesson is read to show the honor due it and to bring by ritual action this very important moment to the attention of the congregation.

Either a Bible or a lectionary book with all three lessons for every Sunday of the Church year and for festivals is provided on the lectern and the pulpit for

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Reading of Holy Scriptures... Continued

readers. A lay reader usually reads the first and second lessons. The pastor reads the Gospel and preaches immediately following this climactic Scripture.

The sermon should be rooted in the Scriptures just read. It is the responsibility of the preacher to reflect on the texts and preach from them, rightly dividing Law and Gospel, to a congregation hungering for spiritual refreshment in the midst of the many challenges and difficulties the people face.

The Scriptures should be read so that the people can clearly hear what is being said. Readers should be practiced in the fundamentals of public speaking, which include projected voice, good diction, and clear enunciation. Proper pronunciation of words and names of another language, i.e. Hebrew and Greek, should be well rehearsed.

I remember a lay reader in a parish I served who failed to look at the text before having to read. It was on Pentecost Sunday when he looked too late at all those place names in the lesson from Acts 2 where the descent of the Spirit on the disciples and the amazement of the crowd are described. Realizing his dilemma, in good humor, and desperation, instead of struggling through all of the difficult names, he finally said, “. . . and all those other places.”

It is best if the people listen to the Word without following the written text, though access to the text on an insert or in the bulletin itself is helpful for reference during sermons and for personal reflection.

The translation to be used is often a question that is raised. At one time, the Authorized Version, also known as the King James Version, was *the* version read in Protestant churches and is still used in some. Now we are faced with a host of translations. What should be used? Guidelines should include faithfulness to the Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament) texts and the quality of the English translation. The basic question is, does the text provide a faithful translation in good modern English?

Paraphrases of the Bible should be avoided in public reading, and also in private reading and Bible studies. In fact, they should be avoided at all times. Paraphrases are more interpretations than translations of the text. Translations with ideological

preferences are to be avoided at all costs. An ideological preference is indicated when, for example, the text avoids “He” for God, when the translation should render the pronoun “He”.

In some Protestant churches the Scriptures are read only in conjunction with the preaching of the sermon. I have heard very good evangelical sermons and participated in respectful worship in these churches; nonetheless, this practice is a downplaying of the importance of the reading of Scriptures in worship. In an evangelical Lutheran Church, this practice should never occur.

Let us not adopt questionable practices that do not reflect our worship tradition. It is true, as Luther teaches us, that we have evangelical freedom with regard to things indifferent (adiaphora). But, we must remember that good order, which Luther also teaches, should prevail. And we must also remember what is essential in worship. Luther vehemently criticized “heavenly prophets” like Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt for their disorderliness which negatively affected their views regarding worship. We must remember that Luther and other evangelical theologians set out on a conservative reform of the Church. The reformers desired to retain tradition and good practice where it did not contradict the Holy Scriptures. Many practices of the Western Church were preserved by Luther and others to the benefit of the Church of the Augsburg Confession. We Lutherans treasure the “Great Tradition” of the Church which took form through its history, especially during the first seven or eight centuries. We are the beneficiaries of this perspective and, as evangelical Lutherans, are entrusted with passing on this legacy. Time-tested practice will endure; fads will fade and disappear.

There is no doubt that with the reading of three lessons in the Liturgy and the emphasis on the importance of preaching, the Word holds a central place in our worship practice. May respect for the Word, its authority, and place in worship also hold a central place in our hearts and minds.

Next month we begin to look at the Biblical infrastructure of the order for public confession and the entrance rite.

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