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Martin Luther's Definition of Faith

An excerpt from "An Introduction to St. Paul's Letter to the Romans,"

Luther's German Bible of 1522 by Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Translated by Rev. Robert E. Smith

from DR. MARTIN LUTHER'S VERMISCHTE DEUTSCHE SCHRIFTEN.

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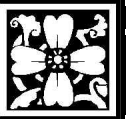


Faith is not what some people think it is. Their human dream is a delusion. Because they observe that faith is not followed by good works or a better life, they fall into error, even though they speak and hear much about faith. "Faith is not enough," they say, "You must do good works, you must be pious to be saved." They think that, when you hear the gospel, you start working, creating by your own strength a thankful heart which says, "I believe." That is what they think true faith is. But, because this is a human idea, a dream, the heart never learns anything from it, so it does nothing and reform doesn't come from this 'faith,' either.

Instead, faith is God's work in us, that changes us and gives new birth from God. (John 1:13). It kills the Old Adam and makes us completely different people. It changes our hearts, our spirits, our thoughts and all our powers. It brings the Holy Spirit with it. Yes, it is a living, creative, active and powerful thing, this faith. Faith cannot help doing good works constantly. It doesn't stop to ask if good works ought to be done, but before anyone asks, it already has done them and continues to do them without ceasing. Anyone who does not do good works in this manner is an unbeliever. He stumbles around and looks for faith and good works, even though he does not know what faith or good works are. Yet he gossips and chatters about faith and good works with many words.

Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain of God's favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Such confidence and knowledge of God's grace makes you happy, joyful and bold in your relationship to God and all creatures. The Holy Spirit makes this happen through faith. Because of it, you freely, willingly and joyfully do good to everyone, serve everyone, suffer all kinds of things, love and praise the God who has shown you such grace. Thus, it is just as impossible to separate faith and works as it is to separate heat and light from fire! Therefore, watch out for your own false ideas and guard against good-for-nothing gossips, who think they're smart enough to define faith and works, but really are the greatest of fools. Ask God to work faith in you, or you will remain forever without faith, no matter what you wish, say or can do.

This text was translated for Project Wittenberg
by Rev. Robert E. Smith



Symphony

Ne'er disdain a cooling breeze on summer days
Although some express hunger for sun's rays.
The shadows of waving branches flicker on wall
Therefore look and rejoice as if in cathedral hall.
Just pause and think if the wind would cease,
Humanity would humbly, mayhap, seek to lease
Shelter beneath the dignity of spreading tree
Or scramble for the cooling waves of raring sea.
Let your mind and heart ne'er rescind
The gifts lent by God's traveling wind.
What we take for granted and do not appreciate
And leave us gasping and desperate,
Longing for what has gone from us.
Take not nature's kindness thus
But open thine soul to benefits sent
To us —mortals to whom has been lent
Such pleasures found on no other planet.
Centuries pass and naught but dust and granite
Cover the face of those twinkling stars
Who look down on us from afar.
Man has developed through the ages
Inspired and filling the collective pages
Of Time's book and celestial symphony.
Which fills our lives with pleasant harmony.

Godliness

God lives in the minds of men
Who by strokes of inspiration's pen
Create a melody so dear and rare
We could for nothing else care.
Like a smooth flowing stream
Or by night like glow of moon beam,
It rises to the throne of heaven.
The sound of a great amen
Enthralls mighty and small
And makes small men grow tall.
I would that upon my ascent
My way would be made pleasant
By the elegy of a song so pure
I could see that beauty fine and sure.

Memory's Chamber

A voice sweet as robin's call
Or a flute held by spectral hand
And blown soft as wind's entreaty
Kisses me with its breath.
Over the earth long since bereft of my step,
I would urge my eager way.
The grass long grown high and rebellious
Stands mutely in congress with wild flowers.
Golden, rosy and purple blooms mingle.
My feet so cruelly force their faces aside
But they decline to remain pressed away
And like me, do not refute beauty's existence.
Long in memory's chamber is their essence.
Did God keep them blooming in undisturbed fragility
Concealed like His remote modest treasure?
Find them on that isle lying in fragrant harvest.
Make of this revelation a miracle long sought.
This is the noble of nature's stature.
Is there one jealous of the triumph given
Who would destroy the humble joy thus discovered?

Valor

In honor of our men of Courage

How can strength be explained?
It is not by bulge of muscle.
It is not by extraordinary effort.
It can't be bought.
It can't be taught.
Does it perceive that unconscious effort be
maintained?
Is there a reward at its conclusion?
Does a hero's eyes see that which is unseen by
another?
Does pain, injury, impending death intrude?
Does the plateau of ground, territory or beach affect?
Does a distant image approach and command with its
image?
Is it (as some surmise) just because of unexpected
courage?
If none of these suppositions apply, let it be know that
God's holy light illumines the paths of glory!



A big THANK YOU to **Mrs. Melissa Miller** for her three years of service to our preschool. Mrs. Miller will not be teaching this fall as she will be resuming college courses to earn a degree in early childhood.

We welcome one of our preschool moms, **Mrs. Stacey Shelton**, who will be serving as Mrs. Stokes' new assistant in the 2 1/2- 3s program this fall.

Openings are still available for children in fall classes. Please call Mrs. Zoebel for more information or to enroll - 866-1211.

Preschool cookbooks are available for \$10.00 each. Support your preschool by buying a recipe book.

Comments made on end of year parent evaluations

"We are so happy we chose to send Abby to Bethany. It has been exciting to see how she has grown throughout the school year. We are also very thankful for the patience and attentiveness concerning Abby's diabetes. I could not have asked for a better preschool opportunity. Thank you all."

"I love the program. Thank you."

"Thank you for being excellent Mrs. Zoebel, Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Wren."

"I think you do a great job with the children. My son loved the school and will miss it next year. We always knew what was going on and any concerns were taken care of in a timely manner."

"You really do a wonderful job and we only hope we can find some where as good in Rochester. Thank you!"

"Thanks for a wonderful year, you will be missed!"

"You run a very nice program. Thanks for all your hard work."

"We love Bethany Preschool. We will miss it. Thanks for 7 great years!"

"We think Bethany provides a great place to learn and a wonderfully beginning experience for our children. We love all the opportunities for play and bringing learning from that play time not just pushing ABC's. etc. Thank you for all you do."

"Your staff makes my family and me feel like more than "students" or people writing a check. You all make us feel like family. I feel the love you all have for these kids. Thanks for all you've done for C.J."

"I could not say enough things about this school or the teachers . . . what a loving bunch. Thanks."

Word Search: Feeding of the 5000

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Words may run left, right, up, down, diagonally in all directions.

JESUS
CROWDS
HEALED
SICK
FOOD

FIVE LOAVES
TWO FISH
THANKS
TWELVE
BASKETSFUL

FIVE THOUSAND
WOMEN
CHILDREN
MIRACLE
COMPASSION

**RAINFOREST
ADVENTURE
Vacation
Bible School
July 27 - 31**

Summer Sunday School

Kids of all ages are invited to "Barefoot Bible Class" on Sunday mornings at 9:30 beginning June 1 and continuing through August 24. Sing some songs, play some games, hear a Bible story, make a craft, have a snack with your friends and grow in your faith!

Pastor Zoebel will be continuing to study the Book of John in his Adult Bible Class, also at 9:30. Please join us for fellowship, food, fun, and faithful study of the Word.

A guide for daily prayer is found in the article "Stick to It" by Rhonda Maller in the May issue of "Focus on the Family." The article may be read on their Webster: family.org. Type "Stick to it" in the search box, then click on "Stick to It." Simple suggestions are listed to help you with your prayer life while performing the routine tasks of every day living.

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Operation Troop Salute



Please help with collecting items for the special care packages Bethany is preparing for Ohio National Guard troops in Kuwait and Iraq. Collection

boxes marked for Operation Troop Salute will be placed at the back of the church.

Some suggestions for items to collect:

- Gum - lots of it, regular & sugar free
- Nuts - all kinds
- Hard candy, mints, jolly ranchers, Sweet-tarts, life savers
- Magazines - sports, outdoor, gun, motorcycle, cars - crossword puzzles, comic books
- Cold drink mixes - powdered pre-sweetened mixes, Crystal lite, Lemonade, Tang, Gatorade
- Personal hygiene items - toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, Chap-stick, hand sanitizer, Kleenex packets, athlete's foot medicine, dental Floss, non-medicated eye drops, foot and body powder (*Gold Bond is a favorite*)
- Cough drops or hard candy mints
- Any BUCKEYE item - flags, mugs, cups, shirts, etc. These are Ohio guys
- DVDs, used or new, blank CDs with folders

We want to include personal notes in the care packages. After you write your personal note or make a card, please send the note via hard copy or e-mail to Kevin Schmidt or leave them at the church office. Paper is also provided at church in the Cichy wing.

History Note - 1963

1963 - the year President Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas and Lyndon Johnson became President, construction of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis began, and Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I have a dream" speech. The average income per year was \$5,807.00, the average cost of a new car was \$3,233.00, the price of gas per gallon was 29 cents!, and a loaf of bread was being sold for 22 cents.

In the summer of 1963, the dedication service for Bethany Lutheran Church was held on June 9 with Dr. John W. Behnken, Honorary President of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod preaching. The Lector for the service was The Rev. Walter A. Pohl, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Zanesville, Ohio. Liturgists were The Rev. A.C. Hahn, Circuit Counselor and The Rev. John K. Wisch, Pastor Bethany Lutheran Church.

Church Officers that year were President, Edwin Ruff, Vice President, Jack Rummel, Secretary, Albert Cirelli, Treasurer, Donald Ruff, Financial Secretary, Kenneth Rabe, and Sunday School Superintendent, Richard Kilkenny.



New sanctuary looking from the front to the back. Note the brick wall at the back and the metal chairs.

2nd quarterly General Meeting

**Wednesday, June 25, 2008
1:30 p.m**

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
3220 Columbus St.
Grove City, Ohio 43213
614-875-2314**

Devotions . . . Offering

Program

"Aging in Place"
Carly Shugarman
Communications Assistant
Franklin County Office on Aging

**Business
Refreshments**

Project:

Lap robes, walker bags, bibs, socks and undershirts for male and female LVC residents

~ Contact Cindy Deering if you have questions.

Ikiru in concert at Bethany June 21

"Ikiru exists to bridge the forgotten space between sacred music and creativity."

IKIRU

**winner of the 2007
Shoutfest Battle of the Bands**

at Bethany on Saturday, June 21 @ 7 PM

Doors will open at 6:30

\$4/person OR a can of food for the food pantry

We need YOUR help to make this concert a success!

Check the display board to sign up to help in some way, AND invite all of your friends, neighbors & co-workers to come for the music & fun! Contact Lisa Marie Almond (614-563-1141 or lm_agape@hotmail.com) for more info!

". . . now at work on their second project, giving a modern tone to the ancient poem found in "The Book of Job". . . . The result has already been described as ". . . epic, emotional and original."

Go to
<http://www.myspace.com/ikirutheband>
and listen for yourself!

"Only a life lived in the service to others is worth living."

~Albert Einstein

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us daily."

~ Sally Koch

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

~ Albert Schweitzer

Family Financial Help Available

The Ohio Treasurer's office has established a web site to help citizens with financial needs. You can visit www.yourmoneynowonline.org to find free counseling on subjects such as eliminating debt, managing credit, budgeting, making sensible approaches to big purchases such as a car or house - and more.

Bethany also maintains an "Elder Fund" supported wholly by members' donations. Members or non-members can seek emergency, short-term financial help from this confidential source. If you, or someone you know, has a need, contact one of the Elders.

As God has blessed you, consider designating an extra gift with your offering marked for the "Elders Fund."

Stewardship leader wanted

A great opportunity for service. The Stewardship Commission leader position is vacant. The chairman of this commission coordinates Bethany's stewardship of time, talents and treasures. He directs and assists other commissions with planning for their next year's budget and then presents it to the Voters for approval. The chairman coordinates special mission projects working with other commissions.

The duties of the the leader of Stewardship are outlined on page 25 of our Constitution and Bylaws. If you are interested in serving in this important leadership role, please contact Bob Glotzhofer with your questions and for any further details.



Music To Our Ears



Whether you sing, play an instrument, or just like to play around with music, we'd love for you to share your gifts with Bethany. There are a variety of ways for people to get involved – even with busy schedules or stage shyness!

There are opportunities for individuals and small groups to share a song or two during a worship service without having to commit to becoming a full time member of a music group.

The Praise Team could use a few people to learn how to run the sound system for them & help keep the sound balanced.

If you are at all interested, please fill out the form below & return it to Lisa Almond. Thanks!

Name: _____ e-mail _____
phone: _____

I would be interested in *(please mark as many as applicable)*:

Learning more about Praise Team & possibly joining the group.
instrument(s)/voice: _____

Learning more about running the sound system & possibly becoming a sound tech.

singing as part of a small group on special occasions
vocal part(s): _____

singing an offertory or other special music

being a cantor for traditional services

playing an offertory or other special music
instrument(s): _____

playing as part of a small group on special occasions
instrument(s): _____

other: _____

Please circle one or more options:

I would prefer early service late service Either service

Please circle one or more options:

I would prefer to help: once or twice a year every two to three months more often whenever needed

Any dates/times of year that would and/or would not work for me: _____



from the December 1981 newsletter

A casserole served at a Women’s Guild meeting. Donor not identified.

Multi-Bean and Sausage Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 pound bulk Bob Evans sausage, browned
- ½ cup barbecue sauce
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can green beans, drained
- 1 can kidney beans, drained
- 1 can lima beans, drained
- 1 can wax beans, drained
- 1 can pork & beans – don’t drain
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 1/2 to 1 cup brown sugar to taste

Directions:

1. Place all ingredients in crockpot.
2. Cook on high in crock pot – 3-4 hours.
3. Cook on low in crock pot – 8-10 hours.

Banana Nut Bread

Submitted by Nancy Vierow

from "Bethany’s Best" 1965

Recipes collected by the Bethany Lutheran Women’s Guild

Ingredients:

- Cream: 1 cup sugar
 1/2 cup shortening
- Add: 2 eggs
- Add: 3 soft, ripe bananas, mashed
 2 cups sifted four
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Directions:

- 1 Pour batter into 1 greased and floured loaf pan
- 2 Bake at 325° for about 1 hour 15 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
- 3 This banana nut bread recipe makes 1 loaf.

This recipe can be doubled or tripled; freezes well and stays moist for a long time.

LWML YARD SALE

Friday, June 13th

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m

Saturday, June 14th

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bring items to church now
 Starting Sunday, June 8th

Please bring those good, useable, clean items you are donating for Bethany’s yard sale starting June 8th. Set up preparations will be going on all that week. Thrivent will be providing matching funds for monies earned to help purchase a commercial appliance for our kitchen. Need more information? Please contact Betty Bjorklund.

Volunteer workers are needed

Set up

Starting Monday, June 9th through Friday, June 13th
 During the day (call to be sure someone is at church)
 Monday through Thursday evening 6-9 p.m.
 and on Friday from 4-9 p.m.

Sale Workers

Friday Evening 4-8 p.m.
 Saturday from 8 am - 11 am and/or from 11 am- 2 p.m.

For Clean-up

Monday evening June 16th starting around 6 p.m.

Pastor - Rev Dr George T. Zoehl
 Church Phone : 614-866-7755
 E-mail: bethanycolumbus@sbcglobal.net

Worship Services
Communion celebrated every Sunday

Traditional Service
 8:00 a.m. every Sunday
 11:00 a.m. 1st & 4th Sunday monthly

Contemporary Service
 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 3rd Sunday monthly

Sunday school
 9:30 a.m. every Sunday Sept - June