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Worship Guide

A Survey of Church History, Part 19j: Martin Luther

UTHER ALSO WROTE A LOT ON EDUCATION. He did this because the education of the children of the church was crucial to him. And, in writing on this important subject, from which we can learn today, Luther was far ahead of his times.

But instruction in the home occupied a crucial part of Luther's life. The home of Martin and Katie was filled with prayer, Bible study, theological discussion, and the example of Godly people. One prayer of Luther lives in my memory in a special way because it shows his intimate life of fellowship with God, his dependence upon divine grace, and his love for the church. It was a prayer at the end of a busy day. "My dear God, now I lie down and turn your affairs back to you; you may do better with them. If you can do no better than I, you will ruin them entirely. When I awake, I will gladly try again. Amen."

By his home life, Luther brought true reformation into home and family, something sorely needed after the corruption of Rome. The effects of Luther's own example linger to the present in covenant homes.

Luther fought courageously and unflinchingly in the battles for the truth. Whatever was necessary in his mighty blasts against Rome to show her evils, he did. By his work he threw the entire church into confusion. And yet it must be remembered that he had to fight on two fronts: Rome on the one side, but on the other front, the miserable Anabaptist radicals -- the so-called "right wing" of the Reformation. That he could maintain his balance between these two extremes is evidence in itself of the power of grace in Luther's life.

By means of his theology, he battered and destroyed the imposing and seemingly indestructible walls of the Roman citadel of heresy. While Calvin was the one to rebuild Jerusalem's walls, Calvin could not have done his work without Luther's fierce cannonades against Rome. But Luther also laid the foundations of the doctrines of sovereign grace so that the truths of salvation by grace alone could be more beautifully and fully set forth by those who were to follow. It is always reason for sorrow that, on the doctrine of the sacraments, Luther should also have felt it necessary to do battle with his fellow reformers.

Far from Katy, in Eisleben where he had gone for some difficult negotiations and in the city of his birth and baptism, at the age of 63 Luther went to be with his Lord Whom he loved and served. The date was February 17, 1546. He had for a long time not been well and suffered severely from various ailments. As death neared, in characteristic fashion he committed his soul to God with the words of Ps. 31:5 and with the request to those at his bedside that they would pray "for our Lord God and his gospel, that all might be well with him, because the Council of Trent and the accursed pope are very angry with him." He died with the words of Simeon on his lips: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace. Amen." The reformer had gone to join the church triumphant. His work lives on.



The Lord's Day Evening

Sunday, January 19, 2020, 4:00 p.m.



The Reverend Mr. Jonathan Hunt, Presiding Ruling Elder Mr. Jonathan Bergmann, Assisting

The Welcome

The Prelude

The Call to Worship - Psalm 96:1-4

*The Hymn of Praise

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Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder *The Confession of Faith

The Canons of Dordt, Second Head: Article 1

*The Psalm of Doxology

Psalm 100:1-2

The Pastoral Prayer

The Old Testament Reading Zephaniah 1:17-18

The New Testament Reading

James 2:14-17

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

*The Psalm of Adoration - Psalm 51:9-19 From My Sins O Hide Your Face

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The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God's Word - Rev. John Van Woudenberg

Brother Edom Refuses Passage to Israel Numbers 20:14-21

*The Psalm of Response - Psalm 37:12-22 Wicked Men against the Righteous

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*The Benediction

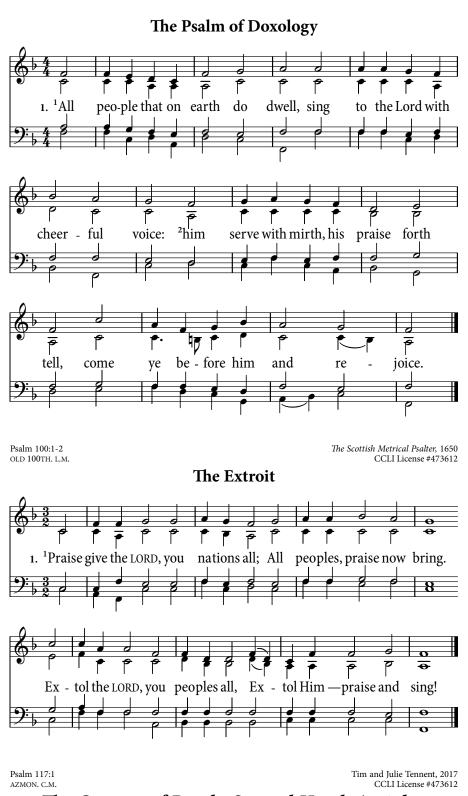
*The Extroit

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The Q&A

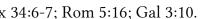
*— Please stand, as you are able.





The Canons of Dordt, Second Head, Article 1

God is not only supremely merciful but also supremely just. And as he himself has revealed in his Word, his justice requires that our sins, committed against his infinite majesty, should be punished not only in this age but also in the age to come, both in body and soul. We cannot escape these punishments unless satisfaction is made to the justice of God.





From My Sins, O Hide Your Face

¹⁰O my God, re - new my heart,

¹³Then Your per - fect ways I'll show

Then my tongue will joy ex - press,

Off - 'rings burnt bring no de - light,

My in - iq - ui -

And a will - ing

Set me free, my

Or the off - 'ring

Psalm 51:9-19

1. From my sins, O hide Your face;

2. ¹²Give sal - va - tion's joy a - gain,

3. ¹⁴From blood - guilt - i - ness, O God,

4. ¹⁶Sac - ri - fice You will not take,

e - rase.

sus - tain.

Sav - ior, God.

I would make.

5. ¹⁸Pros - per Zi - on in Your grace; Build Je - rus - 'lem's