Resurrection Life MARCH 2017





A Brief Overview of the Life and Work of Martin Luther November 10, 1483 – February 18, 1546

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In honor of the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, I offer this brief overview of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther. I trust that this will help you gain some understanding of the historical perspective of our rich biblical Lutheran heritage.

Martin Luther was born at Eisleben in Saxony on Nov. 10, 1483, the son of Hans and Margaret Luther. Luther's parents were of peasant stock, but his father had worked hard to raise the family's status, first as a miner and later as the owner of several small mines, to become a small-scale entrepreneur. In 1490 Martin was sent to the Latin school at Mansfeld, in 1497 to Magdeburg, and in 1498 to Eisenach. Hans Luther wanted his son Martin to become a lawyer. Martin was enrolled at the University of Erfurt in 1501. He received a bachelor of arts degree in 1502 and a master of arts in 1505. In the same year he enrolled in the faculty of law, giving every sign of being a dutiful and, likely, a very successful son.

On July 2, 1505, while returning to Erfurt after visiting home, Martin was caught in a severe thunderstorm in which he was flung to the ground in terror, and he suddenly vowed to become a monk if he survived. This episode, radically changed the course of Luther's life. Two weeks later, against the opposition of his father and to the dismay of his friends, Martin Luther entered the Reformed Congregation of the Eremitical Order of St. Augustine at Erfurt. Luther made his vows in 1506 and was ordained a priest in 1507. Reconciled with his father, he was then selected for advanced theological study at the University of Erfurt, with which his house had several connections.

In 1508 Luther was sent to the newer University of Wittenberg to lecture in arts. Like a modern graduate student, he was also preparing for his doctorate of theology while he taught. In 1510 Luther was sent to Rome on business of the order and in 1512 received his doctorate in theology. Then came the second significant turn in Luther's career: he was appointed to succeed Staupitz as professor of theology at Wittenberg. Luther was to teach throughout the rest of his life. Whatever fame and notoriety his later writings and statements were to bring him, his work was teaching, which he fulfilled diligently until his death.

Wittenberg was a new university, founded in 1502-1503, strongly supported by the elector Frederick the Wise. By 1550, thanks to the efforts of Luther and his colleague Philip Melancthon, it was to become the most popular university in Germany. In 1512, however, it lacked the prestige of Erfurt and Leipzig and was insignificant in the eyes of the greatest of the old universities, that of Paris. It was not a good place for an ambitious academic, but Luther was not ambitious in this sense. His rapid rise was due to his native ability, his boundless energy, his dedication to the religious life, and his high conception of his calling as a teacher.

In the monastery and later in the university Luther experienced several religious crises, all of which were based upon his acute awareness of the need for spiritual perfection and his equally strong conviction of his own human frailty, which caused him almost to despair before the overwhelming majesty and wrath of God. In 1509 Luther published his lectures on Peter Lombard; in 1513-1515 those on the Psalms; in 1515-1516 on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans; and in 1516-1518

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SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES



Wednesday, March 1, 2017 "Facing our Sins"

10:00am at Resurrection 7:30pm at St. John's

Ladies Guild March

Begin with God ... So We Can Do His Will

Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Psalm 119:89

What is God's will for me?

... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24

What is God's will for me? What does He say about it? How can I do His will? By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle John wrote: ... this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us (1 John 3:23).

Not one person on earth can obey God's laws perfectly. But Jesus, the perfect Son of God Who came to earth as a tiny baby, lived a perfect life and fulfilled the Law for us ... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus (Romans 3:23–24).

Praise be to God that through Christ we are justified. Because of Christ, we are just and right with God — just right for doing His will. That can begin with the love we show toward one another, a love which responds to the love God has given to us through Jesus.

Walking with my Lord

Thank You, God, that I can learn of Your will for me in Your Word. Thank You for sending Jesus to do Your will and to keep the Law perfectly for me. Help me to seek Your will for my life, to joyfully obey You, and to love others as You have loved me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Spring Rally will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Queens Village, hosted by the Sisters of Grace and Willing Workers on Saturday, April 29th. The theme is "HOPE"

Our next meeting will be on Tues. March 14, 2017 @ 7:00pm



Always Remember your Mite Boxes . . .

In Christ,

Dellie Sichler

President Ladies Guild

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FOR MARCH 2017

Spring has sprung...just like Jesus from the dead!

AND

Come in today and beat the Easter crowd.

BIBLE TRIVIA

MARCH 2017 Trivia Question

WHOM DID GOD ASK?

How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel?

HINT: A JUDGE AND PROPHET

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL 2017 ...

APRIL 2017 Trivia Question

WHOM DID GOD ASK?

"I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for me"?

HINT: A PROPHET





- for all of us at Resurrection that we may all have a heart for those who don't know Jesus, to help everyone come to know the love of God, and become part of God's church family, into an even closer relationship with God, and come to eternal life.
- **-Our Members** who are **HOME-BOUND**: Eleanor & Joe Dunlop and Dorothea Gruenwald; in NURSING HOMES: Harriet Rose and those with OTHER CONCERNS: Tim, Lynn, Connie, Marie Cappello Nicole, Kathy, Pastor Sam, Karen Carella, Marilyn Lang, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Heather Valente, Ralph Valente, Sandra McManus, Ronnie Sowa, Grace Serro, John Ulicny, Cheryl Ulicny, Antony Gajadhar, Jennifer Gajadhar, Nancy Michaelis, Anna Lee Rife, Arlene and Anthony Novitske, Eileen Alvarez, John Liepold and Mike Scarano.

Dear Heavenly Father, temptations come at us from every direction. Give us strength and courage to reject Satan. Help us choose what is good and right in Your sight. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Shared Faith Ministries - Dear Heavenly Father, Direct and guide us as our two churches work together in your name spreading the good news of your beloved son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

our Mid-Week BIBLE Study - Dear Heavenly Father, God, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have revealed your beauty in creation and inspired the book that we are now studying. Please help us now as we read together. Take us deeper into understanding more about you and your love for us. Amen

Our missionary groups right here in Flushing, the Chinese Lutheran Ministry, the Korean Ministry, the Indo Pak Ministry, and Glory Lutheran Ministry that God will continue to bless all of these ministries and help them to grow.

- for all of our troops: "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

> "Pray without ceasing ... Do not put out the Spirit's fire" 1Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

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on the epistles to the Galatians and Hebrews. Luther read and studied the Bible, and in these years his biblical studies became more and more important to him. Besides teaching and study, however, Luther had other duties. From 1514 he preached in the parish church; he was regent of the monastery school; and in 1515 he became the supervisor of 11 other monasteries.

Luther's crisis of conscience centered upon the insufficiency of his personal efforts to appease a wrathful God. These fears came to a head in 1519, when a passage in St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans spoke powerfully to Luther. He discovered that One is justified not through the law, but by God's grace. The doctrine of justification, taking shape in Luther's thought drew him to question of other practices in ecclesiastical life. The most famous of these is the controversy over indulgences. In 1513 a massive effort to dispense indulgences was proclaimed throughout Germany. These indulgences were understood both by the clergy who sold them and the public who bought them as a means of escaping punishment in the afterlife for a sum of money.

In 1517 Luther posted the 95 Theses for an academic debate on indulgences on the door of the castle church at Wittenberg. News of Dr. Luther's theses spread, and in 1518 Luther was called before Cardinal Cajetan, the papal legate at Augsburg, to renounce his theses. Refusing to do so, Luther returned to Wittenberg, where, in the next year, he agreed to a debate with the theologian Johann Eck. The debate, originally scheduled to be held between Eck and Luther's colleague Karlstadt, soon became a struggle between Eck and Luther in which Luther was driven by his opponent to taking even more radical theological positions, thus laying himself open to the charge of heresy. By 1521 Eck secured a papal bull (decree) condemning Luther, and Luther was summoned to the Imperial Diet at Worms in 1521 to answer the charges against him. He was led to a room in which his collected writings were piled on a table and ordered to repudiate them. He asked for time to consider and returned the next day and answered: Since your majesty and your lordships desire a simple reply, I will answer without horns and without teeth. Unless I am convicted by scripture and plain reason--I do not accept the authority of popes and councils for they have contradicted each other--my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise, God help me. Amen." Luther left Worms and was taken, for his own safety, to the castle of Wartburg, where he spent some months in seclusion, beginning his great translation of the Bible into German and writing numerous tracts.

In 1522 Luther returned to Wittenberg, where he continued the incessant writing which would fill the rest of his life. In 1520 he had written three of his

most famous tracts: To The Christian Nobility of the German Nation, which enunciates a social program of religious reform; On the Babylonian Captivity of the Church, on Sacraments, the Mass, and papal power; and Of the Liberty of a Christian Man, a treatise on faith and on the inner liberty which faith affords those who possess it. Luther's theological writings continued to flow steadily. Often they were written in response to his critics or in the intense heat of debate with Protestant rivals. Among those great works not brought about by conflict should be numbered the Great Catechism and the Small Catechism of 1529 and his collection of sermons and hymns, many of the latter, like "A Mighty Fortress is our God" Ein Feste Burg, still sung today.

In 1524-1525 Luther entered into a discussion of free will with the great Erasmus. Luther's *On the Will in Bondage* (1525) remained his definitive statement on the question. In 1528 Luther turned to the question of Christ's presence in the Eucharist in his *Confession concerning the Lord's Supper*, which attracted the hostility of a number of reformers, notably Ulrich Zwingli. In 1529 Luther's ally Melancthon arranged a discussion between the two, and the Marburg Colloquy, as the debate is known, helped to close one of the early breaches in Protestant agreement.

In 1530, when Charles V was once again able to turn to the problems of the Reformation in Germany, Luther supervised, although he did not entirely agree with, the writing of Melancthon's Augsburg Confession, one of the foundations of later Protestant thought. From 1530 on Luther spent as much time arguing with other Reformation leaders on matters of theology as with his Catholic opponents.

Luther's disputes with other theologians were carried out with the same intensity he applied to his other work: he longed for Christian unity, but he could not accept the theological positions which many others had advanced. He was also fearful of the question of a general council in the Church. In 1539 he wrote his *On Councils and Churches* and witnessed in the following years the failure of German attempts to heal the wounds of Christianity. On the eve of his death he watched with great concern the calling of the Council of Trent, the Catholic response to the Reformation.

In the 1540s Luther was stricken with diseases a number of times, drawing great comfort from his family and from the lyrical, plain devotional exercises which he had written for children. In 1546 he was called from a sickbed to settle the disputes of two German noblemen. On the return trip he fell sick and died at Eisleben, the town of his birth, on Feb. 18, 1546.

Based on information gathered from "Encyclopedia of World Biography"

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MARCH 2017**

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Serving Schedule: MARCH 2017

March 1, 2017

Wednesday

Elder: Tom McNeely

Usher: Stephen Gavora

Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson

Dottie McNeely

March 5, 2017

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: Jenny Gajadhar

Usher: Stephen Gavora

Greeter: Sonja Munzenmaier

Altar Care: Ida Myers

Cynthia Myers

March 12, 2017

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: George Fisher

Usher: George Fisher

Greeter: Ada Gavora

Altar Care: Cynthia Myers

Ida Myers

March 19, 2017

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: Walter Hartman

Usher: Stephen Gavora

Greeter: Dottie McNeely

Altar Care: Sonja Munzenmaier Christel Schnackenberg March 26, 2017

Elder: Tom McNeely

Reader: Debbie Sichler

Usher: George Fisher

Greeter: Sharon Rouzier

Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg

Sonja Munzenmaier

Mid-Week Lenten Services begin at 7:30pm:

Wednesday, March 8 - @ Resurrection

Wednesday, March 15 @ St. John's

Wednesday, March 22 @ Resurrection

Wednesday, March 29 @ St. John's

Note: All mid-week Lenten Services will be preceded by a lite supper starting at 6:30pm





FOOD PANTRY Needs Your Help!

Your HELP is NEEDED NOW for the food pantry at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Corona which serves the hungry in this community. Non-perishable foods can be brought to the FOOD BASKET located in the Narthex of the church for future distributions at Emanuel, the second Saturday of the month For further information call (718) 359-3289.



Won't you please help to fill the basket with non-perishable foods!

SUNDAY'S - Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 9:30am

Pastor Sam uses Church 2:00pm - 3:30pm Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm

TUESDAY'S - ESL Classes - postponed until further notice

WEDNESDAY'S - Resurrection Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 10:00am

Choir Practice - @ 7:30pm

Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm -8:30pm

THURSDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Glory Lutheran Bible Study 7:30pm - 9:00pm

FRIDAY'S - Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm

SATURDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 11:15pm - 2:00pm



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 7

Tom McNeely

March 15

Ralph Valente

March 16

Henry Troue

March 20

JoAnn Gajadhar



Happy Anniversary



Jesus & Valerie Ruiz - March 24th



On Wednesday, January 18, 2017 Wilma & Walter Wichern's daughter Wendy and her husband John welcomed the newest addition to their family a baby girl named

Avery Maria

Avery weighed 7lbs 5oz. and was 20". According to Wilma she is beautiful and thank God everyone is good.

We wish Avery Maria, Wilma & Walter and Wendy & John and their family all of God's Blessings.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER TO LOVE AND SPOIL

Passengers on My Train

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side.

However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum.

Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down.

So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 26, 1936 - FEBRUARY 26, 2017



On Ash Wednesday, February 26, 1936, fourteen Christians gathered to worship the Lord in a renovated home on Northern Blvd. and 195th Street, Flushing.

In December of 1936, the present site of our church building was purchased and ground was broken on June 25, 1939. The building was dedicated on January 14, 1940 and became known as "The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection"

On Sunday, February 26, 2017 we celebrated Resurrection's 81st Anniversary with a special luncheon prepared by Heather Valente.







SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES

a ministry partnership between

St. John Lutheran Church, 147-46 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, New York 11355 and

Resurrection Lutheran Church, 44-10 192nd Street, Flushing, New York 11358

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Theme: "Facing the Cross"



Ash Wednesday -MARCH 1, Imposition of Ashes Resurrection - 10.00 a.m. & Saint John - 7.30 p.m. "FACING OUR SINS"



Week One - March 8th at Resurrection: 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service "FACING TEMPETATION"



Week Two – March 15th at Saint John - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service "FACING OUR FEARS"



Week Three – March 22^{nd} at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service

"FACING OUR WORLDINESS"



 $\textbf{Week Four} - \text{March } 29^{\text{th}} \ \text{ at Saint John - } 6.30 \ \text{supper}; \ 7.30 \ \text{Service}$

"FACING EACH OTHER"



Week Five – April 5th at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service

"FACING SUFFERING"



PALM SUNDAY - April 9, 2017 Regular Service at 9:15am

HOLY WEEK - THE PASCAL TRIDUUM



Maundy Thursday – April 13
Stripping of the Altar
Saint John – 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 14 Crucifixion of Our Lord Resurrection – 10:00 a.m. Saint John – 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil – April 15
Renewal of Baptismal Covenant
Resurrection – 7:30 p.m.



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD Sunday, April 16, 2017

Saint John (Early Service) -8:30 a.m. Resurrection -9:15 a.m. Saint John -10:45 a.m.

***** ORDER YOUR EASTER PLANTS *****

EASTER is April 16th. If you would like to order either a Hyacinth or Lily to adorn the church altar, please place your orders by

MONDAY, APRIL 10th. Look for the flyers in the weekly church bulletin or call the church office at (718) 463-4292 to place your order.







Dur Mission Statement

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Sunday Worship 9:15am

(Pre-Worship Singing begins at 4:05am)

Immanuel Lutheran Service II:15am Indo Pak Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm

As disciples of Jesus and in obedience to God's word, the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is:

community, sharing the Gospel with unbelievers so that the Holy Spirit draws them into a faith ministering to one another and to those in the Growing in the knowledge and love of Christ,

we became believers to us now than wher for salvation is nearer

ROMANS 13:11



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

