



A Word from Pastor Schielke

Lutheran Worship Part 11: The Preface and Proper Preface

After the Sermon, Offering, and Prayers, the Divine Service moves from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament. The Preface consists of the first three back-and-forth responses between pastor and congregation. It has been said, “Like small steps, the Preface moves us from that part of the service that centered on the Word of God toward that part of the service that centered on the meal Christ instituted.”

The Preface has three sections:

1. The Preface begins with a salutation, “The Lord be with you. And also with you” (or “And with Thy Spirit.”) Earlier these same words occurred in the first part of the service. Now they occur before Communion. Why? The salutation focuses us where God is for us and how He comes to us — in Word and Sacrament. “The Lord be with you” focuses the attention of the congregation on the body and blood of Christ that is about to be given them for the remission of sins. In Communion God is with us!
2. “Lift up your hearts. We lift them

to the Lord.” Here we encourage one another to worship God rather than being tied to worldly thoughts (Lamentations 3:41, Ps. 25:1). Origen said a Christian must, “lift up his soul before lifting up his hands; lift up his mind before lifting up his eyes, and, before standing to pray, lift up his spirit from things of earth and direct it to the Lord of all.”

3. The Preface concludes with, “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.” This line recalls Jewish prayer before meals. Also, at the Passover, the head of the family would speak similar words. The Scripture points out that when Jesus was celebrating Communion at Passover He gave thanks to God (Luke 22:19, I Cor 11:24). Following Jesus’ example, we begin Communion with thanks as well.

The thanksgiving continues with the Proper Preface which is a prayer thanking God for His various blessings in Christ. The Proper Preface begins with the words, “It is truly meet (good), right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You...” What follows changes

based on the season of the church year (see LSB pg. 208 & 216 for general versions). The conclusion of the Proper Preface reminds us of what is about to happen in this Sacrament, “Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven...” As Christ comes to us in His body and blood, heaven meets earth, and we join with the entire Christian Church that has gone before us and that will come after us. At that altar, the entire company of heaven comes down to earth. It is the Christian equivalent of the Jewish temple’s Holy of Holies that the Ark of The Covenant was housed in. In this Sacrament we are truly given a foretaste of the feast that is to come, and we join in the praise that is offered before His throne “...with angels and archangels...”

(adapted from <https://steadfastlutherans.org/2009/01/notes-on-the-liturgy-16-preface-and-proper-preface/>)

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The Augsburg Confession - Below is the Twenty-fifth article of the Augsburg Confession. The Confessions are what we believe and confess as a Lutheran congregation. When they say “they teach” they mean our churches teach.

Article XXV - Of Confession

¹Confession in the churches is not abolished among us; for it is not usual to give the body of the Lord, except to them that have been previously examined and absolved. And

²the people are most carefully taught concerning faith in the absolution, about which formerly there

³was profound silence. Our people are taught that they should highly prize the absolution, as being the voice of God,

⁴and pronounced by God’s command. The power of the Keys is set forth in its beauty and they are reminded what great consolation it brings to anxious consciences, also, that God requires faith to believe such absolution as a voice sounding from heaven, and that such faith in Christ truly obtains and receives the forgiveness of sins. Aforetime satisfactions were immoderately extolled;

⁵of faith and the merit of Christ and the righteousness of faith no mention was made; wherefore, on this point, our churches are by no means to be blamed. For this even our adversaries must needs concede

⁶to us that the doctrine concerning repentance has been most diligently treated and laid open by our teachers.

⁷But of Confession they teach that an enumeration of sins is not necessary, and that consciences be not burdened with anxiety to enumerate all sins, for it is impossible to recount all sins, as the Psalm 19:13 testifies: Who can understand his errors? Also Jeremiah 17:9:

⁸The heart is deceitful; who can know it? But if no sins were forgiven, except those that are recounted,

⁹consciences could never find peace; for very many sins they neither see

¹⁰nor can remember. The ancient writers also testify that an enumeration is not necessary. For in the Decrees, Chrysostom is quoted,

¹¹who says thus: I say not to you that you should disclose yourself in public, nor that you accuse yourself before others, but I would have you obey the prophet who says: “Disclose thy way before God.” Therefore confess your sins before God, the true Judge, with prayer. Tell your errors, not with the tongue, but with the memory of your conscience, etc.

¹²And the Gloss (Of Repentance, Distinct. V, Cap. Consideret) admits that Confession is of human right only [not commanded by Scripture, but ordained by the Church].

¹³Nevertheless, on account of the great benefit of absolution, and because it is otherwise useful to the conscience, Confession is retained among us.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	4	5	6	7 Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
8 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Studay / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	9	10 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	11	12	13	14
15 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Studay / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	16	17 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	18	19	20	21 Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
22 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Studay / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	23	24 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	25	26	27	28
29 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Studay / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	30	31 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.				

For 2022, I would like to challenge every member of this congregation to read or continue reading through the Bible in one year. The Bible readings for May and part of June are listed below.

May 1: 1 Chron. 3-5

May 2: 1 Chron. 6

May 3: 1 Chron. 7-8

May 4: 1 Chron. 9-11

May 5: 1 Chron. 12-14

May 6: 1 Chron. 15-17

May 7: 1 Chron. 18-21

May 8: 1 Chron. 22-24

May 9: 1 Chron. 25-27

May 10: 1 Chron. 28 - 2 Chron. 1

May 11: 2 Chron. 2-5

May 12: 2 Chron. 6-8

May 13: 2 Chron. 9-12

May 14: 2 Chron. 13-17

May 15: 2 Chron. 18-20

May 16: 2 Chron. 21-24

May 17: 2 Chron. 25-27

May 18: 2 Chron. 28-31

May 19: 2 Chron. 32-34

May 20: 2 Chron. 35-36

May 21: Ezra 1-3

May 22: Ezra 4-7

May 23: Ezra 8-10

May 24: Neh. 1-3

May 25: Neh. 4-6

May 26: Neh. 7

May 27: Neh. 8-9

May 28: Neh. 10-11

May 29: Neh. 12-13

May 30: Esther 1-5

May 31: Esther 6-10

June 1: Job 1-4

June 2: Job 5- 7

June 3: Job 8-10

June 4: Job 11-13

June 5: Job 14-16

June 6: Job 17-20

June 7: Job 21-23

June 8: Job 24-28

June 9: Job 29-31

June 10: Job 32-34

June 11: Job 35-37

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May Birthdays:

2 Benjamin Schielke

6 Haley Mitchell

21 Joshua Rohloff

29 Cheryl Foltz

May Anniversaries:

18 Bo and Sandee Hill

23 Gary and Sharon Rohloff

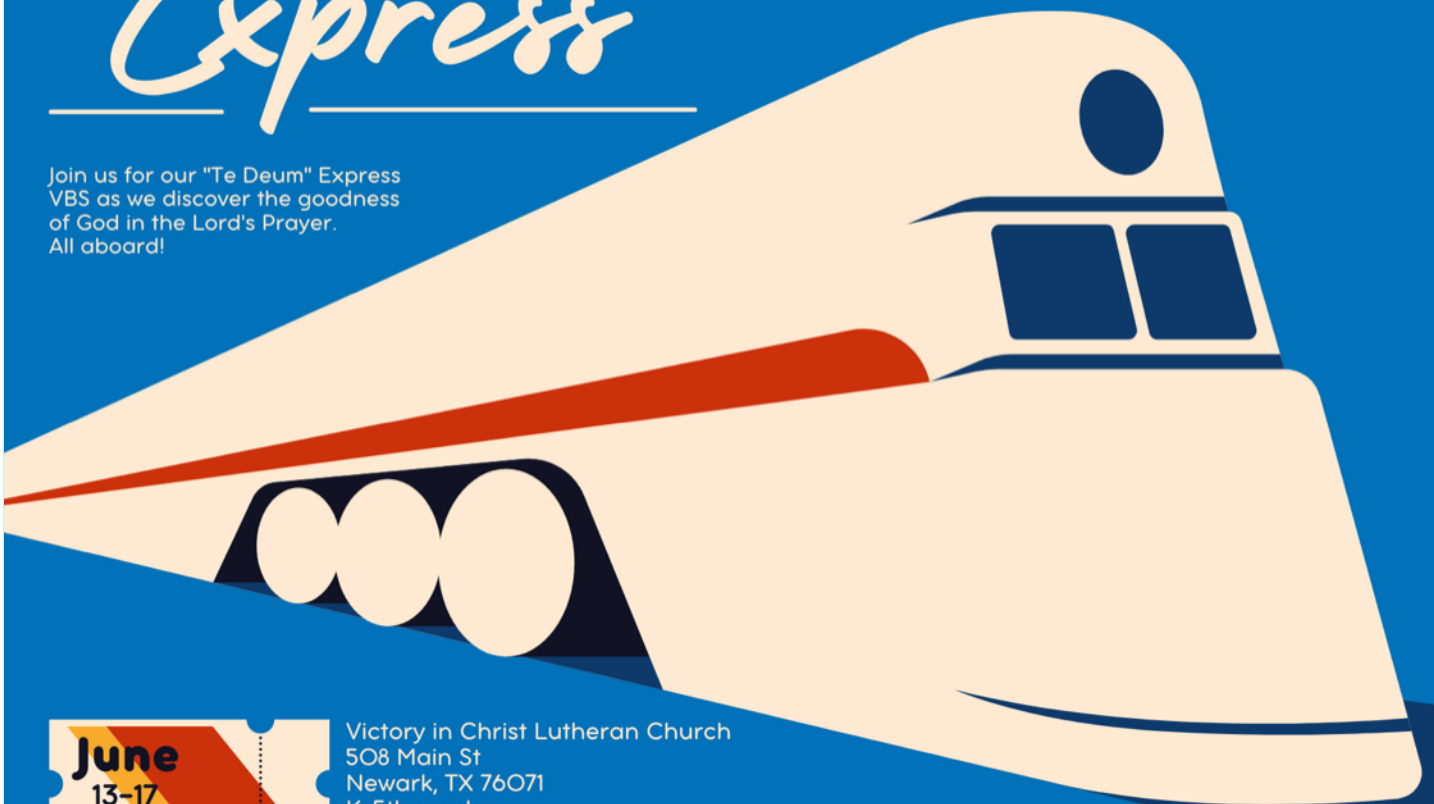
25 Don and Cheryl Foltz

30 James and Suzanne Richardson



— Te Deum —
Express

Join us for our "Te Deum" Express VBS as we discover the goodness of God in the Lord's Prayer. All aboard!



June

13-17

9 a.m. to 12 noon

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