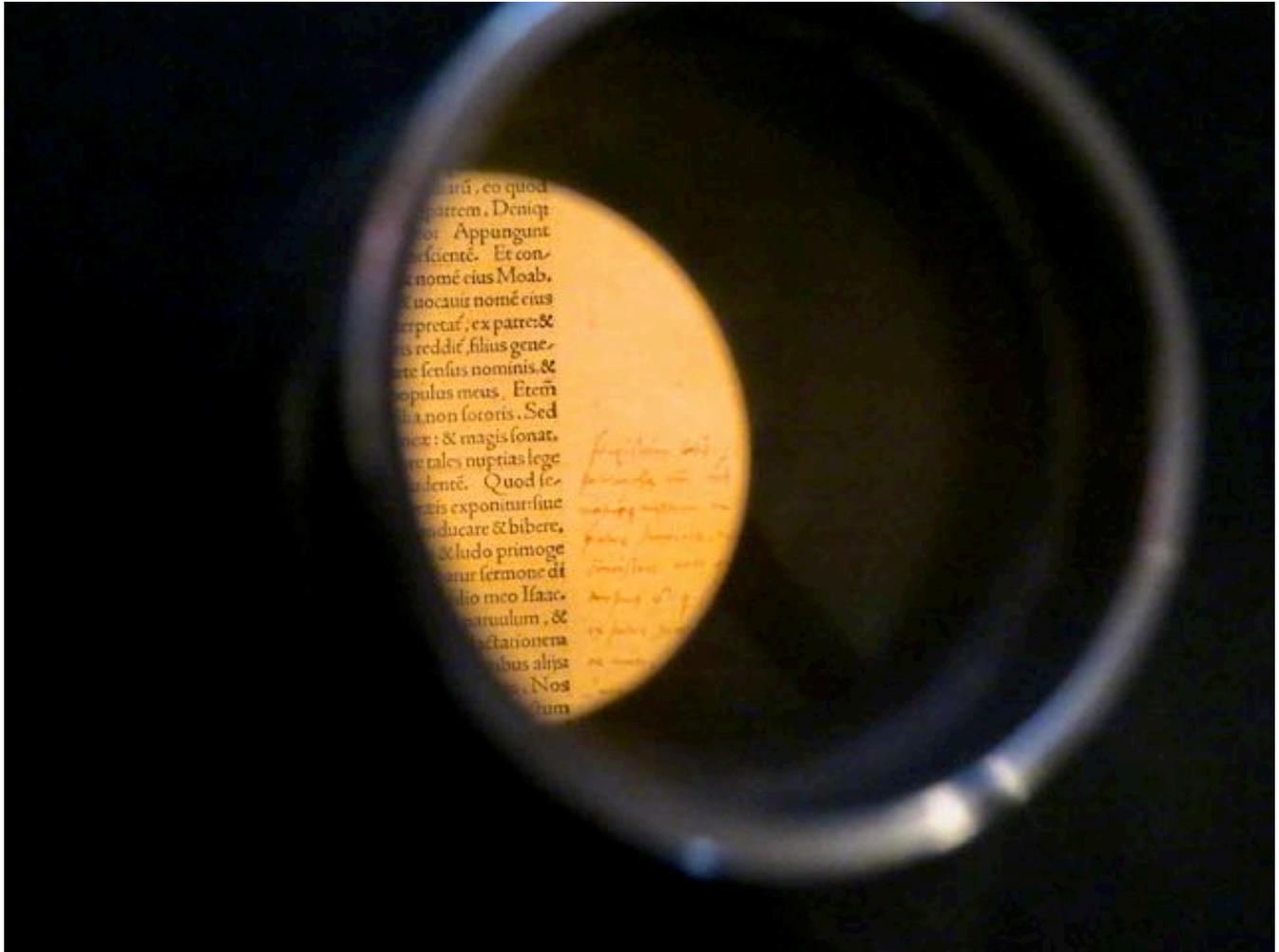


21ST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

OCTOBER 25, 2020



Martin Luther's Bible with Marginalia

Dave Ross

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Hope Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

21st Sunday After Pentecost

October 25, 2020

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

"Fugue on E in Fest Burg"

Johan Walther

Welcome

Please take this time to write your prayer concerns in the live chat, or text them to 217-801-7965.

* Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you we come home – to rest, to wrestle, to love, and to be loved. We dwell in you.

Before the mountains were born,
before you delivered the whole world,

from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

In you, we are home – we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

Let us come together to worship almighty God.

* Hymn #687 v 1, 6

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

Call to Confession

Our spirits are like new grass: at the dawn they spring up fresh, but by sunset they dry up and wither, blown away in spiritual death. Let us honestly confess our frailty before our merciful God, first in silence, then together. (*Silence for reflection and personal confession.*)

Prayer of Confession

O God, we know this, your Greatest Commandment: love the Lord with heart, soul, and mind; love your neighbor as yourself. These words dwell in our hearts and rest on our lips. And yet, we are so slow to act upon them.

When we encounter neighbors in need we are quick to pass judgment -- even though love demands empathy.

We see your children suffering, but are too busy, too weary to respond -- even though love demands compassion.

We see unjust systems that strip others of dignity but believe we are powerless to effect change -- even though love demands action.

And whenever we do not treat our neighbors as we ourselves would hope to be treated, we do not love you fully.

Forgive us, Lord. Transform our hearts, restore our souls, and renew our minds, so that we might be faithful to your commandments.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response #586

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Call for the Offering

Please mail checks directly to the Church Office for all offerings and pledges.

* Song of Gratitude #608 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit ever more;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

We Listen for God's Word

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

1st Scripture Lesson

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

2nd Scripture Lesson

Matthew 22:34-46

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Sermon

Rev. Chuck Goodman

We Respond to the Word

Hymn 463 v 1

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord,

is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!

What more can be said than to you God hath said,

to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in Heaven, Holy is Your name. May Your kingdom come, Your will be

done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us away from temptation, and deliver us

from evil. For Yours are the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Moment for Mission

