

Let Us Love in Truth

When Pilate interrogated Jesus prior to his crucifixion, Jesus responded by proclaiming, “I was born and entered the world so that I could witness to the truth. Everyone who cares for the truth, who has any feeling for the truth, recognizes my voice.” To which Pilate sarcastically retorted, “What is truth?” (John 18: 37-38, *The Message*).

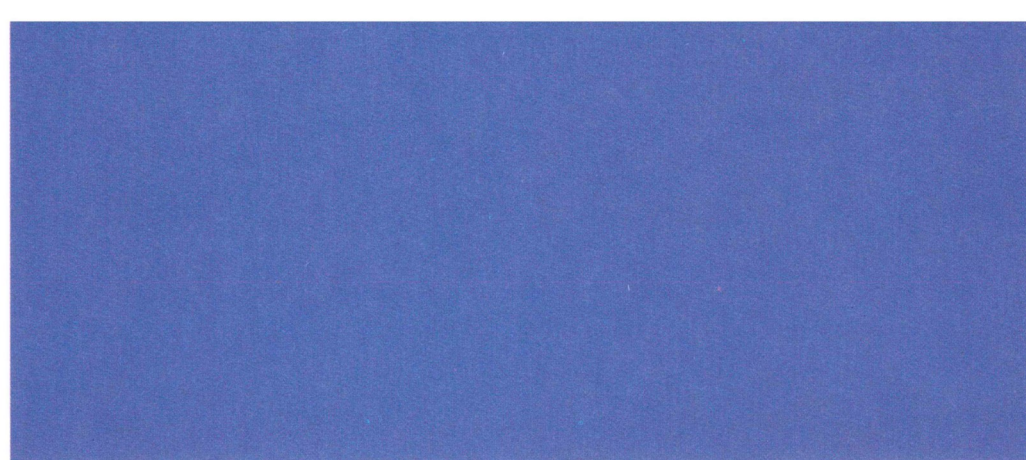
Truth plays a central role in the Gospel of John. The word is applied much more frequently in the Fourth Gospel than in any other Gospel account. In one of the most important verses from the Gospel of John, Jesus declares, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” (14:6). Truth is also a central theme in the three epistles from John the apostle.

The New Testament Greek word for truth, *aletheia*, is sometimes translated as “unconcealed,” or “revealed knowledge.” But the word, derived as it is from Greek mythology, refers to the river Lethe, which was known as “the river of forgetfulness.” Much like the word asymptomatic means without symptoms, *aletheia* can be translated “without forgetting.” Don’t forget the truth that God loves you and calls you to live in love.

1 John 3:18 suggests that “talking the talk” or even “walking the walk” when it’s easy or convenient doesn’t cut it. Extending an occasional loving gesture, or loving only those who love us, isn’t enough. We are called to love in truth. We fulfill this calling by remaining ever mindful of Jesus’ way of love. We love in truth when Jesus’ command to love unconditionally and inclusively permeates our very being. Perhaps the call to love in truth can be understood as a reminder to continuously love like God loves—without exceptions, and extravagantly.

—Tim McElwee
Wolcottville, Indiana

“Little children, let’s not love with words or speech but with action and truth” (1 John 3:18, *CEB*). **Today’s Bible readings from the lectionary:** Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.



Let us love...
in truth and action

Hanover Church of the Brethren

April 21, 2024

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9AM - 1 PM

Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God

Video Introduction

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship Blue Hymnal 710

*Opening Songs "Come, Thou Almighty King" Blue Hymnal 41
"All People that on Earth do Dwell" Blue Hymnal 42 v. 1

*Centering Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for Your peace that surpasses all understanding. In times of uncertainty and unrest, we seek Your peace to calm troubled hearts, weary souls, and worn-torn lands. When we've lost hope, may Your peace remind us that You are in complete control, and will continue to lead us. May Your peace bring clarity where there is doubt, joy where there is sorrow, and hope where there is hopelessness. Despite what our eyes see daily on the news, thank you for your peace that revives our hope, trust, and confidence in You. When our minds are anxious, may Your peace strengthen and sustain us. Thank you for your peace that brings stillness to our storms. Your peace also reminds us that You are always present and will continue to lead us through challenging times. When our hearts, minds, and spirits are restless, thank you for Your peace that brings us rest and calm. When our minds wander, thank you for Your peace that redirects us back to You. We pray in faith in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Hymn of Worship Praise medley *on screen, guitar*

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 53:7 Pew Bible 1053

Offering Meditation

Lord, you have been so good to us! You have given us more than we need and have promised to take care of us. Please accept these gifts and offerings as a way we can say we love you back, and use them to Your glory and our neighbors' good! Amen!

Prayer of Blessing

Children's Story Lisa Konopinski
Sing "Jesus Loves The Little Children" (Red Hymnal 421) as the kids come forward.

Children's Church *every 2nd and 4th Sunday*

Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Hymn "Lead us O Father" Blue Hymnal 359

Morning Prayer

Special Music "I Believe in a Hill Called Calvary" Choir
Directed by Bob Long

Scripture John 18:36 Pew Bible 1542

Message "Just Passin' Through!" Pastor Mark

*Hymn of Response Blue Hymnal 575, *guitar*
"Precious Lord, Take my Hand"

*Benediction

*Sending in Praise Closing chorus *on screen*

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

VISITORS

Welcome to our service today!

We encourage first time visitors to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and take it to the Welcome Center after worship.

Restrooms are available at the back of the sanctuary (handicapped accessible with baby changing station), outside the fellowship hall at top of ramp and on our lower level (down the stairs near the entrance, then to your right).

Hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher.

Announcements

May Newsletter: Article deadline is TODAY, April 21.

Blood Drive: Tuesday, April 23 from 1-6.

Wednesday Evenings: Bible Study cancelled during April and May due to Vital Ministry Journey.

Bread of Life: Thursday, May 2, 6 pm at Panera Bread.

Deacon Meeting: Monday, May 6 at 6 pm.

Mother Daughter/ Others Banquet: Will be held Saturday May 11 at 6 pm. Tickets go on sale April 28. Adults - \$10. Children ages 6 thru 12 - \$5. Children 5 and under are free.

Car Show: Saturday, May 18 from 10-2. See a member of the Outreach commission with questions.

Thank You: My sincere thanks to the congregation for my gift for Administrative Assistants Day. Working for this church is a pleasure. *Shal Dehoff*

Auction Benefitting Children's Aid Society: The Lehman Center Auction will be held Tuesday, April 30 at New Fairview Church from 5pm - 9pm. Live auction, many beautiful items. The kitchen is serving soups, sandwiches and pies.

West York COB is looking for a teacher for the 4 & 5 preschool class starting with the 2024-2025 school year this fall. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the office at West York Church at 717-792-9260.

Hymn Sing: April 28, 3:00 pm at the Chestnut Grove Meeting House, corner of Jefferson Road and Chestnut Grove Road in Spring Grove.

Mission Trip: Bermudian Springs COB is looking for two more persons to go to Dawson Springs, KY on a project May 5 - 11. If interested, please contact Mark Lipsitz at 717-332-6326.

Assisting Us Today

Pastor.....Mark Bowyer
Music Director/Pianist.....Roxie Schloyer
Worship Leader.....Darren Dickensheets
Deacons of the Month/Welcomers.....Roger & Darlene Bollinger
Head Usher.....Roger Bollinger
Bulletin Board.....Amanda Jacobs-Womer

Please Uplift in Prayer

Hanover Hall

Esther Brown - Room 117A

Country Meadows

Bonnie Berwager - Apt 311

Spring Creek Rehab

Sonja Bankert

Utz Terrace

Evelyn Dickensheets

Homebound: Miriam Mills, Dale Sullivan, June Dennis

Others: Pastor Mark, Doug, Scott Sanders, Amber Hanson Shaw

Activities This Week

Sunday, April 21

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am
Newsletter Article Deadline

Monday, Apr 22

Al Anon - 7 pm

Tuesday, Apr 23

Blood Drive - 1-6

AA - 8 pm

Wednesday, Apr 24

Line Dancing - 2 pm

Choir - 7 pm

Friday, Apr 26

Newsletter Assembly - 9 am

Upcoming Activities

Sunday, April 28

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Monday, Apr 29

Al Anon - 7 pm

PAL@HACC

Tuesday, Apr 30

AA - 8 pm

Wednesday, May 1

Line Dancing - 2 pm

Choir - 7 pm

Thursday, May 2

Bread of Life 6 pm

Stewardship Last Week

Attendance: Sunday School - 28 Worship - 81

Giving: General Fund - \$2,077 Building Rental - \$109

Disaster Relief - \$100 Meat Canning - \$100 Yard Sale - \$27