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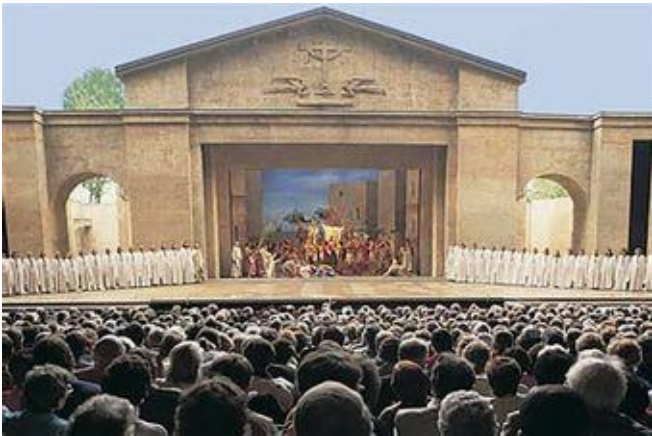
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” Notes from the Castle Church Door” December 2022



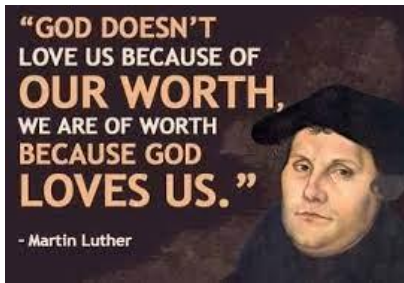
In September of this year, I had the privilege of being a Tour Host for a group from Reformation Tours. We were blessed to attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau Germany.

The Passion play, historically, brings more people to worship services in Lutherstadt Wittenberg than in a normal non-Passion play year. This year was no different.

One of the blessings of hosting worship services in the “Luther Churches” (Castle Church and Town Church) is to see how many countries are represented each year. In 2022 there were worshippers from 35 countries!! From China to Brazil to Tanzania to Australia to Denmark. The USA had the most attendees followed by Germany. It is fascinating to hear their story as to why and how they came to attend a WEM service.

One story shared by our Deputy Directors, Steve and Debbie Kukuk: *Before one service at the Schloßkirche, two young German women in their twenties stood outside the door. My wife struck up a conversation with them. They were old friends who hadn't seen each other for several years. They traveled to Wittenberg from their homes in separate places in Germany to renew their friendship and see the town. They wanted to see the inside of the church but didn't want to come in since we were about to have services. Deb spoke with them for several minutes, encouraging them to come in and join us. Finally, they reluctantly agreed and joined us. After the service, one of the young German ladies had tears running down her face. She said that she was overwhelmed during the service, that while hearing*

the Gospel in English – a language other than her own – she was amazed at how the Gospel speaks regardless of the language. She thanked us profusely for encouraging them to join us.



1 John 3:1 *ESV* See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

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