



Sunday, September 27, 2020

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After Pentecost*

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9:00 a.m.*

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

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“The Way Of Righteousness”

OPENING HYMN “Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies” #873 vs. 1-3

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise; triumph o’er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near; daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day’s return till Thy mercy’s beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus

Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 96:7-13*

P: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations,

C: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

C: Bring an offering and come into His courts.

P: Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness;

C: Tremble before Him, all the earth.

P: Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.”

C: The world is firmly established, It cannot be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.

P: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

C: Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

P: Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

C: Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;

P: They will sing before the Lord, for He comes, He comes to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His truth.

All: (Sing) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE (*sing*)

All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE “For the Fruits Of His Creation” #894 vs. 1-3

For the fruits of His creation, thanks be to God.

For His gifts to evr’y nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

In the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with Thy spirit.

P: Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *1 Chronicles 29:10-13*

David's Prayer for the Gifts of the Temple

10David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. **11**Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, you are exalted as head over all. **12**Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. **13**Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Romans 11:33 & 36*

P: Oh, the depth of riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: How unsearchable His judgements, and His paths beyond tracing out!

P: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:1-4; 12-14*

Look to the interest of others.

1Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

2Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3I thank my God every time I remember you. **4**In all my prayers for all of you I always pray with joy.

12Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. **13**As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. **14**Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE *(sing)*

ALL: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:23-32*

Jesus and the elders; and the parable of the two sons.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

23Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

24Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. **25**John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or from men?"

They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?'" **26**But if we say, 'From men' - we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet."

27So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."

Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

28"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

29"I will not," he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

30"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, "I will, sir," but he did not go.

31 "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. **32** For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

FIRST ARTICLE OF APOSTLE'S CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

All: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Take My Life And Let it Be" #783 vs 1-6*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;

Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

MESSAGE given by Dr. Phillip Johnson, Congregation Mission Formation, MN South District LCMS

HYMN *"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way" #857 vs 1-5*

Lord, help us walk Your servant way wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other's need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood; in lowliness You died.

No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You and live by Your commands.

You bid us bend your human pride nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task that waits the gift of love.

Lord, help us walk Your servant way wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other's need.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *"Almighty Father, Bless The Word" #923 vs1-3*

Almighty Father, bless the Word which through Your grace we now have heard.

Oh, may the precious seed take root, spring up, and bare abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace as homeward now our steps we trace.

Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here may all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thank You to Dr. Phillip Johnson for being our guest speaker this morning at our worship service. He works with the LCMS MN South with Congregation Mission Formation

Dr. Phillip Johnson will also lead us in discussion downstairs during the Sunday school hour. Make sure to join us for this discussion, fellowship and coffee.

Monday Night Worship Service: We will hold our weekday service tomorrow night at 6:30 pm with Holy Communion.

Service Time Change

Starting Next Sunday October 4

Services @ 8:00 & 10:30 am

Sunday School @ 9:15 am

Weekday Services on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

This schedule will continue through the month of October.

Newsletter for October will be printed this week. Please have all items for the newsletter into the office by Monday morning.

Nominating Committee Meeting will meet next Sunday during the Sunday school hour.

Greeters Sign Up Sheet: We are looking for volunteers help be greeters at our worship services. Please sign up or contact us at the church office if you are willing to help.

LWML Mission Get Together: Immanuel Lutheran, Lakefield will be hosting the Great MN South LWML Mission Get-Together via Facebook on the Big Screen Sat, Oct 10. We will not need to travel and can still enjoy!! There is no cost. We will begin at 9:00 AM with the Worship Service, MNS LCMS President Lucas Woodford will be the Proclaimer. We will continue the day with Bible studies and the Keynote Speaker, Jan Struck. Lunch will be provided donated through Thrivent. RSVP by 10/5/2020 to 507-662-5718 so we have a lunch count.

Thank You to our church family for all of the prayers and cards, and also thank you to Pastor Steve and Jeff for the visits. I also would like to thank anybody who has donated blood in the past and for those of you who are still doing so. It truly is life saving. ~Mary Kay Schultz

Reminder: A survey was sent out from St. John's through email last week. Please take time to fill this survey out. Thank you.

Take My Moments And My Days

Sunday, September 27: 9:00 am Worship, 10:15 am Sunday School, Fellowship/Discussion

Monday, September 28: 6:30 pm Weekday Communion Service

Wednesday, September 29: 3:45 pm Confirmation

Sunday, October 4: 8:00 & 10:30 am Communion Service, 9:15 am. Sunday School/Bible Class



Coping With Cancer: Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Nathan Behne, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan,

Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Georgia Holtz, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

Care List: Terri, Ringnell, Kurt Jans, Mary Kay Schultz, Bruce Behne, Steve Luhmann, sLaVerna Diekmann, Carroll Behne, Theodore Carnehl, Reinold Hagen, Verna Bliesmer, Angie Leiding, Les Anderson, Taylor Antony, Dan Hanson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Joyce Hansen Picken, Lorraine Gagnon, Sammie Moeller, Whitney Kassner, Linda Chase, Lois Anderson, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Sherman, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Broolsma, Bob Broolsma, and those we name in our hearts. *(Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)*

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week Jaime Leiting, Judy Hybbert, Velda Roush, Landon Korte, Griffin Hansen, Billy Arnold, Natalie Smith, Ken Weber, Kathy Nolte, Nathan Whitehead, Haydyn Nelson, Deb Jans, John Tirevold, McKenzie Koehnen, Tammy Holm, Zac Olson, Brayden Williamson, Henrik Ross, Tom Claussen, Deb Swift

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Kevin & Nora Kahler, Trevor & Chelsea Reese, Tom & Penny Claussen, Brian & Lisa Rienhardt, Jeremy & Abby Gibson, Mike & Charity Ringnell