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Pentecost/Trinity Season (8/24)

Paraments are green; the color of life in nature signifies our spiritual life in Christ's kingdom.

Welcome to all! VBS Series Focus:

WE ARE CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

THIS WEEK: THE FATHER'S CHILD TALKS ABOUT HIM TO OTHERS

Today's Order of Service and Hymns:

Worship Supplement 2000 ~ "Setting #2" on p.12ff (Sunday 5/8)

494 ♦ 523:1-3, 6 ♦ 772 ♦ 47:1,4

Bells – Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #494 [Red Hymnal]

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: We begin our Savior's divine worship service, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (speaks): Amen.

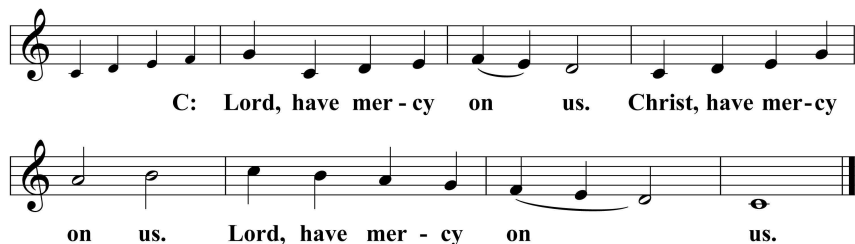
Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

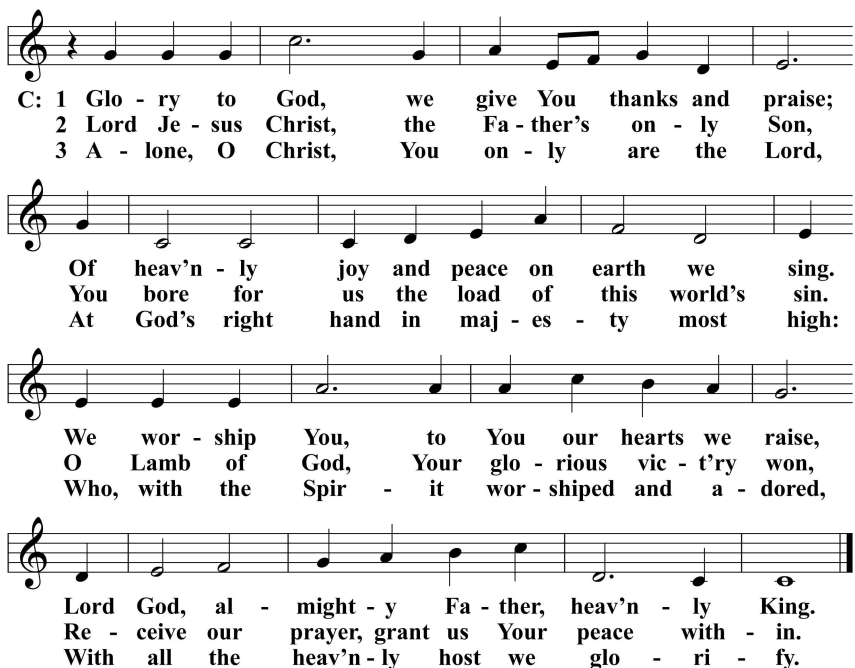
Congregation (speaks): Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *KYRIE*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

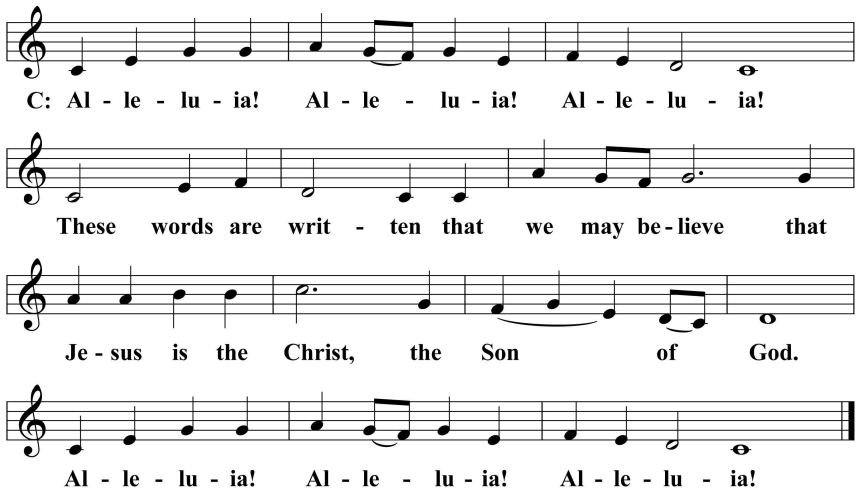
Congregation (speaks): Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON – Matthew 15:21

In the Gospel Lesson for today we read about our Savior healing the daughter of the Canaanite woman after He briefly tests her faith. What assurance can we find here about the love of our Lord God?

21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." 24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the little dogs." 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Apostles Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: #523:1-3, 6 [Red Hymnal]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.' ~Matthew 19:14

SERMON

Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

2 Kings 5:1-14 Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. **2** And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. **3** Then she said to her mistress, *"If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy."*

4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, *"Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel."*

5 Then the king of Syria said, *"Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."*

So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. **6** Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy. **7** And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said,

"Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me."

8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying,

"Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean."

11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' 12 "Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?"

So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said,

"My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

14 So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

THEME: CHILDREN OF **THE** HEAVENLY FATHER

THE Cure: Controversial ~ Not Complicated ~ Crucial

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

SERMON HYMN: #772 [Tan Supplement]

OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD: [Red hymnal #441:1,2]

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus, As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #47:1,4 [Red Hymnal]

~ Silent Prayer ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome to all! Guests, please sign guest book and come again!
If you'd like to meet with Pastor, please just ask or call (920) 922-7421*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE *"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15*

SUN-SUN: Youth Conference in Ellington, MO

SUN: 9am Communion Worship Service

TV CHURCH: Continues this week on **Wednesday @ 3pm** on cable Channel 20 or 8. The voters decided on July 19th to cancel our Charter broadcast for the time being and try mailing DVD's to our Ministry by Mail individuals. The program will stop being shown in August and pastor and other volunteers will be setting up our new trial Ministry by Mail with DVD's. **Any members who are able to donate TV's or DVD players to LM for the shut-ins, please bring them in!**

ENTRYWAY ITEMS: *You may find copies of these items in the entryway:*

New: CLC Fiscal Year 2011 Summary

Recent: LM Voters work ♦ Midsummer's Night Studies ♦ LM July Council Minutes ♦ Aug YC11 Schedule ♦ CLC June Finance & Mission Report ♦ Worship Survey to date ♦ CLC General Pastoral Conf & Great Lakes Delegate Conf Minutes (ask pastor if you're interested in any of the papers discussed) ♦ CLC Spring Coordinating Council Summary ♦ CLC July Pastoral Letter

ED JACOBS, who has recently returned home after 80 days in the ICU and rehabilitation units at St. Agnes after his car accident, wishes to express his deep appreciation by saying, *"Thank you everyone for all the prayers, all the wonderful cards, all the visits from so many of you even multiple times, for pastor and his family, all the meals, and just all the love and support from all my brothers and sisters in Christ. The Lord was with me everyday and continues to remind me how He never lets us down! Thank you again! And God bless you all!"*

CLC Call News: The Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, Hecla SD, has accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA.<> The Rev. Timothy Holland has resigned from his call from Rock of Ages, Grand Rapids MI, for personal reasons. He will still be serving Our Savior Lutheran, Cadillac, MI. <> Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ, has called Staci Sue Nieuwenhuis, a member there, to be their Kindergarten teacher.

Witnessing idea for the week:

Lord, grant to Your servants that with all boldness we may speak Your word. (Acts 4:29)

Fellowship encouragement:

The article that follows today is a helpful reminder for all of us. Take a moment later today to really sit down and read through this. Maybe it will give you some ideas you can use to encourage others here at LM? Hopefully it will help us all keep each other in our prayers as we continue to build each other up in the love and service of Christ our Savior!

THIS SUNDAY Usher Team 3 = Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel, Ron Snow **Organist: Mrs. Eserhut**

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 4 = Wayne Wischnefski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King, Joel Delarme **Organist: TBA**

FELLOWSHIP

When we speak of fellowship, we generally think of what is known as "Church Fellowship." Such fellowship involves worship, prayer, and joint church work. We also speak of pulpit, prayer, and altar fellowship. According to Scripture such fellowship is appropriately practiced only with such, and among such, as are united in the teachings of Scripture. Paul spoke of it in Romans 15, "Now the God of patience and and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Hardly can that occur where there is disagreement in what Scripture teaches! For that reason the confessional Lutheran church faithful to the Scripture does not enter into fellowship relations with heterodox (false teaching) churches. To enter into such a fellowship under those conditions is called "unionism." Unionism is forbidden by such passages as Romans 16:17, 18; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 5:6, 7. Because of the danger to faith and ultimately to one's salvation, our Heavenly Father instructs us not to sit at the feet of false teachers, or enter into any

religious activity with them through which they may be encouraged to continue in their error.

However, we will address the subject from another perspective. We speak first of the *BEAUTY OF FELLOWSHIP*. The fellowship of which we speak here is the fellowship- the togetherness- that people of one confession, one faith, and one commitment enjoy with one another in the church of which they are members. This fellowship extends to the togetherness that we enjoy in the church body – in our case the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This is an aspect of fellowship that church members frequently forget to their great loss.

We live in a selfish, self-serving world. Frequently in society people are confronted with danger from the criminal element. There are people who will quickly take economic advantage of us. If we do not fit the social mores of society we are in danger of being ostracized. In the work place we may be assaulted by foul language and abuse of our Savior's name. In that setting a sensitive Christian is uncomfortable. It is quite possible that as confessional Lutherans who believe the Bible and confess the Lord Jesus we will be made to feel quite alone. The one place where we can find refuge is in the assembly of fellow believers in the church family. Fellow believers in Christ are members of the Body of Christ. The beauty of a fellowship and interaction within a Christian congregation of people of one mind and one faith is described in Acts 1:14: "These all continued with one accord (in harmony with one another) in prayer and supplication..." Then we read of the early church in Acts 2:44-46, "And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart..." In view of the approaching Day (Hebrews 10:25), our Lord exhorts us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. It is His will that we gather in worship around the means of grace (gospel in word and sacrament) so that we can be nourished, strengthened and comforted by the Word from our Father. But here is another factor that speaks to the purpose of our assembling faithfully together. It is that "we can stimulate one another to love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24-AAT, Beck). We need one another. We need the fellowship of one another in a trusting, safe, and encouraging environment which a Christian congregation affords. – Pastor Dan Fleischer, Emeritus