

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogate - "Pray"

April 27, 2008

Pre-service Meditation

Psalm 67 p137

Opening Hymn - 194 "Abide with Us, the Day is Waning"

Our Order of Worship: Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5

Psalm for the Day:

(from Psalm 5)

- P:** Give ear to my words, O LORD,
C: Consider my meditation.
- P:** Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God,
C: For to You I will pray.
- P:** I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
C: In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.
- P:** Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies;
C: Make Your way straight before my face.
- P:** Let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;
C: Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them;
- P:** Let those also who love Your name
C: Be joyful in You.
- P:** For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous;
C: With favor You will surround him as with a shield.
- P:** GLORY BE TO GOD!
ALL: ♪ "Glory be to the Father..."

~ The Collect ~

P: *Let us pray* - Lord, because You have promised to give what we ask in the name of Your only begotten Son, teach us rightly to pray and with all Your saints to offer You our adoration and praise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: "A- - - men"

Scripture Readings

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." - *John 20:31*

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-11 Seek ye the LORD while he

may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

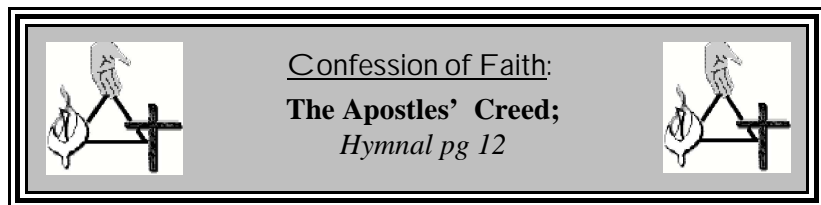
P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia! If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Alleluia! (Rom 6:9; John 14:23)

ALL: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

New Testament Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:1-8 I exhort therefore, that,

first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave

himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.



Hymn - 454 "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire"

~ The Sermon ~

John 16:23b-30 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father." His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."

"Our Father Who Art In Heaven..."

- Why we can call Him "Father"
- Why our prayers are heard
- What we pray for

~ The Offertory ~

♪ He is arisen! Glorious word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heaven are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's direst weapon.
Oh, hear What cheer!

Christ victorious Riseth glorious,
Life He giveth--
He was dead, but see, He liveth! Amen. (TLH 189)

~ Offering of Thankful Hearts and Prayers ~

Hymn - 455 "Our Heavenly Father, Hear"

The Benediction

Closing Hymn - 458:9 "Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above"

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

GOSPEL'S STUDY What is the first thing you do when one of your fellow Christians sins against you? Sadly we do not handle things as Jesus would have us do in love. We tell other people about what he or she did to us. We tell the pastor about it because we think it is his job to handle it. Yet Jesus asks us, in love, to FIRST go to our brother (fellow Christian) alone. In our study of the Gospels this morning we will consider this very topic - we hope you will join us.

SOFTBALL PLAYERS !!! Your Aberdeen Church League B Division, third place Prince of Peace/CLC softball team is gearing up for another exciting season of church league softball! And we're looking for players.

Games are Monday nights in Aberdeen. First game is scheduled for Monday, June 2. We are working with the league organizer to consider scheduling our team for double headers every other Monday night. Teams are co-ed and anyone older than 14 as of June 1 is eligible to play.

If you can play the season, one game, or multiple games but not the whole season please sign up on the waver sheet on the table in the entry way. If you are under 18 you will need your parent to sign for you.

We had a blast last year and hope you can join us for the fun, fellowship, and competition this year!

ILC BUILDING PROJECT Please take the time to look over the flyers being passed out regarding the ILC Building Project. The Academic Center is something that the Synod sees as something needed for our High School and College in Eau Claire for some time. The ILC Publicity Committee / Building Committee sees the present economic climate as a good time to move forward on this project. If you are interested in contributing to this project please write "ILC Building Project" on the memo line of your offering check. If you have money you would like to loan to the Church Extension Fund (CEF) there is a note available in the flyer.

This week at Prince of Peace . . .

Today

10:15 Gospels Study / Sunday School (OT26)

Tuesday

5:00 Angstman Class

Wednesday

4:00 Catechism

Thursday

7:30 Ascension Day Celebration Service

Sunday, May 4 - Sunday after Ascension

9:00 Worship Service with Lord's Supper

10:25 Gospels Study/ Sunday School (OT27)

Serving in May:

Usher: Steve

Cleaner: Pfeiffer

TO OUR YOUNG LADIES AND THEIR PARENTS In the account of Jesus visiting the home of Mary and Martha we are reminded how Martha was "busy with serving" while Mary "sat at Jesus feet and heard His Word." Jesus praised the choice which Mary made. "One thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." (Jn 10:39-42)

We wish to set aside time for the young ladies of our congregation (high school and college age) to sit at the feet of their Savior and hear what He has to say to them. To that end, we are offering a seminar for them this summer. Rachel Kippley has been kind enough to offer assistance in preparation and presentation for a portion of the seminar. Topics included will cover such things as:

- Women of the Bible vs Women of the world
- Christian courtship/dating
- Marriage and motherhood
- Being in the world but not of the world (at school and work)
- Active in the church

Again, our congregation (Pastor, Elders, and Voters) see this as a priority for our congregation and we hope you do too. Our girls are given many ungodly role models at school, on TV, in magazines, and on the internet. We feel this seminar is one way to better equip them with the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.

We would like to propose **Saturday, July 12** for this seminar. We would begin at 10:00 and go until 4:00 or later if necessary. A group activity would be planned following that. We will be sending out invitations to the local congregations and their high school and college aged girls to join us.

We hope our parents and young ladies see how very important this is for them and their lives in Christ and will join Mary by sitting at Jesus' feet to hear His Word! **PLEASE** make this a priority for your summer plans. If there is no way this date will work for you, please speak with Pastor.

CAN YOU HELP? If you would like to help with our seminar there are a few things we may need assistance with.

- Meals - one noon meal (possibly also evening meal)
- Housing - in inviting area members to join us for the seminar we would also like to invite them to stay for services on Sunday
- Activity - if you have ideas for a group outing Saturday evening please speak with Pastor or Rachel
- PRAY - ask the Lord that He would shower His blessings upon the preparation and

Again, we hope you see how important these things are and will put it high on your "list of things to do" this summer!



For Parents and Kids:
on Social Networking Sites

If you could tell the world something about yourself, what would you want them to know? What sort of pictures would you use to would you want shown? What kind of words would you use?

Most, if not all, of our junior high, high school, and college aged members know a great deal about “Social Networking” websites and probably have their own page. Sites such as “MySpace” and “Facebook” are used by millions of people the world over. It is a great way to meet new people from around the world and keep in touch friends at a distance. It is also a way to let your friends know what is going on in your life by posting pictures and writing blogs (online journals).

But like most everything in this world, what can be used for good purposes the devil loves to twist for sinful, wicked purposes. While you can meet nice people with mutual interests there are also evil people with evil intentions that may be trying to meet you. And you have no real way of telling. We see that this is one reason to be on guard with such sites.

Since I activated a “Facebook” account last year there have been many things I have enjoyed about being able to “network” with my friends that live far away (India even!). I found out quickly and easily that one of my friends had gotten engaged another went to school overseas. We are even putting together a “Facebook” page for our upcoming seminar.

At the same time it has been extremely sad to see some of the things my fellow Christians (some not all!) have posted. Whether it was vulgar and offensive language or suggestive pictures - it is sad to see what some Christians are telling others about themselves. These are things which one would expect to see of non-believers, not followers of Christ! The shame is not merely that such sins were committed, but that a Christian would want other people to see and read of those sins!

Again, if you could tell or show the world something about yourself - what would it be? Would your choice of words and choice of pictures reflect the love you have for Jesus or would your choices make other Christians sad to see?

Thus ALL of our parents MUST be aware of their children’s activity on such sites and steer them away from all things that are spiritually harmful. Ask them what they think about the ways they or others use their “Facebook” or “MySpace” page. Maybe even ask them if you can see their page or have the password to check up on it.

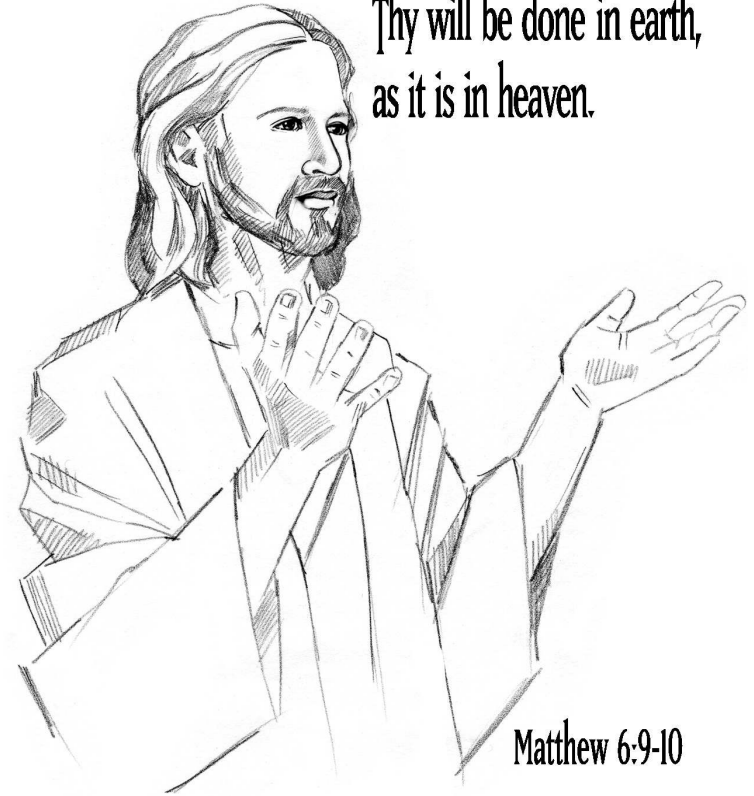
Christians are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. If we lose our saltiness and instead blend in with the flavor of this world, what good are we? If we hide the light of our faith, we are doing nothing to help people who are on the path headed for eternal destruction. Even scarier, if other weaker Christians see and hear us doing such things, they may get the impression that such behavior is okay and thus WE lead them into sin. “Woe” to such a man, Jesus says.

Instead Christ Jesus says to all His followers: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Mt 5:16) Instead of trying to fit in with the world that is headed to hell (literally!), let us do and say things which let the light of our faith shine! Let your “Facebook” or “MySpace” page reflect your love for Jesus that all may know He is the most important thing to you! Use words and actions which bring glory to the name of your heavenly Father who loved you so much that to save you He was willing to give up His beloved Son!

Once again, these sites CAN be used for good and god-pleasing purposes. Let us seek to do so! Let us seek to let the light of our faith shine at all times - including on “Facebook” and “MySpace.” Let us show the world that while we are in it (we live here), we are not of it (we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own special people)!

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name together. -Ps 34:3

OUR Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven.



Matthew 6:9-10

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