

# PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The First Sunday after Trinity

May 25, 2008

Pre-service Meditation

*Psalm 67 p137*

Opening Hymn: 4

*“God Himself Is Present”*

Our Order of Worship: Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5

### Psalm for the Day:

*(From Psalm 25)*

- P: To You, O LORD,  
 C: I lift up my soul.  
 P: Show me Your ways, O LORD;  
 C: Teach me Your paths.  
 P: Lead me in Your truth  
 C: And teach me,  
 P: For You are the God of my salvation;  
 C: On You I wait all the day.  
 P: Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,  
 C: For they are from of old.  
 P: Do not remember the sins of my youth,  
 C: Nor my transgressions;  
 P: According to Your mercy remember me,  
 C: For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.  
 P: Good and upright is the LORD;  
 C: Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.  
 P: The humble He guides in justice,

C: And the humble He teaches His way.

P: GLORY BE TO GOD!

ALL: ♪ “Glory be to the Father...”

### ~ The Gloria in Excelsis ~

"All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!  
 To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.

God showeth His good will to men,  
 And peace shall reign with us again;

Oh thank Him for His goodness! Amen."

(TLH 237:1 adapted)

### ~ The Collect ~

P: Let us pray - Grant, we beg You, almighty God, that the brightness of Your glory may shine forth upon us and that the light of Your light, by the illumination of the Holy Spirit, may establish the hearts of all that have been born anew by Your grace; 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*

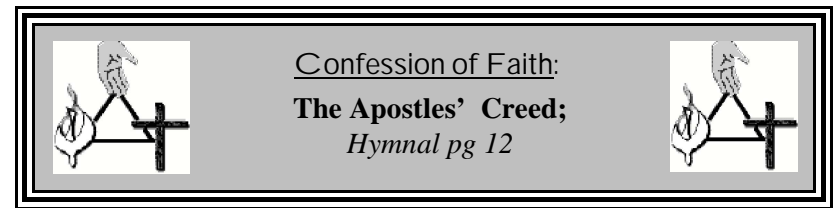
Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Hear, O Israel: The

LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

New Testament Lesson: 1 John 4:16-21 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

P: Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. Hallelujah! (Ps. 119:105)  
ALL: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:19-31 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.



Opening Hymn: 373:1-6 "By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"

~ The Sermon ~

Romans 1:1-7 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Holy Spirit to the Romans  
"Grace and Peace"

~ The Offertory ~

♪ "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me..."

~ Offering of Thankful Hearts and Prayers ~

Hymn: 777

"Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound"

**The Benediction**

Closing Hymn: 373:7 "By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless"

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 grace and peace that is yours through 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.

PASTOR JEREMIAH ISSANGYA On June 5 a pastor of our sister synod in Tanzania is the LCEA (The Lutheran Church of East Africa) will be visiting the States. For the first week and a half (June 5-15) Pastor Jeremiah Issangya will be staying with Larry and Nancy Hansen. It is hoped that during that time Pastor Jeremiah will be able to visit our various congregation in the Dakota area.

The Voter's will be discussing this morning when we might be able to have Pastor Jeremiah speak to our congregation about his work as a Lutheran minister in Tanzania. My suggestion to the Voter's will be that we tentatively plan on having a special service here on Friday, June 6. We would like to have both the adult and children's choir sing in the service. I am also going to suggest that we have a special dinner in honor of Pastor Jeremiah. Because we would like to have Pastor Jeremiah visit our other congregations in the Dakotas, I suggest we be flexible with dates, but tentatively plan on Friday, June 6.

Larry tells us how our brethren in Africa demonstrate the love of Christ at work in them as they welcome our brethren from the CLC-USA. We would also like to extend the holy kiss of fellowship to our brother in Christ from Tanzania as he visits the Dakotas!

Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:21

PASTOR MICHAEL SCHIERENBECK FUND As mentioned in an earlier announcement, Pastor Mike Schierenbeck has resigned from his call to Faith, Markesan, WI effective June 30. The Schierenbeck family plans to remain living in the Markesan area. In early July Pastor Schierenbeck will be undergoing a stem cell / bone marrow transplant and will be hospitalized for 100 days followed by a long recovery period at the Mayo Clinic. While they do have health insurance to cover this procedure, you can imagine the extra expenses that will be acquired during that time. Faith congregation has established a fund to help the Schierenbeck family cover various living and transportation expenses. Please consider whether you might be able to assist your brethren in Christ during this traumatic time. Checks can be made out to "Mike Schierenbeck" and please include "transplant fund" on the memo line.

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THANK-YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SUPERINTENDENT!!!

This Sunday we conclude our 2007-2008 Sunday School year. We would like to thank Scott, Jeff, Rachel, and Judy for giving of their time and talents to lead our little ones to Christ. It is indeed very important work that these servants of Christ do for His congregation. This year the children were taken from the beginning of Creation (Genesis 1) through the Last Days of Moses (Deuteronomy 34). We thank the Lord for supplying such gifts to His people that they might be able to lead these little ones to Jesus through His Word. Please take the time to personally thank these servants of Christ for serving our Lord and your congregation in this way!

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SUMMER SOFTBALL SCHEDULE We are thrilled to see so many interested in participating on our church softball team in Aberdeen this summer!!! The summer schedule has arrived. While the organizer tried to schedule double-headers every other Monday and late games for our team, it just didn't work out. Here is the schedule for our Monday night games in Aberdeen:

- June 2 - 7:30
- June 9 - BYE
- June 16 - 6:30
- June 23 - 7:30
- June 30 - 8:30
- July 7 - 6:30
- July 14 - 7:30
- July 21 - 8:30
- July 28 - 6:30
- August 8-9 - TOURNAMENT

Next Sunday we would like to have a potluck dinner followed by practice and a game if we have enough people. If you signed up to play and know which Mondays you CANNOT make it to the game - please sign your name by the given date so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

This week at Prince of Peace . . .

Today

- 10:10 Voter's Meeting
- 10:30 Bible Class and Sunday School (OT30)
- 11:15 Choir Practice

Tuesday - Thursday

- 10:00 West-Central Delegate Conference in Watertown

Sunday, June 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

- 9:00 Worship Service with Lord's Supper (Romans 1:13-20)
- 10:25 Gospels Study/ Sunday School video

- 11:00 Choir Practice
  - 11:30 Potluck
  - 12:15 Softball practice
- SERVING IN JUNE:  
Cleaners: Larry and Nancy Hansen  
Usher: Scott and Jeff



It is hoped that on the last Sunday of the month, there will be a "Page Seven" article in our bulletin which deals with an item in the news and applies to our walk with Christ. My only fear is that this will be read during the worship service rather than prior to the service or at home.

Please make use of this, but don't let it be a distraction!

This month I want to discuss a story out of Bertha, Minnesota which appeared in Wednesday's "Fargo's Forum" and appeared Tuesday morning on ABC's Good Morning America. It seems that the priest of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bertha has taken out a restraining order against one of his members. 13 year-old Adam Race is a six foot, 225 pound member who is severely autistic. The priest contends that "Adam's continued presence on church grounds not only endangers the parishioners, it is disruptive to the devout celebration of the Eucharist." It is reported that the priest the restraining order only after other options were exhausted (counseling, etc). So now young Adam can be arrested if he appears on church property.

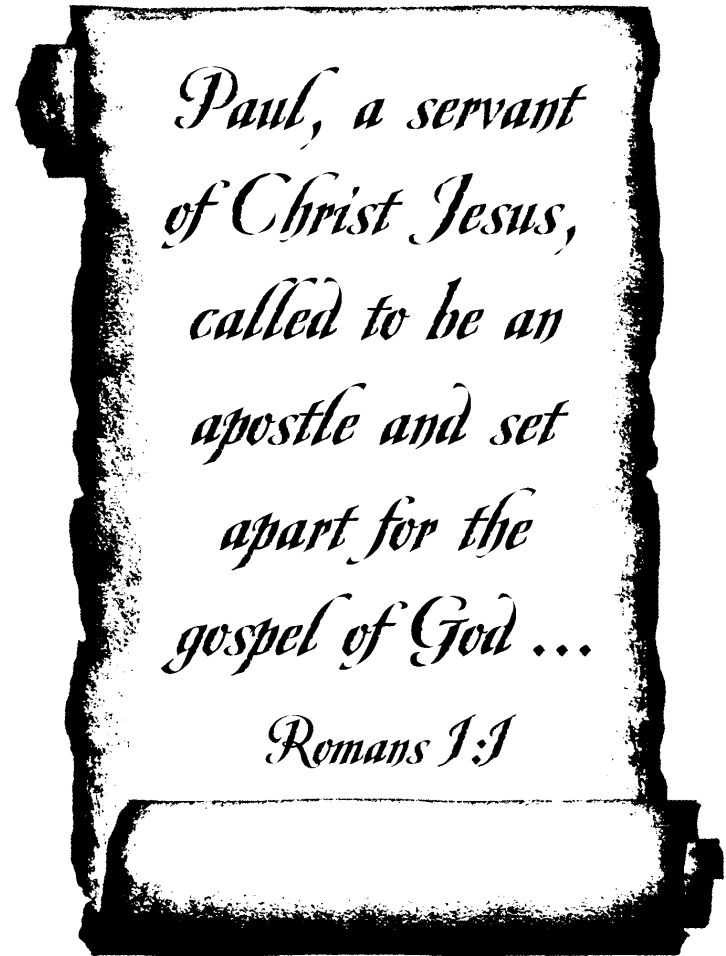
We can obviously see that this is not the love of Christ at work. It is hard to imagine that Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them," (Mt 19:14) would ever advocate a restraining order against a child - no matter how unruly he may be.

However there is even more under the surface of this story. One of the options that was presented to the Race family was to watch the service in the church basement on closed-circuit television. Adam's mother said this was not possible because her son is afraid of the television and she has religious objections. The Catholic church teaches that it is a sin if one does not attend the Mass (Lord's Supper) when physically able.

Part of the problem for Adam's mother is the Roman Catholic Church's teaching on Lord's Supper. This bloodless, re-sacrificing of Christ for sins in the Mass is viewed as a "work-worked." By attending the Mass a catholic is told that he or she is earning God's favor.

But what is it that Jesus says is taking place in Lord's Supper? Are we re-sacrificing Jesus for new sins that we have committed? Scripture is clear on this - For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all. (Rom 6:10) The death of Christ on Calvary was so valuable to God that the one sacrifice was sufficient for the sins of all people of all time.

Furthermore, is going to Lord's Supper a work which we do to earn God's favor or is it a means by which God bestows His grace on us? Do we earn forgiveness by being physically present? If it is a work, then we as sinners need to be continually at the Lord's Table! But return with me to those precious words of institution - especially the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." We are not earning forgiveness in this meal - it is not a "work worked." It is solely grace, God giving us something! Christ giving us His very body given into death for our sins and His blood shed for the remission of our sins. It is not dependant on us, but is solely a gift of grace from our loving Savior to strengthen and re-assure our faith. May God be praised for this means by which His grace is given to us!



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