

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pre-service Meditation

Psalm 119; I; pg. 149

Opening Hymn 522

"When in the Hour of Utmost Need"

Our Order of Worship: Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5

Psalm for the Day:

(from Psalm 143)

- P: Hear my prayer, O LORD,
C: Give ear to my supplications!
- P: In Your faithfulness answer me,
C: And in Your righteousness.
- P: Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,
C: For in Your sight no one living is righteous.
- P: For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
C: He has crushed my life to the ground;
- P: He has made me dwell in darkness,
C: Like those who have long been dead.
- P: Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;
C: My heart within me is distressed.
- P: Answer me speedily, O LORD;
C: My spirit fails!
- P: Do not hide Your face from me,
C: Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.
- P: Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,
C: For in You do I trust;

- P: Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,
C: For I lift up my soul to You.
- P: Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
C: In You I take shelter.
- P: Teach me to do Your will,
C: For You are my God;
- P: Your Spirit is good.
C: Lead me in the land of uprightness.
- P: Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake!
C: For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
- P: Glory be to God!
ALL: ♪ "Glory be to the Father..." _____

- The Collect -

- P:** *Let us pray* - Almighty and most merciful God, who has appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into eternal glory, grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Your holy will and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead and of the glory of the world to come; 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 ~ Ezekiel 2:1-5 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. 2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. 4 For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD. 5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

P: Hallelujah, Hallelujah. "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Hallelujah!

ALL: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

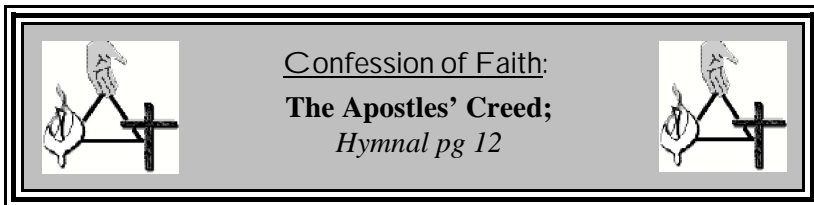
P: Our New Testament lesson for today is from Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, chapter eight, beginning with the first verse.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Lesson ~ Mark 6:1-6 And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. 2 And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. 4 But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. 5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. 6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

P: So far the Word.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!



Hymn 534

"God of My Life, to Thee I Call"

~ The Sermon ~

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

THE ALL-SUFFICIENT GRACE OF CHRIST JESUS

- Sufficient for our salvation
- Sufficient in our sufferings

~ The Offertory ~

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God...

Hymn 523

"Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

*~ Offering of Thankful Hearts ~
~ Prayers and Lord's Prayer ~
~ The Benediction ~*

Closing Hymn 54

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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 glorious Son of God, our Savior from sin, 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.

NEWS FROM INDIA The following comes from Missionary Koenig regarding some of the work being done in India, particularly by Pastor Victor whose work our congregation helps subsidize:

Tiruttani District

This is the second newest district with 25 men serving 1604 souls. On the visitation they were just starting to teach the catechism in the congregations. One congregation we came to was doing VBS with the catechism. D. Paul teaches these men. Due to tight finances they have only one day a month study instead of the two that we began with in districts in the past. Of the 28 stations: 17 have no other church in the village, 7 have one other church, 4 have two or more other churches. Yesurathinam goes all the way back to 1990 when Bas first started work in Uthukottai coming up from the tip of India. Yesirathinam had been asking us to come and start a district there for some time. He, Wilson Chinnyan and Chandirasekaran have been doing a team ministry for twenty years out of Janaga Rajakuppam working very smoothly together. They had started to train Muthu, George, Edward and Swamidoss to go out. Then we began the district meetings and all seven men attend. The week after we visited Agasteen was going to start VBS in his station at Keerai Sathu. This is a town of 4000 with no other church. He also gathers lepers at Christmas and give them clothes and such. Daniel, who also seems to be of leadership quality, learned about us through the Chittoor pastors and through his cousin Meshack, who is one of our pastors at Alapakkam. Daniel rents a house in Tiruttani for church services and we help in the rent as that is where the men meet. As we go about to visit the men medical needs is something to pray about and help with. And in recent visits there have been three who have TB. We just don't think about that stateside. You may remember that an older pastor in Nellore District died a while back from TB. We visited his widow.

Rayachotti District

This is the newest of Victor's districts started Oct. '07. All twelve men have been visited and in addition we accepted one new man in. What was a bit of a shocker was that the district had turned over 100%. None of those who started were still in the group. What happened in particular is the aggressiveness of 7th Day Adventists who offered salaries blatantly at R. 2000 a month. It is best that men do leave in this case, but the question is - why so many? The new meeting place for the Rayachotti district meetings is within view of a 7th Day Adventist church on a hill nearby. With the men who are in the district now there is another 100% situation; in each of the 13 stations there is no other church. This also has to account for the larger size congregations that were either independent or part of the Brethren. With 3131 souls served there was a drawing down of the catechism supply we brought.

Another 1000 Telugu need to be printed for the remaining June visitations.

- At Nalacherupalli we gave R. 2000 for child evangelism carried on by Pastor Yesaiah. He brings in the children to have class before school each day.
- Pastor Joseph wants to start a Gospel bookshop with his loan. Joseph is also Victor's senior man on the scene.
- At Pastor Ramana's he had a couple of his grandchildren sing us a song as we took refreshments.

- Pastor Doraswami and his son Pravin Kumar serve two stations. They are very interested in deepening their knowledge. We could refer them to the Telugu materials Jyothi has produced that are on our website.
- Pastor N. Isaiah gave up a good teaching job in a private school to do Gospel work.
- Pastor Auguston's wife is a nurse and as is the situation elsewhere the wife helps her husband by supporting the family financially.
- Several of the men in this district made requests for: New Testaments, Children's Bible materials, concordances, Bible pictures, etc. These kinds of requests are a good sign.
- At Doraswami's we met a new man who wanted to join us. Upon learning that his home village was in Guntur I thought he could go to the CLCI Seminary. But since he served a congregation nearby, he will be admitted to Victor's studies. By all means pray about the men in this district which saw such a dramatic turnover. May God preserve these men in the truth.

MORE FROM PASTOR DANIEL FLEISCHER ON THE CLC'S 50TH:

"OUR JUBILEE IN CHRIST" is the theme of the 50th anniversary of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The word "jubilee" is derived from a Hebrew word jobel-- the joyful shout or clangor of trumpets, by which the Year of Jubilee was announced.

The Old Testament Year of Jubilee was celebrated every 50th year. During this year the land that had been taken from its owners was returned to the family to whom it originally belonged. All slaves of Jewish blood were to be released. Leviticus 25 describes the divine command and reason for the Year of Jubilee.

The Father commanded it as an expression of divine love through which He provided for the preservation and welfare of families and tribes. It contributed to the recording of genealogies and preserved evidence to establish right to ancestral property. "The Year of Jubilee became a year of freedom and of mercy to the entire people, but especially to the poor and oppressed, and a year of rest from toil and drudgery" (Kretzmann—Popular Commentary, Vol. 1).

Since the Year of Jubilee was part of the ceremonial law, we of the New Testament are no longer under its mandated provisions. In Christ through Whom liberty is proclaimed and through Whom the broken-hearted are bound up (Isaiah 61:2, Luke 4:18, 19), we enjoy spiritual rest and freedom foreshadowed by the Year of Jubilee. The peace we know is the peace of forgiveness, proclaimed by Christ, and won through Him. The freedom we know is the freedom from sin, death, and the power of the devil. In Christ we have REDEMPTION FOR THE PAST, and HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

It is the will of God that in the exercise of church fellowship on earth there be unity of teaching (1 Corinthians 1:10). When it is established that such unity does not exist we are to sever such relationships (Romans 16:17, 18) for the preservation of our confession, our faith and our hope in Christ. The immediate cause of the formation of the CLC arose out of the change in fellowship doctrine and practice of our former fellowship. Consciences were compelled by the Word to act. Our Year of Jubilee celebration is dated from our inception as a confessional Lutheran Church body in 1960.

The visible Christian church in the world today is in the sorry condition it is in part because, having forsaken God's Word, it rejects His teaching regarding the practice of fellowship. However, the purpose of our synod's existence is greater than the promotion of the Scriptural fellowship principle. In fact, the principle serves the greater purpose—the proclamation of the full, free, and unadulterated Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our witness is not, "See how 'pure' we are in our fellowship practice." Such a boast is vain and belies the struggle in which we are regularly engaged. Our witness is to the cross of Him upon Whom was laid the sin of us all. Our witness is to Him Who gives life and salvation. Our jubilee year in Christ is not to the praise of our church body, but is recognition that our Father in His mercy has preserved to us the blessed message of salvation without which there is no joy or peace or freedom—no hope and no future. For 50 years He graciously has blessed us with the privilege to preach the Gospel.

Our jubilee in Christ will be meaningful only as we continue faithfully in the Word of God, and only as we continue to proclaim the Gospel of which Jesus is the heart and soul. We are but servants of the Lord our God (cf. Leviticus 25:55).

"To The Triune God alone be jubilee praise and glory forever. Amen."

CHURCH PICNIC Following Bible Class and Sunday School this morning, we have the opportunity to enjoy further fellowship with each other at our annual Church Picnic. Larry and Nancy Hansen have been kind enough to offer the use of their farm once again for our picnic. We hope you will be able to join us!

INVITATION FROM THE WIETGREFES: Neal Wietgreffe has extended an invitation to the congregation to join him and his family for a barbeque next Saturday evening. The festivities are set to begin at 3pm at his home in Aberdeen. Please contact Neal with any questions: 605-262-0337

VBS HELPERS NEEDED The week of August 3-7 has been set aside for our Vacation Bible School. We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping out in any of the following areas: Teaching; Crafts; Meals; Recess; Music; or any general assistance. If you would like to serve the Lord in one of these or another area, please speak with Pastor.

This Week @ Prince of Peace...

Today

- 10:15 Gospels Study / Sunday School Video
- 11:00 Adult Choir practice
- 12:00 Church Picnic @ L. Hansen farm

Thursday, July 23

- 7:30 Softball, Field C vs. Aberdeen Alliance
(Results from last week - WIN! 22-18)

Sunday, July 26 - 7th Sunday a. Trinity

- 9:00 Worship Service
- 10:15 Bible Class / Sunday School Video
- 11:00 Adult Choir practice

My **G**race
is sufficient for thee:
for my **Strength**
is made perfect
in **w e a k n e s s .**

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