

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 6, 2009

Pre-service Meditation

Psalm 70; pg. 138

Prayer for a Worthy Communion -

Behold, I come, my Savior, upon Your most affectionate invitation. Let me find grace in Your eyes, O Lover of life. For who am I, that You call me so kindly? Though I were holier than the angels, I would not for that reason be worthy of this meal. For how could I, being of unclean lips, yes, vile and base, be counted worthy, unless You make me worthy? Therefore, answer before I call, and prepare me by Your grace. You have said, "the one who comes to Me will I by no means cast out." So take my soul into Your keeping, according to Your great compassion. Remember, O Lord Jesus, that I have in my nature much that is evil and nothing that is good. Help me for Your mercy's sake. See how poor and wretched I am? O Savior of the world, remember Your faithfulness, and satisfy my heart with grace. How gladly I would appear before You in perfect faith and with due reverence and fervent devotion. But how am I to do this, unless it is by and through You, the author and finisher of my faith? Therefore, grant what is well pleasing to You. Graciously remove what displeases You. Cover it, I humbly pray, with the cloak of Your righteousness. Blessed is the soul that is acceptable to You! Open my eyes, that I may see the wonders of Your sacrament. Awaken my heart. Remove from me all foreign thoughts. Increase my hope. Kindle my affections. Render my devotion fervent. Cleanse me of all unrighteousness and sanctify me completely, that I may approach Your Table in cheerful confidence, and with a pure mouth, holy heart, and heartfelt desire, partake to the blessing, life and salvation of my soul. Amen.

Opening Hymn 294

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Our Order of Worship:

~ The Order for Holy Communion ~

Lutheran Hymnal pg. 15

Psalm for the Day:

(Psalm 1)

- P: Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
C: Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
P: But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
C: And in His law he meditates day and night.
P: He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water,
C: That brings forth its fruit in its season,
P: Whose leaf also shall not wither;
C: And whatever he does shall prosper.
P: The ungodly are not so,
C: But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.
P: Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
C: Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C: But the way of the ungodly shall perish.
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* - O almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us without all doubt to know Your Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life that, following His steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 ~ Joshua 24:1, 2a, 24-29 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said unto all the people... Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. 16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; 17 For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: 18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God.

P: Hallelujah, Hallelujah. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Hallelujah! (John 6:68)

ALL: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Our New Testament lesson for today is Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter five, beginning with the twenty-first verse.

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Lesson ~ Mark 6:30-34 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

P: So far the Word.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Installation of Sunday School Staff and Teachers:

Scott Hansen - Superintendent

Larry Hansen / Steve Hansen - 7th Grade

Tamar Pfeiffer - 5th and 3rd Grades

Debra Payne - Pre and 1st Grades

Hymn 381

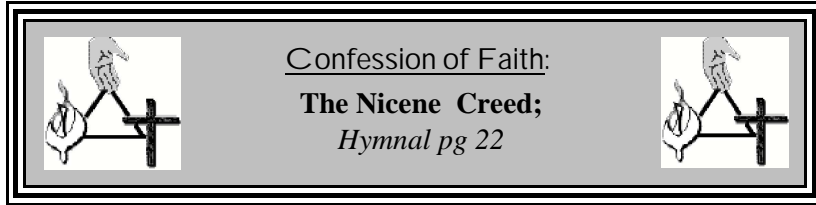
"I Know My Faith is Founded"

*Reception of Greg Schwab
into Communicant Membership*

~ The Offertory ~

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

~ Offering of Thankful Hearts and Prayers ~



Communion Preparation Hymn 308

"Invited, Lord . . ."

~ COMMUNION LITURGY CONTINUES ON HYMNAL PAGE 24 ~

Communion Prayers can be found on pp 118-119

- LITURGY CONTINUES ON HYMNAL PAGE 29 -

Hymn 380

"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

~ The Sermon ~

John 6:60-69 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" 61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 "What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? 63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." 66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 "Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

"LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?"

Closing Hymn 309

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Next Sunday begins our Sunday School season. This year our little lambs will be taken through the New Testament. Each week there will be memory work assignments for them to complete. A copy of the Sunday School schedule and assignments is posted on the "EDUCATION" page of our website.

MISSION FESTIVAL Next is also our Mission Festival Sunday. Our service will be at 4 pm with Pasto Eric Libby from Jamestown bringing us the Word of God. Following the service will be a meal. The ladies will be meeting this morning to finalize the meal plans.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY We would like to evaluate whether there is enough interest among the members to continue having a Mid-Week Bible Study. Because of Confirmation Class it is a challenge to have it on Wednesday in Hecla, but it is possible. Those interested in continuing our Mid-Week Bible Study are asked to meet in the front of church following our service this morning.

CLC NEWS Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has called Pastor Michael Eichstadt (Messiah, Hales Corners, WI) as assistant pastor. † Pastor Gordon Radtke has resigned from his call to Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild, WI. † Pastor Daniel Fleischer (Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX) has announced his retirement from the ministry in April 2010.

As was mentioned during last Sunday's service, retired pastor, Bertrum Naumann, was hospitalized last week with breathing difficulties and trouble with fine motor skills. After running tests the doctors discovered that he has stage 4 cancer in his lungs as well as tumors on his liver and brain. While the prognosis of those physical physicians is grim (3 to 6 months), the Great Physician of Pastor Naumann's soul has given this diagnosis - "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." (Jn 11:25-26) Please keep Pastor Naumann and his family in your prayers. † Last June, retired Professor Michael Sydow was diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer. Since then he has been receiving chemotherapy which has physically weakened him. His wife, Kathy, has been trying to provide care at home for Prof Sydow during this difficult time. Please keep Prof and Mrs Sydow in your prayers.

*Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the LORD delivers him out of them all. -Ps 34:19*

YOUTH OUTING The youth outing that had been planned for September 20 has been POSTPONED due to Homecoming Week in the Bowdle area. We are currently looking at doing something on Saturday, October 3. This would be open to those who are high school and college aged.

WOMEN'S SEMINAR Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church of Mankato invites fellow Christian women to join us for The Christian Women Today Seminar to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2009. This year's theme is "My times are in Your hand!" (Ps 31:15a). Registration forms can be found on the table in the entry way. Please pick up a brochure and register by September 27. Immanuel looks forward to your presence and participation.

This Week @ Prince of Peace...

Today

10:30 Reception for new members

Wednesday

5:00 Confirmation Class in Oakes

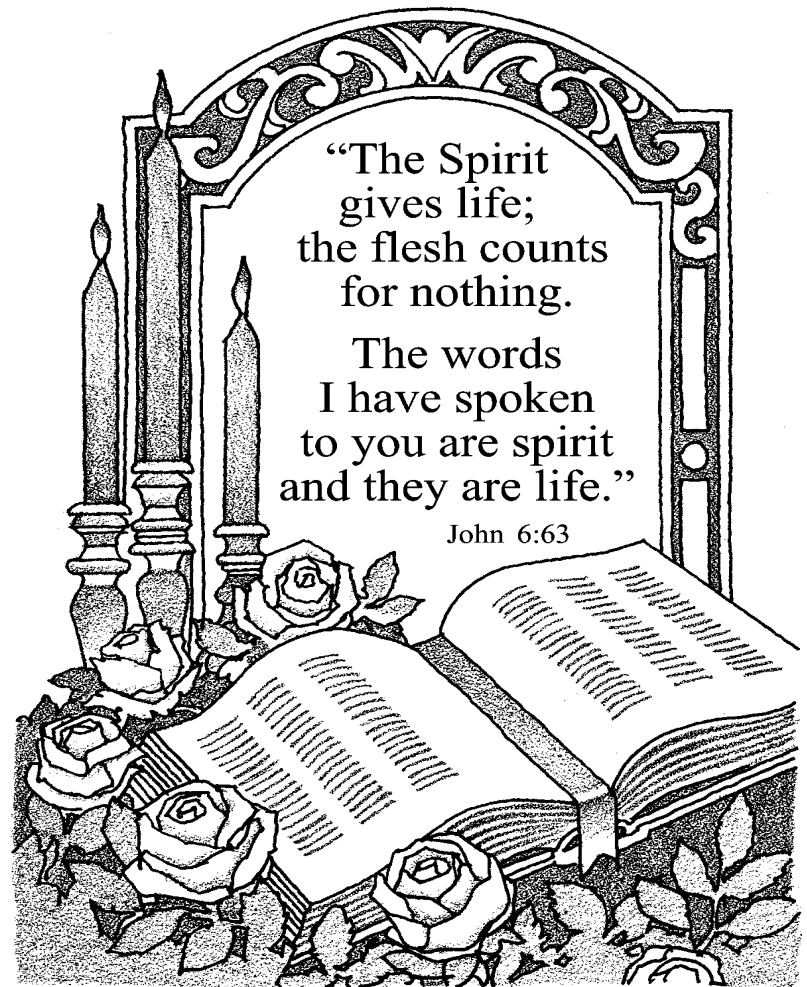
Sunday, September 13

9:00 Worship Service

10:15 Gospel's Study / Sunday School (NT1)

4:00 Mission Festival Service (E. Libby, guest preacher)

5:30 Dinner



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