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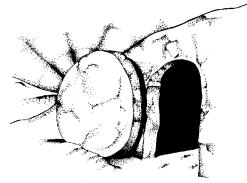
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The Third Sunday after Easter

April 25, 2010

Pre-service Meditation "Confitebor Tibi;" pg. 120



Opening Hymn 193

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Our Order of Worship:
Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5

Psalm for the Day:

(Psalm 30)

- P:** I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up,
C: And have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- P:** O LORD my God, I cried out to You,
C: And You healed me.
- P:** O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive,
C: That I should not go down to the pit.
- P:** Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His,
C: And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.
- P:** For His anger is but for a moment,
C: His favor is for life;
- P:** Weeping may endure for a night,
C: But joy comes in the morning.

- P:** Now in my prosperity I said,
C: "I shall never be moved."
- P:** LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong;
C: You hid Your face, and I was troubled.
- P:** Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;
C: LORD, be my helper!"
- P:** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
C: You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
- P:** To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.
C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.
- P:** Glory be to God!
ALL: ♪ "Glory be to the Father..."

- The Collect -

- P:** Let us pray - O Almighty and Eternal God, now that You have assured us of the completion of our redemption through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, give us the will to show forth in our lives what we profess with our lips; 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 61:1-11 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. 4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and

your vinedressers. 6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. 7 For your shame *ye shall have* double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. 8 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed. 10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels. 11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

P: *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. Hallelujah! Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day. Hallelujah!*

ALL: ♪ **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: *Our Gospel lesson for today is from the gospel according to John, chapter eleven, beginning with the first verse.*

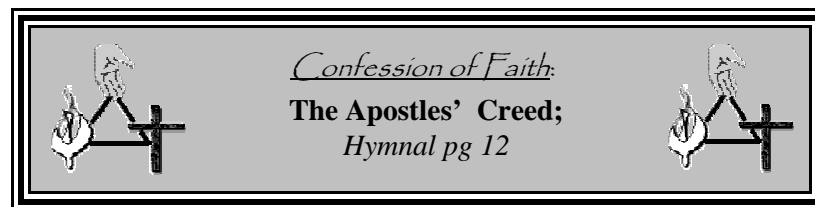
C: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

New Testament Lesson ~ John 11:1-16 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) 3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. 4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. 6 When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. 7 Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. 8 His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? 9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. 10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. 11 These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may

awake him out of sleep. 12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. 13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. 14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. 16 Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

P: *So far the Word.*

C: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**



Hymn 371:1-5

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

~ The Sermon ~

Mark 2:18-22 The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" 19 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. 20 "But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. 21 "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. 22 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

**REJOICE IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUR
LIVING LORD!**

~ The Offertory ~

P: Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. (1 Cor 15:20-22)

♫ **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)

Hymn 380

"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

~ Offering of Thankful Hearts ~

~ Prayers and Lord's Prayer ~

~ The Benediction ~

Closing Hymn 371:6-7

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

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.

"OUT OF NECESSITY" Copies of Pastor David Lau's book on the history of the CLC entitled, "Out of Necessity" have arrived. Once you have paid for your copy or copies (\$24.95 / book payable to Prince of Peace) you may pick up your copy from Pastor. Two copies were purchased for our church library and are available for viewing on the table in the entryway.

PASTOR'S CALL Hopefully you all received a letter in the mail this week notifying you of the divine call which I received last Sunday. Technically, it is three calls to be served by one pastor. I would be based out of Valentine, Nebraska, living in the parsonage of the largest of the three congregations, Grace Lutheran Church. Valentine is located in North-Central Nebraska, about 30 minutes from the South Dakota border. Grace has a membership role of about 90 souls with an average Sunday attendance of about 50. Some of Grace's families are members-at-a-distance. Some living as far away as Wyoming. At one time they had a Christian Day School, but that closed last summer due to low enrollment.

Along with this call, I would also be serving two congregations to the north - Peace Lutheran Church in Mission, SD (about 30 miles north of Valentine) and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in White River, SD (about 20 miles north of Mission). At one time, each of these congregations was able to support their own pastor. However, because of death and people moving away, each congregation has a membership role of about 20 souls.

At one time Pastor Naumann (now headed to Jamestown) was conducting services on Sunday mornings at 7:30 in White River, 9:00 in Mission, and 10:30 in Valentine. Due to declining numbers in White River, services were cancelled this winter and at this time there is no plan to resume them. The few remaining members are attending services in Mission at 8:30 on Sunday mornings.

NOW WHAT DO WE DO? Now is time for prayer. I ask for your prayers as I consider your call which I am serving as your pastor. Pray that the Lord would grant me wisdom and help me to understand the needs of each of these flocks and where the gifts He has given me could best be put to use.

I also welcome and encourage your advice and counsel on the matter. I have a divine responsibility to serve you and what you think is important to me. As we have begun home visits, I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with you about your own spiritual needs, how I as your pastor and we as a congregation are meeting them, how I/we could meet them better, and what you see as the needs of this congregation in the coming year(s). With everyone having such a busy schedule, if you have an hour free for coffee I think that would be sufficient. If you are busy planting and a rainy day comes along, give me a call and see what we can set up. As always, you can give me a phone call or email me your thoughts. Your thoughts mean a lot to me, and I do not want to ignore any of them - good or bad!!!

While this matter of your pastor receiving a call can be frustrating and even angering, it should not be so. The Lord has instituted the office of the public ministry and this is one way which the Holy Spirit makes these men overseers of His flocks. We can rejoice in the process and rejoice that His will

will be done on earth as it is in heaven - whether that be returning the call or accepting it.

So please pray that His will would be done among us as it is done by His angels in heaven! Pray that in doing so His name would be hallowed and His kingdom come!

LADIES LUNCHEON Saturday the Ladies' Aid will be hosting a Bible study and luncheon at the Hecla Community center. Entitled, "Imitate me as I also imitate Christ (1 Cor 11:1) - Biblical Role Models for the Modern Woman." The event begins at 9:30 and runs until 4. Included in the schedule is Bible study, hymn singing, crafts, lunch, and a fellowship opportunity for our area women.

In preparation for the luncheon, help is needed setting up. We are scheduled to get into the Community center Friday at 3:30. If you could lend a hand and help out, it would be greatly appreciated. A flyer and agenda are available on the table in the entryway.

Please remember this effort in your prayers, that the Lord would bless our assembly and presenters that His name may be hallowed and His people strengthened!

This Week @ Prince of Peace...

Today

- 10:15 Bible Class and Sunday School (NT43 - Jesus & Disciples in Galilee)
- 11:15 Adult Choir practice
- 11:30 Board of Elders Meeting

Wednesday

- 5:00 Confirmation Class in OAKES
- 7:30 Bible Class in Hecla - Angels and Demons

Friday

- 3:30 Set-up for luncheon at Hecla Community Center

Saturday

- 9:30 Ladies' Luncheon

Sunday, May 2 - 4th Sunday after Easter

- 9:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:25 Bible Class and Sunday School (NT25 - The Good Samaritan)
- 11:15 Adult Choir practice

"The Bread of Life"

Daily Bible readings for home devotions.

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| <u>Monday, April 26</u> | Gen 14:10-24 Melchizedek represented Christ's interests. (Hymn 40) |
| <u>Tuesday, April 27</u> | Gen 15:1-21 God outlined Abram's future family. (Hymn 586) |
| <u>Wednesday, April 28</u> | 1 Cor 12:1-11 Everything good is God's doing alone! (Hymn 229) |
| <u>Thursday, April 29</u> | 1 Cor 12:12-31 Jesus' body has a full set of body parts. (Hymn 482) |
| <u>Friday, April 30</u> | Acts 9:1-19 A conversion charged with high drama. (Hymn 74) |
| <u>Saturday, May 1</u> | Acts 9:20-31 Paul retreated to study the Scriptures. (Hymn 296) |



Matthew 18:20

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