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Confirmation Sunday

May 22, 2011

Pre-service Meditation Psalm 1; pg. 123



Entrance Hymn 337 (Cong Rises) "Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day"

INVOCATION

P: We gather together in the name of the Father who created us; in the name of the Son who redeemed us; and in the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

♪ **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King. (WS #742)**

CONFESSION OF SINS AND
ABSOLUTION

P. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

**C. But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on His law he meditates day and night.**

P. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

C. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

P. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**C. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Heavenly Father, we come to You confessing that we have sinned against You in many and various ways. By our thoughts, words, and actions we have walked in the counsel of the wicked, stood in the way of sinners, and sat in the seat of mockers. We ask You to forgive us on account of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit lead us ever to delight in Your Word of salvation so that we may be as trees planted by streams of living water which yield their fruit in the proper season.

P. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. Therefore, upon this your confession I announce the grace of God to you all. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*♪ Praise him for his grace and favor
To his people in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.*

PSALM OF THE DAY

(Psalm 119:9-15)

P: How can a young man cleanse his way?

C: By taking heed according to Your word.

P: With my whole heart I have sought You;

C: Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

P: Your word I have hidden in my heart,

C: That I might not sin against You!

P: Blessed are You, O LORD!

C: Teach me Your statutes!

P: With my lips I have declared

C: All the judgments of Your mouth.

P: I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,

C: As much as in all riches.

P: I will meditate on Your precepts,

C: And contemplate Your ways.

P: I will delight myself in Your statutes;

C: I will not forget Your word.

KYRIE

P. O Lord, as You have had mercy on us in our spiritual need, look upon us also in our bodily distress.

C. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

P. As you healed the blind man who called out to You for mercy, reach down with Your powerful hand to restore us and preserve us while we live our lives in this fallen world.

C. Have mercy upon us, O Christ.

P. Strengthen us each hour that we might serve You all our days.

C. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

*♪ Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- P. We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
C. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
- P. You are the King of Glory, O Christ.
**C. When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**
- P. Now grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
C. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

♪ **"Glory in the highest glory!"**
**Shout the angels in the skies,
Bringing earth the wondrous story:
God is come he meets our eyes.
Alleluia, alleluia! "Peace to you," the Lamb now cries!**

- THE PRAYER OF THE DAY -

P: Let us pray - *Dear Father in heaven, as You revealed to the apostle Saint Peter the blessed truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, strengthen us in the same faith in our Savior that we too may joyfully confess there is salvation in no one else; through the same 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 24:14-18 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. 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. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; 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: 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.

Children's Choir:
"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

GOSPEL LESSON ~ JOHN 6:60-69 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

CONFESSON OF FAITH:

The Nicene Creed;
Hymnal pg 22

Hymn 447

"Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might"

~ The Sermon ~

1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

SOMETHING WORTH FIGHTING FOR

~ The Offertory ~

P: "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."
(Deut 6:6-7)

♪ God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure.
Throughout all generations. Amen

(TLH #283 Sung to "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" #774)

~ Offering of Thankful Hearts and Prayers ~

Adult Choir:
"The First Song of Isaiah"

~ THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION ~

Lydia Quinn Hansen

born: March 18, 1997
baptized: March 23, 1997

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Shelby Rose Schwab

born: January 14, 1997
baptized: January 19, 1997

Isaiah 43:1

But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob,
And He who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name; You are Mine."

Confirmands Hymn:
"In Christ Alone"

Hymn 332

"Arm These Thy Soldiers, Mighty Lord"

~ The Communion Liturgy ~

(Sung responsively to TLH melody #473: "The Church's One Foundation")



The Preface:

P: ♪ May God the Lord be with you.

C: ♪ God also be with you.

P: ♪ Lift up your hearts rejoicing!

C: ♪ We lift them up anew!

P: ♪ Give unto God all glory, all honor and all praise.

C: ♪ To God is due thanksgiving and worship all our days.

The Thanksgiving and Sanctus:

P: ♪ It's right and salutary to give You thanks, O God,

At all times, in all places, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The saints and angel chorus rejoice in boundless mirth;

We join, to sing Your praises, the Church in heav'n and earth:

C: *♩* O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory fills the heavens, and earth shines in Your light.
Hosanna in the highest! Blest ever is the One
Who comes the Lord's name bearing. Hosanna, Risen Son!

~ The Words of Institution ~

(Spoken by the Pastor)

P: *♩* Amen! Then come, Lord Jesus; be present at Your feast.
Amen! O Holy Spirit, unite us in Your peace.

C: *♩* Amen! Almighty Father,
give strength to do Your will.
O Trinity most holy, feed us and love us still.

~ The Lord's Prayer ~

(Spoken by the Pastor and Congregation)

The Agnus Dei:

♩ O Lamb of God, Christ Jesus, our sin You take away;
O Lamb of God, Redeemer, have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, our Savior, Your grace in us increase;
Bestow on us Your favor, and grant to us Your peace

~ Distribution of Lord's Supper ~

(Confirmands served first followed by communicant members)

Prayers available on hymnal pages 118-119



A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR VISITORS:

In our examination this morning, we were reminded that while Lord's Supper is intended for the spiritual benefit of the recipient (forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation), it can also be harmful to those who are unprepared or unworthy recipients ("Eat and drink judgment to themselves" 1 Cor 11:29). For this reason the Apostle Paul directs that the communicant first be able to examine him/herself before coming to the Lord's Table.

It is therefore out of love for souls that we limit participation at the Lord's Table to those who are communicant members of Prince of Peace or of a sister congregation in the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).

If you would like to learn more about our practice and fellowship, you are invited to speak with the Pastor following today's service.

The Nunc Dimittis:

♩ O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

~ Prayer of Thanksgiving ~

P: *Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.*

C: *♩* My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.

With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.

Lord, may Your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

(Melody: #30 - Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices)

~ The Benediction ~

(The Triune God places His name on His people and blesses them)

P: The Benediction.

C: *♩* "A-men, a-men, a-a-men."

Closing Hymn 800

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS... Part of our practice in Catechism Class is to get the students to think about why they are in Catechism Class and why it is important. Here is what our two Confirmands wrote in their first and last year of Catechism Class:

In her first year of Confirmation Class, one wrote:

"It means to me about the Word of God and learning that He sent His only Son to save us. Confirmation means a lot to me and even though I get homework on Wednesdays I will do this out of the goodness of my heart."

Then as in her third and last year of Confirmation Class, she wrote:

"I'm in Confirmation Class because it is important for me to learn about God on this sinful earth and about what He did for me as a sinner. He sent His Son Jesus to DIE for me. Jesus was killed because man fell into sin. With my new man of faith I want to learn about God and walk in His footsteps. I have sinful battles that go on in me with they ugly old man and faithful new man of faith, and learning and believing in God can help me get the ugly old man away. I want to be able to confess my sins and receive absolution with my fellow believers in the Lord's Supper. The way to get there is being confirmed in the Lord's name."

Our other Confirmand as a 6th Grader, wrote:

"(Confirmation Class) means that I take a little time out of my schedule to study God's Word. It think it's kinda fun, actually. I look forward to it, unless I didn't get what I was supposed to have done or I have homework on Wednesdays (I don't usually have homework, though)."

Then this year she wrote:

"I am in Confirmation Class so I can learn and grow in Christ. Being in Confirmation Class has taught me many things I would not have otherwise known. It has made me think more about my future in Christ. I am glad I have parents who were able to bring me, and help me learn, and understand better God's Word. Confirmation Class has built me a firmer foundation in the Word. Throughout every year I was in Confirmation Class I have been able to better understand the things God wants every Christian to do."

"I think Confirmation Class is important because it teaches the young people of the congregation the Word of God, and help them better understand it. It helps, and prepares them for when they get out into the Real World, and face many difficult decisions. Confirmation is great, and will in the long run help you learn and grow in faith."

We pray that the Lord who has begun this good work of faith in Lydia and Shelby would continue to work mightily in them all the days of their lives and keep them faithful to Him unto the end. We especially thank Lydia and Shelby's parents who made sure their children were baptized as infants, brought the Word of God to them at home, brought them to hear the Word of God in church and Sunday School, and were very involved with their instruction in Confirmation Class.

May God be praised for this blessed day!

WEST-CENTRAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE Monday afternoon, Pastor will be leaving for Delegate Conference in Valentine, NE and returning Thursday afternoon. This Delegate Conference will be a fellowship and study opportunity for CLC congregations from ND, SD, NE, WY, and CO. We pray that the Lord would grant the pastors and delegates safe travels to and from the conference, and bless their time together in His Word!

50th ANNIVERSARY HELP Sunday, June 26 is the beginning of our 50th year since our incorporation as a congregation. This is certainly an opportunity to thank our God who has graciously blessed His flock and brought us to this point. If you would like to help plan special events to mark these 50 years of God's grace, please speak with Pastor or Marvin.

To begin with, if there are any artists out there who would like to submit designs for **a 50th Anniversary logo**, you are encouraged to do so!

Also, might the congregation be interested in participating in the Hecla's 125th Anniversary Parade on Saturday, June 25? Talk to Pastor if we would be interested in pursuing this further.

CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM It's that time of year again and we are trying to organize a church softball team. Games are scheduled for Monday nights in Aberdeen, beginning on June 6. The tournament is set for August 12-13. There is a sign-up sheet / waver on the table in the entryway. We would love to have as many of our members participate on this team as often as they can. Even if you can't make a commitment to play every Monday, but would like to play when you can, please sign up! We are always in need of subs, etc. Anyone over the age of 14 is eligible to play. 13 year-olds are allowed on a case-by-case basis. Team fees are \$250 and will be divided among the players. We hope you can join us for this neat fellowshiping opportunity!

This week at Prince of Peace...

Today -

- 9:00 Examination
- 10:00 Worship Service with Rite of Confirmation and Holy Communion

Tuesday-Thursday

West-Central Delegate Conference (Valentine, NE)

Sunday, May29 - 6th Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 Worship Service
- 10:15 Bible Class and Sunday School (OT49; NT58; NT45)
- 11:00 Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, June 2 - Ascension Day

- 7:00 Ascension Day service

"The Bread of Life"

Daily Bible readings for home devotions.

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