



*“Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing,
Him I proclaim to you” -Acts 17:23*

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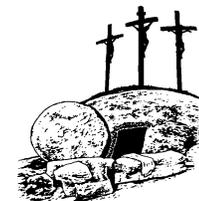
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6th Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2011

Pre-service Meditation Psalm 122, pg. 152-153



“Christ Is Living”

Opening Hymn 728

Our Order of Worship:
LUTHERAN HYMNAL PG. 5

PSALM OF THE DAY:

(from Psalm 85)

- P:** Make a joyful shout to the LORD,
C: all you lands!
P: Serve the LORD with gladness;
C: Come before His presence with singing.
P: Know that the LORD, He is God;
C: It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
P: We are His people
C: and the sheep of His pasture.
P: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
C: And into His courts with praise.
P: Be thankful to Him,
C: and bless His name.
P: For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting,
C: And His truth endures to all generations.
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 perfectly 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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 PETER 3:17-22 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. 17 For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. 18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: 19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; 20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. 21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: 22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

P: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. Hallelujah! "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." Hallelujah! (Rom 6:9 & Jn 14:23)*

ALL: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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

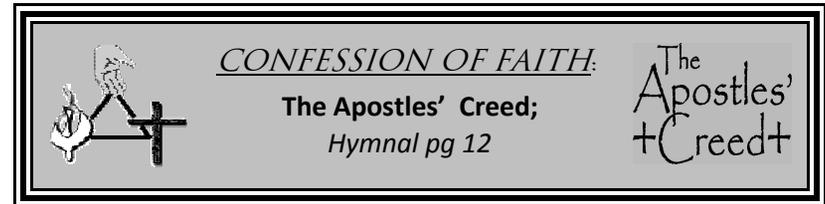
C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON ~ JOHN 17:1-11a These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to

heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. 6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee

P: *So far our Gospel lesson.*

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!



Hymn 41

"Wondrous King, All-Glorious"

~ THE SERMON ~

ACTS 17:22-31 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 "for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 24 "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 "for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' 29 "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. 30 "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

THE "UNKOWN GOD" WHO WANTS TO BE KNOWN

~ 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 30

“Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices”

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

Closing Hymn 51

“Now May He Who from the Dead”

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.

VOTERS MEETING This morning, there will be a quick Voters Meeting to discuss two items. The first deals with Pastor's health insurance. Premiums are set to rise for the Pfeiffers by \$42.41/month (\$508.92/yr) beginning July 1. One way to save on Pastor's policy is to switch to a plan with a higher deductible and lower premium. A \$3,000 deductible with a Health Savings Account (HSA) plan would save the congregation \$130/month. Treasurer Kippley suggested that if we go that route the congregation could place the monthly savings into a HSA to help defer the cost of the high deductible.

The second item to be discussed is a proposal that on Communion Sundays during the summer months (June, July, August, and September) we have a Fellowship Hour after church rather than Bible Class. This Fellowship Hour would include coffee and snacks in the church basement.

THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF! Our Sunday School program is offered as an aid to our parents in training up their children in the Lord. This morning we conclude our Sunday School year. We thank our teachers (Steve, Larry, Rachel, and Shelly) and Superintendent Scott for giving of their time to instruct our youth in the Word. May God bless you for your service to our congregation and may He richly bless the seed that has been sown in the hearts of Jesus' little lambs.

He said to him, "Feed My lambs." (Jn 21:15)

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.

Some items in particular we'd like to focus on at this point:

- **50th Anniversary Logo** - if we have any artists in the congregation who would like to submit a logo, you are encouraged and invited to do so. You may speak with Pastor if you have any questions.
- **Float in the Hecla Parade** - Hecla's 125th Anniversary celebration includes a parade on Saturday, June 25. This would be a great way to represent our congregation to our neighbors and witness Christ in a public setting. If you are interested in helping out, please speak with Pastor.

This week at Prince of Peace...

Today -

- 10:15 Voter's Meeting
- 10:25 Bible Class (Daniel 6) and Sunday School (OT49; NT58; NT45)

Thursday, ASCENSION DAY

- 7:00 Ascension Day Service

Sunday, June 5 - 7th Sunday of Easter / The Sunday after Ascension

- 9:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:25 Bible Class and Sunday School Video

Pastor on Vacation - June 6-13; CLC Pastoral Conference (Eau Claire) - June 14-16

Sunday, June 12 - Pentecost Sunday

- 9:00 Lay Service (Scott and Steve)
- 10:15 Bible Class and Sunday School Video

SERVING IN JUNE:

*Cleaners - ODENBACH
Ushers - LARRY AND PAUL*

“The Bread of Life”

Daily Bible readings for home devotions.

	Scripture:	Hymn:
Mon -- 30	Numbers 6:22-27 Both His blessing and our prayer.	50
Tues -- 31	Luke 11:1-13 God's business first; our welfare second.	454
Wed -- 1	John 16:24-33 No good reason to be a stranger to Jesus.	21
Thur - 2	Ascension Psalm 110:1-3 Preview of the historical event.	223
Fri -- 3	Romans 8:31-39 WITH Jesus in control, all systems are GO!	47
Sat -- 4	Hebrews 7:20-28 Fully qualified as our great High-Priest.	220