

A Joint Outdoor Church Service of

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston
Peace Lutheran Church, Orofino
Spalding Park, ID, July 22, 2012**

**Service Theme:
"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn (all sing) "Now Thank We All Our God"

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

PASTOR: We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

We confess our sins in a responsive reading of PSALM 32

P: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,

C: Whose sin is covered.

P: Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity,

C: And in whose spirit there is no guile.

P: When I kept silent, my bones grew old

C: Through my groaning all the day long.

P: for day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;

C: My vitality was turned into the drought of summer.

P: I acknowledged my sin to You,

C: And my iniquity I have not hidden.

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: You stand forgiven of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn "From All That Dwell Below The Skies"

1. From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 84:1-4, How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! 2 My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. 3 Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young; Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God. 4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 11:25-30 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. 26 "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 27 "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the

communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 744:1-3 (all sing) "How Great Thou Art"

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior – God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
Then sings my soul, my Savior – God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"

3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior – God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"

THE SERMON

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Theme: "BY FAITH"

**Despite adversity and temptation,
God's blessings, forgiveness, and final victory are ours!**

OFFERING

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 648 (all sing) "I am Jesus' Little Lamb"

1. I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.

2. Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go, Where the quiet waters flow.

3. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN (all sing)

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW
PRAISE HIM ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOSTS
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

----- Silent Prayer -----

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! to all our guests and visitors this morning, especially all our Vacation Bible School Campers!. It has been a privilege serving you and your children with the message of our Lord's Gospel.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FAMILY CAMP-OUT We thank the Lord for blessing us during our church family campout this past week. We thank Jim and Deena Irby for graciously hosting this event. We also thank all who helped and participated!

A POTLUCK CHURCH PICNIC Will follow service today beginning at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome! There's plenty of food for all, games for the children.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

“I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear Me for their own good and the good of their children after them.”

Jeremiah 32:39