

"ONE THING IS NEEDED"



Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave
8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Study
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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14th Street
11:00 am Service; 10:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Bible Class
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9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 29, 2012

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 85 (front of the hymnal p. 140)

The Hymns: 284, 366, 296, 283

Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, We beseech You, graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Your ever-present help; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – 284

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation sings:



A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



A - men. (congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving.

This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: We have thought of Your lovingkindness, O God:

C: In the midst of Your temple.

P: According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth:

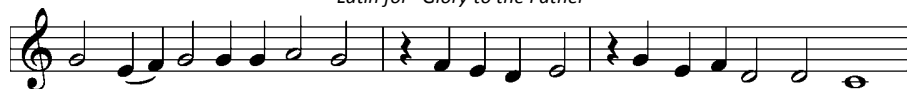
C: Your right hand is full of righteousness.

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:

C: In the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



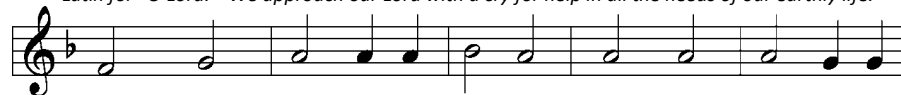
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - all sing)



I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

THE SALUTATION (Greeting)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

Congregation sings Hymn 366

THE SERMON

Luke 10:38-42 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Theme: "ONE THING IS NEEDED"

Know it fully (39) Seek it only (40-41) Keep it securely (42)

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.



Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God, and re-



new a right spir - it with - in me



Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, and



take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re-store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up-



hold me with Thy free spir-



it. A - men.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

Congregation sings Hymn 296

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



A-men, a-men, a - men.

The Closing Hymn 283

***** SILENT PRAYER *****

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a free "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP TO AFRICA The fifteen CLC Mission Helpers that are in East Africa will begin their long trip home today. We thank the LORD for using these servants to proclaim His saving Gospel message and we ask His blessings as they travel home. Read about the trip online:

<http://2012clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com/>

2nd QUARTERLY MEETING today at both congregations following service. On the agenda at St. John's: Applying for membership: Philip Greer, Dean and Carol Hattan, Marna Sorensen.

BABY SHOWER for Shantel Hocum this Saturday, August 4th at 2:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church. Brian and Shantel are expecting a baby girl! Shantel is registered at Walmart and Babies R Us.

CLC NEWS Leah Fossum, member of the congregation, has accepted the call to teach the lower grades at Holy Trinity -- West Columbia, SC.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."

1 Timothy 4:16

"**A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHURCH**" is the notice on the bulletin board of a non-denominational church in the city in which we live. Though we do not know what is different about it, we commend its frankness.

Nevertheless, that description loses some of its originality in the general religious climate of our day. If the measure of a church is determined by its faithfulness to Holy Scripture, a "different kind of church" has become all too commonplace.

We are more concerned about being faithful than being different. However, if remaining faithful identifies us as different, we are in good company, "for you have a little strength, have kept My Word, and have not denied My name" (Revelation 3: 8).

A faithful Christian church respects the Triune God and acknowledges no god besides the God defined in Scripture as a "jealous God," the holy God who punishes those who love sinning. Conversely, it acknowledges and proclaims the God of mercy who has compassion on all who repent of their sins and trust in the Savior, who died for the ungodly (Romans 5:6) and gives eternal life to all who believe in Him (John 3:16). A faithful church does not compromise these fundamental truths to win friends, attain popularity, or gain followers.

A faithful church draws its doctrine and practice from the inspired and inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16). Such a church does not tolerate or promote the theory of evolution concerning the origin of the universe.

A faithful church is a compassionate church. Consequently it calls sin sin, and does not condone anything that Scripture calls sin. It proclaims the Word (the Law) to expose sin in order to save precious souls from the consequence of dying in unrepented sin. It proclaims the love of God in Christ (the Gospel) in order to comfort the hearts of those who are troubled by their sin, who in turn are by the Spirit anxious to turn from sin and reflect the new sanctified life in Christ.

In compassion a faithful church assures the repentant sinner that Jesus Christ died for all and reconciled all unto God (2 Corinthians 5: 18, 19). It assures repentant sinners that the shed blood of Christ has washed away sin and its remnants, and that the precious gift of life is the present and

future inheritance of everyone whose trust is placed in the Savior who died and rose again.

A faithful church is one that has the mind of Christ and therefore cares for the well-being of the neighbor as well as the welfare of the nation. It prays for all—the widow and widower, the fatherless children, for the sick and the needy, as well as the forsaken and distressed. It remembers and prays for those who place themselves in harm's way to secure our safety and security. It has concern for all, especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6: 10).

In all this the faithful church never abdicates its prime purpose of preparing redeemed sinners for a glorious departure from this vale of tears to heaven. Determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2: 2), it prays for the heathen, that the door of faith be opened to Israel and all who are outside the kingdom of God. Therefore it takes seriously the commission to “Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:16).

From our Lutheran perspective, a faithful church is one that holds fast to Scripture as the norm and source of all doctrine and faith, and with its faithful forebears confesses the doctrines of Scripture as set forth in the Book of Concord of 1580. The faithful Lutheran church takes seriously the exhortation, “stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you shall find rest for your souls...” while it laments over those who disagree, saying “We will not walk in it” (Jeremiah 6:16)

A faithful church does not adapt its message to the times but proclaims the faithful Word of the faithful God to bring hearts under its influence. “And he who has My Word, let him speak My Word faithfully” (Jeremiah 23:28).

Our God does not change. His Word does not change; neither does the Savior God's desire for the salvation of souls change. Therefore, the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16) does not change. Consequently, in all the changing scenes of life, we are bound by the Word not to reconfigure our purpose and not to change the message.

The faithful Christian church is described in Acts: “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42). That is the kind of church we desire to be and remain. In today's church scene and in the religious confusion of our age, we are the genuinely “**different kind of church**” as we hold fast to the Word and apostolic teaching. That lays a responsibility upon us, one that we pray we will take seriously and with appreciation, because only as we continue in the Word will we remain such a church!

“God, be with us, and keep us faithful! Surely without Your gracious presence and help we cannot stand. Amen!”

The Old Testament Bible Reading:

Proverbs 8:22-35 In these verses, Solomon praises the LORD who possessed him, chose him and cared for him even before the world began. It is certainly a part of wisdom then, to listen to the instruction which God gives His children in His Word. We read...

"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old. 23 I have been established from everlasting, From the beginning, before there was ever an earth. 24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, When there were no fountains abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains were settled, Before the hills, I was brought forth; 26 While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, Or the primeval dust of the world. 27 When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He drew a circle on the face of the deep, 28 When He established the clouds above, When He strengthened the fountains of the deep, 29 When He assigned to the sea its limit, So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth, 30 Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, 31 Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men. 32 "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways. 33 Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it. 34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors. 35 For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD.

THE GRADUAL

P: Be for me a Strong Rock, O God:

C: For a house of defense to save me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust:

C: Let me never be ashamed. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Give ear, O My people, to My Law:

C: Incline your ears to the words of My mouth. Hallelujah!

The New Testament Bible Reading

Colossians 1:21-28 We have been reconciled to God through Christ's death. In His sight, right now, we are holy, blameless and above reproach. We are encouraged to continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, not letting anything move us away from the hope of the Gospel which we have heard through the preaching of God's Word. We read...

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight; 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister. 24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, 26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.