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12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 19, 2012

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 42 (front of the hymnal p. 133)

The Hymns: 5, 263, 310, 54

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 5

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:



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.



ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

PASTOR: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



(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: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered:

C: Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.

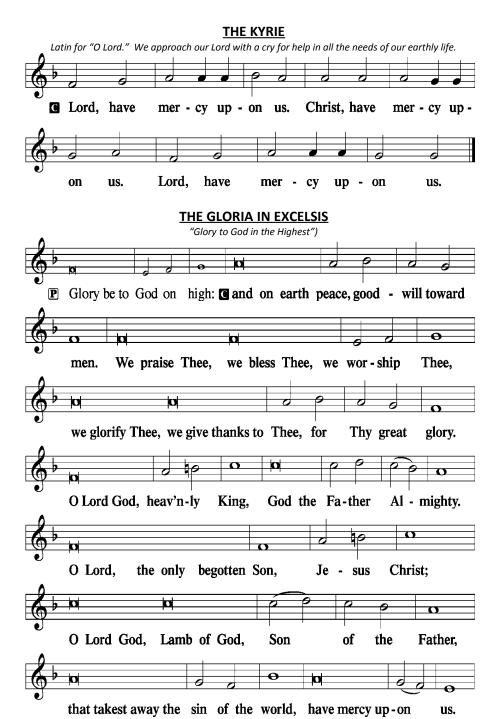
P: God is in His holy habitation:

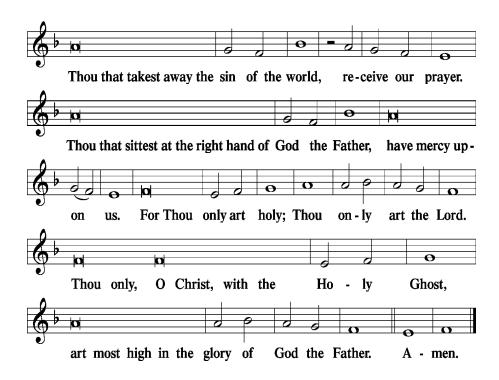
C: He is God who gives the desolate a home to live in.

P: The God of Israel is He who gives strength:

C: And power to His people.







THE SALUTATION (Greeting)



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.





THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

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go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: My heart trusts in God, and I am helped:

C: Therefore my heart truly rejoices, and with my song will I praise Him.

P: Unto You will I cry, O Lord, my Rock:

C: Be not silent to me; hear the voice of my supplications. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Lord, You have been our Dwelling Place:

C: In all generations. Hallelujah!



PASTOR The New Testament Reading comes from Galatians chapter 6, beginning there in the 1st verse.



The New Testament Reading

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knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude; innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore. 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Reading.



THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of

sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 263

THE SERMON

Luke 12:32-40 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 "Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37 "Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. 38 "And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. 39 "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 40 "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Theme: LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

- I. As people whose treasure is in heaven (32-34)
- II. As servants preparing for the Master's wedding feast (35-38)
 - III. As caretakers who are always watchful (39-40)

THE OFFERTORY

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

C 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 pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it



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 441:1-2:

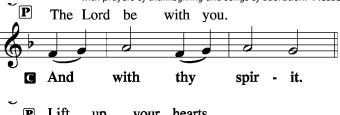
We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

Congregation sings Hymn 310

The Communion Liturgy continues with THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. Please stand.





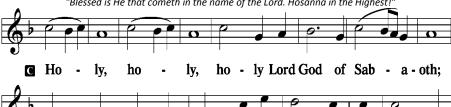
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!"



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: 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:



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

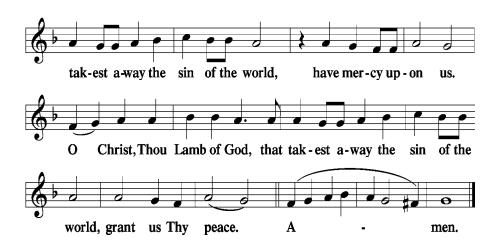
In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O



Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



COMMUNION TODAY IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY PLEASE

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is; God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Corinthians 1:10 "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

<u>I Corinthians 11:26-30</u> "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep."

SHOULD YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER?

- *** If you feel your faith is weak, you need the Lord's Supper. In it Jesus gives you his body and blood which were given into death for your sins. He wants to strengthen your faith. So come, eat and drink and listen to the words your pastor says to you in the name of Jesus, and believe them with all your heart.
- *** When you know you've sinned and you feel unworthy. You say you aren't worthy because you aren't good enough. No one else is good enough either. But God doesn't ask whether you are good enough. He only asks, `Are you sorry for your sins? Do you believe Jesus forgives?' He invites you to come and receive forgiveness through Christ, who shed his blood for you. He makes you sure that

forgiveness is yours by giving you Jesus' body and blood to eat and to drink. You believe that, don't you?

*** But if you are refusing to give up a particular sin even though you know that God's word forbids it, you are despising God's Word. You are telling God, `I don't care what you say. I'll do what I want.' Until you repent of your sin, God warns you against abusing this gift. To come to the Lord's Supper will only add to your sin rather than take it away.

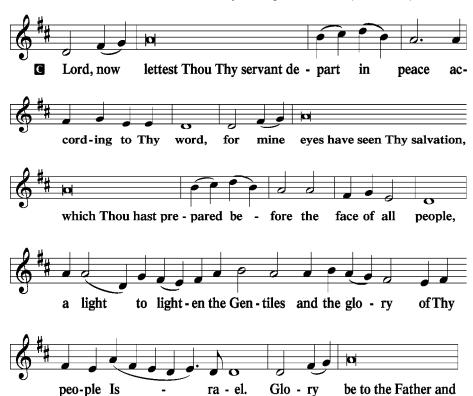
THREE GOOD QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFOREHAND

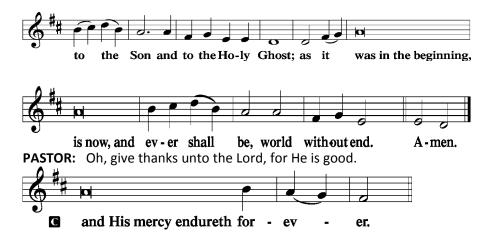
- 1. Am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe in Christ for forgiveness?
- 3. Am I willing, after receiving forgiveness, to amend my sinful life?

MARTIN LUTHER: "He is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, `Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.'"

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)





PASTOR: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for 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.



Closing Hymn 54

*** 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!

ASLEEP IN JESUS Our LORD, in His infinite wisdom, called Glen Altman home to his eternal rest early last Sunday morning. The Funeral/Victory service was held at St. John's yesterday afternoon. May the Word of God continue to comfort wife Darlene, the family, and all of us as we wait for the day when we will be reunited with Glen and all believers in Christ Jesus. "Hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption." Psalm 130:7

FOR YOUR PRAYER LIST Andy Busse has had an awful time with an accute case of bacterial pneumonia. Let us continue to ask the LORD of Life to strengthen her and bring her back to a full recovery. O LORD, save!

Sept. 9; Fall Schedule begins with Bible Class & Sunday School **October 1-4**; Coordinating Council meets in Eau Claire, WI

BIBLE CLASS This year we will be reviewing the two great teachings of the Bible – The Law and the Gospel. We will do so by following a study guide entitled "Teaching Law and Gospel" by William E. Fischer. Copies will be available for your use, and if you'd like to purchase one they are \$6.

CLC NEWS The Rev. Edward Starkey of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church in Iron River, MI, has returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. The Rev. Paul Krause of Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan, WI, has the call from the CLC Mission Board to serve as a Foreign Missionary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BEGINS AT HOME

For many families the 2012-13 school year begins in about two weeks, after Labor Day. Those children are still reveling in the last days of summer. On the other hand, some children have already returned to school or will do so today. For them the carefree days of summer are over. The sometimes lazy days of summer are about to be replaced by the busy and structured days of school.

For Christian parents and children every day is to be an opportunity to learn, to be schooled in the wisdom of God found in Holy Scripture. As the head of the household, the Father has been selected by God to be the schoolmaster or principal. He is to see to it that the children under his care are brought up in the training and admonition of the Lord. He is to see to it that they are corrected when their thoughts, words and actions stray from the will of God revealed in His Word. He is to see to it that they are encouraged when they live as children of God bought by Christ's own blood. Where fathers do not fulfill their leadership responsibilities in this regard, Christian mothers and grandparents will fill the void (cf. 1 Timothy 1:5).

So whether your children attend a Christian Day School or public schools, God grant you His grace that you consider "school in session" every day. See that both body and soul are fed. The best possible food is to be found in Holy Scripture. Parents are the teachers, and your pastor and Sunday school teachers are there to help you teach your children lessons that will benefit them now and lead to eternal blessings.

THREE GATES OF GOLD

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale some one to you has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of gold.

Three narrow gates: First, "Is it true?" Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind Give truthful answer. And the next Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"

And if, to reach your lips at last, It passes through these gateways three, Then you may tell the tale nor fear What the result of speech may be.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." John 17:3

The Old Testament Reading for 12th after Pentecost:

Genesis 15:1-6 In these verses we see how Abraham, the father of believers, trusted in God's promise that his descendants would be a many as the stars in the sky. Abraham had this faith although he and Sarah his wife were already old and still without children. With God nothing is impossible. We read...

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." 2 But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

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The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Here in these verses we get a definition of faith. Then follows a series of OT example of how faith works. You have this same faith, that longs for a better country – our heavenly country. We read...

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