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6th Sunday after Trinity



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #276

“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

The Introit

Ps. 91:1-2, 9-10

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C **I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**

P Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

C **No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



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



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all 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."

Romans 7:15-25a

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C ♪ *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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: TLH #297

"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people."¹⁴ And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here."¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."¹⁸ Moses said, "Please show me your glory."¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."²⁰ But," he said,

"you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live."
21 And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

Catching a Glimpse of God

- I. He never lets us see more than is good for us
- II. He always lets us see enough to save us!

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

C *♩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #376

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts!

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to 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:

C *♩ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth, adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

The Order of Holy Communion



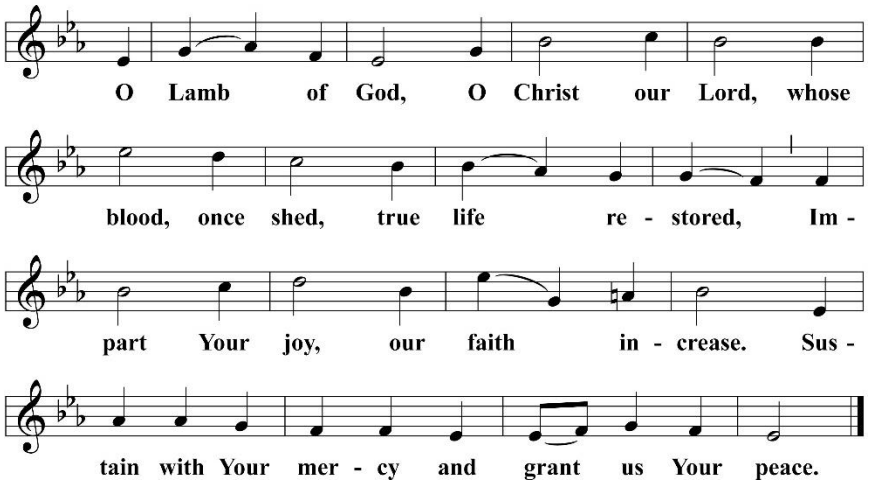
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P 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 covenant 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!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

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 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

✠ **The Distribution of the Lord's Supper** ✠



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For



light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es



tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your



bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P 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 His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: TLH #398

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

Mission Helper Trip Update: The 2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal has come to a close. The Mission Helpers have now all safely returned to their homes. Please join us in praising the Lord for guiding us safely throughout the trip and for granting us the opportunity to proclaim His praises to thousands of children in Nepal. Thank you to all of you as well for your prayers!

THANK YOU to Len Benter for leading the worship services in Pastor's absence!

A Quarterly Voters' Meeting has been scheduled for next Sunday. If you are a voter and able to attend the meeting, please be sure to do so!

CLC Call News: Mrs. Loretta Leinberger **has accepted the call** from Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Saginaw, MI to be its Pre-K teacher, as well as Kindergarten assistant. <> Missionary Peter Evensen **has returned the call** from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI. Calvary **has now called** Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's in Okabena, MN.

Budget Deficit: Our offerings-to-date have fallen short of our 2023 Budget by **\$5,863.32**. Please remember this in your prayers, as we entrust our congregation to the Lord.

<u>July 9th Offerings:</u>	<u>\$ 1,373.00</u>
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,661.54
General Fund Balance	\$15,879.83
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$37,324.89
Total Cash All Funds	\$68,567.56

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 17 - 22, '23

Mon Matthew 21:28-32 Every sin is like saying "I will not" to God. Jesus calls upon sinners to change their mind (repent) and receive the righteousness that He brings and for which John prepared the way (v32). Some, however, while looking very religious, refuse to believe Jesus, so as to say "I will not."

Tues Acts 8:26-38 Like one of the two sons yesterday, here is an Ethiopian man who is an outward worshiper of the true God. But when He hears the Good News of Jesus the Savior from sin, he believes and wants to be baptized. This is the work of the Holy Spirit (v29), who wants all people to be saved.

Wed Psalm 1 Where is blessedness found? Definitely not with the wicked, sinners, or mockers. True blessedness is found with the LORD whose word declares sinners righteous in connection with the Messiah (Christ). The LORD plants the tree (v3) and knows (watches over) the Christian's path (v6).

Thur Romans 3:21-26 The righteousness that God is pleased to see in people is not something that their works (keeping the law, v21) have produced but something that comes to us from God (v22) through the doing and dying of Jesus Christ. This is what gives us sinners the status of "righteous ones" before God.

Fri 1 John 1:8-2:2 A great show of righteousness may fool many people, but the worst part of such a show is fooling ourselves. Like the son in Monday's parable, we could act like a good son ("I will go"), and not go on to see our need for Jesus' forgiveness, which brings true righteousness from God.

Sat Luke 18:9-14 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Here Jesus again reaches out to those who compared themselves to other people and thought they had some righteousness to offer God. But the one who saw his sin before God was ready to receive God's forgiveness.