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18th Sunday after Trinity



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VICTORY



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #200:1-4

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

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 and daily need His forgiveness.

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

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

C ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O 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.

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

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

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

C ♪ **Amen.**

The Introit

Ps. 30:1-5; 149:1

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- C** **I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**
- P** O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- C** **O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**
- P** Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
- C** **For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

The Gloria Patri

TLH #193:4, 6

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

- C** ♪ **Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O Grave?**
- Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!**

Requested Prayers & the Collect Prayer of the Day

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

- P** **(We begin with requested prayers)** . . . Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy our Lord's victory over death, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ **Amen.**

Luke 24:1-9

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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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: WS #728

"Christ is Living! Gone with Sorrow!"



Isaiah 25:8-9

He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all

faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. ⁹ And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Jesus...The Destroyer of Death

Preaching today is Missionary Todd Ohlmann

The Offertory

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

✪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #660

"I'm But a Stranger Here"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

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.

G ♪ **Amen, amen, a – men.**

Hymn: TLH #200:5-8

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Confirmation Day for Shaun and Ryan Dobratz has been scheduled for next Sunday. They will undergo a brief examination throughout the service. A shortened Bible Class will be held at the usual time before the service. Be sure to come and support them on their momentous day!

CLC Mission Development Fund: When the convention approved the calling of our third foreign missionary, it determined that the funding of that missionary would come fully from the MDF for the first year. The cost of funding that missionary is about \$80,000. Currently the MDF balance is enough to cover the cost of our third foreign missionary for the rest of this fiscal year and a few other essential projects, but without additional funds, we will not be able to fund other planned projects. The Board of Missions has already put a hold on all other projects including all funding of Bibles and other Christian literature, church building assistance, and many planned outreach projects. We pray that the members of the CLC will remember this work in their prayers and their offerings.

CLC Call News - Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN **is considering the call** from Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL **is considering the joint call** from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

Devotion: “In Wrath Remember Mercy”

What was your first prayer this morning? Did you use Luther's morning prayer to thank God for His protection overnight and ask Him to keep you “from sin and every evil” in the day ahead? Or maybe you offered a unique prayer from your own heart praising the Lord for His many blessings for body and soul. The believer's life is to be one of continual prayer. “Pray without ceasing,” Paul wrote (1 Thess. 5:16).

But do you ever wonder what to pray or question whether you might be missing something important in your prayer life? It's helpful to note the many examples of prayer in the lives of believers mentioned in Scripture. For example, the prophet Habakkuk offered a short, beautiful prayer which is fitting for any of us to offer anytime: “LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, LORD. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy” (Hab. 3:2). The prophet put his trust in the LORD, the God of faithful love and promise who delivered His people from Egypt and brought them into the promised land. Threatened by enemy forces, Habakkuk asked for God to again reach out and rescue His people. “In wrath remember mercy.” The people deserved God's just anger and punishment for their sin, but Habakkuk pleaded that God's mercy would be greater than His wrath.

“In wrath remember mercy, Lord” is a fitting prayer for anytime of the day on any day of the week. We continually sin and don't deserve to have God hear our prayers. Yet He promises that whoever comes to Him, He will never turn away. He always remembers His mercy which He has shown to us in Jesus. Since Jesus has suffered the death we deserve, we are now righteous and pleasing before God. He calls us His children and has made us heirs of eternal life.

That truth filled Martin Luther with such joy, faith, and courage, that he couldn't help but proclaim the gospel in spite of all the enemies lined up against him. Later this month, on Reformation Sunday we will praise God for His overwhelming mercy by which we have forgiveness and peace. There is no better way to prepare than by humbly coming to the Lord today and praying, “Lord, in wrath remember mercy!”

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

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"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

-Psalm 119:105

Mon Mark 10:17-23 To Jesus comes a young man who thinks he has kept all the commandments, and is ready to do more. Jesus shows him that his riches still occupy a place in his heart that belongs to God according to the very first commandment.

Tues Mark 10:24-27 The disciples are astonished at Jesus' suggestion that earthly riches can be a problem for entering the kingdom of God. "What hope is there then?" No hope except that God would bring us in (v27).

Wed James 2:10-13 In case we thought that keeping one commandment would make up for breaking another, James points out that our only hope is in God's mercy, which sets us free from the judgment.

Thur James 2:14-17 Trusting God's mercy in Christ truly saves us, but if our "faith" is all talk and does not bear fruit in our lives, it is not really the trust that God works in the heart. The one who remains in Jesus bears much fruit (Jn 15:5).

Fri 2 Chronicles 1:7-12 God offers Solomon anything he wants, and Solomon asks not for earthly riches but for wisdom and knowledge to serve well in his position in life. God is pleased and will also give him the lesser gift of earthly wealth.

Sat Proverbs 11:23-31 At the heart of these proverbs about people's use of wealth is verse 28: "Whoever trusts his wealth will fall, but righteous people will flourish..." The greatest wealth is not the earthly riches but the righteousness that God gives us in Christ.