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15th Sunday after Trinity



Will He not much more
clothe you?



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #521

"What God Ordains Is Always Good"

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. 86:1-4, 6, 15-16

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

- P** Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- C** **Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.**
- P** Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- C** **Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.**
- P** But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious; turn to me and be gracious to me;
- C** **Give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.**
- P** Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- C** **Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.**

The Gloria Patri

LSB #685:1

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

- C** ♪ **Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

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

- P** O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ **Amen.**

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Galatians 5:25-6:10

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. ¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴ But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵ For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶ Let the one who is

taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith.

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 #403

"Savior, Thy Dying Love"

Matthew 6:24-34

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. ²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being

anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

“No Worries!”

- I. Trust in material things, and you've got a lot to worry about
- II. Trust in the Lord, and your worries are over!

The Offertory

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

G ♪ **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: WS #789

“Consider How the Birds Above”

✠ 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 #657

“Beautiful Savior”

CLC Call News – Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO has **accepted** the call to St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN following Pastor James Albrecht's retirement. <> Pastor Zachary Sippert of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD and Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Ipswich, SD has **accepted** the call to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA has **received** the call to St. Stephen West, Mountain View, CA and St. Stephen East, Hayward, CA. <> Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO has **announced his retirement** from the ministry on September 29, 2024.

Voters' Meeting – With Pastor Rodebaugh's acceptance of the call to Okabena, MN, we will be having a call meeting after church this morning to issue a call for our upcoming pastoral vacancy. If you are a voter, please stay for this important meeting.

Missionary Peter Evensen was taken to the emergency room last Sunday with health complications. It appears to be nothing life-threatening at this time, but we'll know more soon, God-willing. May our merciful heavenly Father be with Peter, strengthening his body and his soul.

New Address – The Lord answered our prayers and Marilyn has moved into Meramec Bluffs. Her address is:

40 Meramec Trail Dr.
Apt. 213
Ballwin, MO 63021

Marilyn's New Phone #: (636) 265-6294

Moving Date – If any of you are wondering when Pastor and family will be moving, we still do not know. Pastor Albrecht is still determining where they will move, and after that is sorted out, he will set his retirement date. After his retirement and final service, the Rodebaugh's will move to Okabena, but that date has not yet been set.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 9th – 14th

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

-Psalm 119:105

Mon Luke 11:5-10 Pray persistently, as you might ask help from an imperfect human friend. If even those requests are answered, your prayers to God will surely be answered.

Tues Luke 11:9-13 Keep on praying because even an earthly father knows how to give good gifts. Your heavenly Father has the best gifts to give!

Wed Luke 18:1-8 Keep on praying, as you might seek justice from a judge whose heart is not in it. Even he may come through when pressed. Will not God, whose heart is in it ("His chosen ones," v7), send help when you call?

Thurs Ephesians 4:8-16 The Lord answers the needs of His people, often through other people, whom He has gifted for just this purpose. "He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love" (v16).

Fri 1 Kings 17:1-6 Elijah comes to King Ahab to announce a drought in the land, God's judgment for idolatry. While such news might put the messenger in danger from Ahab, God provides for His servant in a miraculous way!

Sat 1 Kings 17:7-16 When even the stream sustaining Elijah dries up, God continues to provide for His servant through a widow who is facing starvation herself! Truly it is God who provides for us all!