

# St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA & Valley Bible Academy

1107 14<sup>th</sup> Street 10:30 am Summer Worship Service <u>www.ClarkstonLutheran.org</u> Watch the Service at <u>www.ustream.tv</u> (Search: St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA) Nursery Room with Service Monitor

# Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave 8:00 am Summer Worship Service <u>orofino.clclutheran.org</u>

Members of the Church of the Lutheran Confession - CLC

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## **16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 103 (front of the hymnal p. 145) The Hymns: 652, 464, 444, 52

Prayer: O God the Holy Spirit, You Who are one with the Father and the Son, we thank You that You have begun in us Your work of sanctification in our lives. Cause our faith to increase, and move us to good works by Gospel filled hearts. Clothed in our Savior's righteousness, see us safely through to eternal life. In Jesus name Amen.

#### Opening Prayer Opening Hymn 652 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.



C: Who made heaven and earth.

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



**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 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. **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.



#### 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: Bow down Your ear, O Lord, and hear me:
- C: O my God, save Your servant who trusts in You.
- P: Be merciful to me, O Lord:
- C: For I cry to You daily.
- P: Inspire the soul of Your servant to rejoice:
- C: For unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.







#### **The Old Testament Reading:**

Ezekiel 33:7-9 "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. 8 "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 "Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

**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: It is better to trust in the Lord:
- C: Than to put confidence in man.
- P: It is better to trust in the Lord:
- C: Than to put confidence in princes. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- P: O my God, my heart is fixed:
- C: I will sing and give praise to Your glory. Hallelujah!



# **PASTOR** The Epistle Reading comes from Romans chapter 13, beginning



#### **The Epistle Reading**

Romans 13:1-10 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. 8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

#### PASTOR: Here ends the Epistle Reading.





Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

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 464

### THE SERMON

Matthew 18:15-20 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 "But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' 17 "And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. 18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will already have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will already have been loosed in heaven. 19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

> "TOUGH LOVE – THE TIE THAT BINDS" I. Unrepented sin is deadly (18) II. Spiritual intervention is the answer (15-17) III. Immanuel is our strength (18-20)





#### 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.

#### Hymn 444

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.



#### The Closing Hymn 52

# <u>Announcements</u>

"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!

**VALLEY BIBLE ACADEMY** Our first week of school is already behind us. At the beginning of our second year the LORD God has blessed us with an enrollment of nine students. Please continue to let your family and friends know about this opportunity to give their children a Christ-centered education. Enrollment for this year is still possible.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK - 10:30 am at St. John's. You are invited!

#### THE FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT WEEK ON SEPTEMBER 11

Peace: 7:30 am Bible Class followed by Service at 8:00 am St. John's: 10:15 am Sunday School, 10:15 Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

**INSTALLATION OF PASTOR BEN LIBBY** Next Sunday at 5:30pm at Ascension Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA, ILC Graduate Benjamin Libby will be installed as the Pastor chosen by the LORD to serve His Church. A dinner will be served following the service. Our congregations have been invited to attend.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE** If you'd like to read them ahead of time at home, the Bible readings for next week are: Genesis 50:15-21 – Joseph assures his brothers of forgiveness Romans 14:5-9 – Whether we live or die we belong to the Lord Matthew 18:21-35 – Forgive your brother from the heart (sermon)

## ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:

**Potluck today**, all are invited!

**Next Week:** Ladies Aid meeting following the morning service **Church Cleaning:** There is a list for you to sign if you are able to serve your LORD by cleaning the church.

**Altar Flowers:** There is a list for those who wish to bring flowers for the altar on any given Sunday.

**Pre-service Goodies:** If you are able to bring goodies of some kind for people to eat while they are visiting before or after service, please sign on the sheet in Kitchen.

#### WHY VALLEY BIBLE ACADEMY FOR OUR CHILDREN

A Christian school can assist parents to provide the answer to the question "How can I be saved?" Jesus says: "I am the Way."
The Christian school assists the congregation of believers to carry out the responsibility to teach children the Word of God. "Feed My lambs."
The Christian school uses God's Word to give God's perspective to all subjects generally taught in schools. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Science must begin with the knowledge that God is the Creator and Preserver of the universe. Math is used to promote wise stewardship of our God-given goods and property. History is His-story: the record of how God guides the destinies of men and nations.
The Christian school makes the love of God the basis and motive in training character. "If you love Me, keep My commandments."
The Christian school can spend the proper amount of time to the "one thing needful" - God's Word.

**CLC NEWS** <> The Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA, has the call to Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI. <> The Rev. Joel Fleischer, pastor of Berea Lutheran, Sioux Falls SD, has returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. <> The Rev. Terrel Kesterson, pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, has accepted the call to Ascension Lutheran, Batavia, IL.

# WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

## **The Old Testament Reading:**

Christians help each other. We bear each others burdens, we pray for each other, we rejoice together in our fellowship. Sometimes helping each other means pointing out sin. In these verses we learn that God holds us believers responsible for bringing his Word to our fellow believers who are in caught up in sin. We read...

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# The Epistle Reading

Here God reminds us that He is in charge here in the United States of America as well as every other nation on earth. His Gospel rules in our hearts and moves us to love our neighbor as ourself. We read... Romans 13:1-10 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. 8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

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