

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

1107 14th Street

10:30 am Summer Worship Service

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11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2015

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 98 (front of the hymnal p. 144)

The Hymns: 361, 351, 409, 412

Personal Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, We beseech You, graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from greed 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 361

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:



A - men.

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.



C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin

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.



A - men. (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:** As for me, I will call upon God; and He shall hear my voice:
C: He has delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me.
P: God shall hear and afflict them, even He who abides from of old:
C: Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain you.
P: I will love You, O God, my Strength:
C: The Lord is also my Rock and my Fortress.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 – all sing)

I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You
 sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,
 by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;
 Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

THE SALUTATION (Greeting)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

PASTOR Let us pray.



☐ A - men.

THE BIBLE READINGS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." 18 Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. 19 And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. 21 For there is a man

whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? 23 For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity. 24 Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. 25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I? 26 For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

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: Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of Your eye:

C: Hide me under the shadow of Your wings.

P: Let my sentence come forth from Your presence:

C: For Your eyes see what is right. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Give ear to my words, O Lord:

C: Consider my meditation. Hallelujah!



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

PASTOR The Gospel Reading comes from Luke chapter 12, beginning there in the 13th verse.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

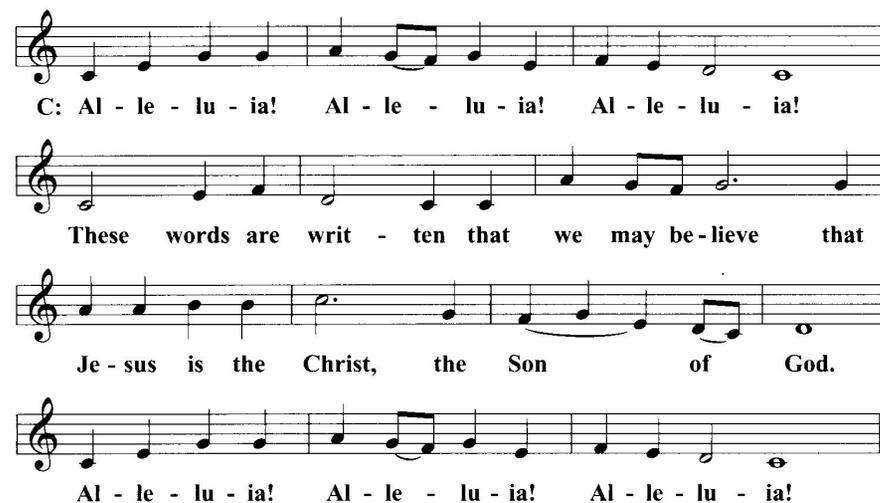
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the abundance of the things he possesses." 16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 "And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18 "So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" 20 "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' 21 "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

PASTOR: Here ends the Gospel Reading.

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



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 These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
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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 351

THE SERMON

Colossians 3:1-11 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Theme: "NEW LIFE IS OURS IN CHRIST"

I. He is the source of our new life (1-4)

II. He is the focus of our new life (5-9a)

III. He provides the power for our new life (9b-11)

THE OFFERTORY

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



Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God, and re-



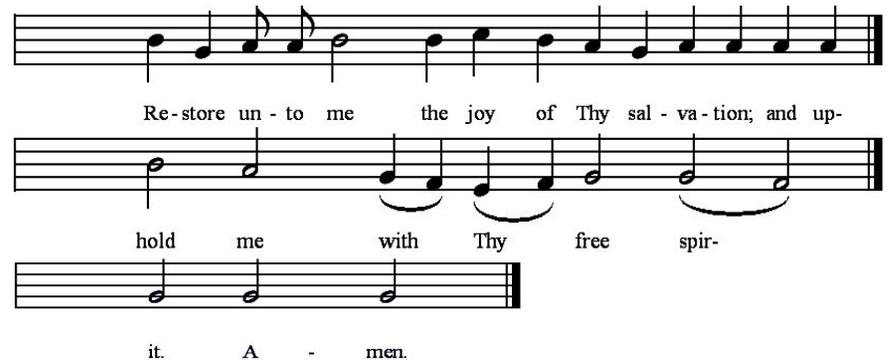
new a right spir - it with - in me



Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, and



take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

Following your gifts, 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 409

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.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Closing Hymn 412

*** Silent Prayer ***

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Welcome to all! If you are a visitor, we appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like to hear more about our church, please contact the pastor with the information listed on the front of this bulletin.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TODAY at St. John's after service.

WEDDING YESTERDAY Susy Rueben and Ben Wilson were united in Holy Matrimony in an outdoor service at 1:00 pm. May the LORD bless their lives together as one in Christ.

MEMORIAL SERVICE YESTERDAY The Lee Wade Memorial Service was at 3:00 pm. Many thanks to all who helped serve the luncheon.

ST. JOHN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10am. Please join us!

VICAR FUND This fund was established at our quarterly meetings to assist our Vicar Ben Libby, who arrives for his pastoral internship this Saturday, August 15. He'll be serving us for a month as he learns the duties and privileges of the pastoral ministry. We'd like to cover his travel expenses, and also help soften the loss of his regular employment while he is interning with us. Ben has a wife, Krissy, and they live in an apartment in Eau Claire, WI. Ben will graduate from Seminary next May.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND This fund has been established for anyone who wishes to help finance children attending our new school at St. John's. We currently have one request for financial aid for a kindergartener this fall.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE Student Aid Fund (SAF): Recently it was reported that the SAF has nearly a \$7,000 negative balance. This is the Fund that supports Immanuel students through loans, grants, and scholarships. Please consider this in your offerings to support the Lord's work. In our day where faithfulness to God's Word is a dear treasure, our current students can be greatly helped as the Immanuel experience is a springboard to their faith journey. Those former students who have received help from the SAF in the past might consider how current students could also use assistance. (from the CLC Board of Regents)

Christian Women's Seminar - September 25-27, 2015 in Savannah, Georgia. Cost: \$150 - \$350. Contacts: Amy Osborne - 651-329-3662 - newyorker13@hotmail.com or Pastor Mayhew ndmayhew@juno.com

OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFORE GOD A quote from Luther based on John 16:5a "But now I am going to Him who sent Me".

Now Christ did not [ascend] to the Father for His own sake or for His own Person. For this would not have helped us and could not be called our righteousness. But just as He came down from heaven for our sakes and became our flesh and blood, so He also ascended into heaven for our sakes after conquering sin, death, and hell and entering into His dominion, by which He redeems us from all this and gives us forgiveness of sin, power, and victory over the devil and death.... Faith must lay hold of this, must be founded on it, and must take comfort from it in times of temptation, when the devil and man's own conscience argue with him as follows: "Listen. What kind of Christian are you? Where is your righteousness? Do you not see and feel that you are a sinner? How, then will you pass muster before God?" Here again he must base his words on this verse and say: "I know very well, and I am sorry to say, that I am a sinner and that in me there is no righteousness that will be valid before God. And I must and will not look for or know of such righteousness in myself, for with it I could never come before God. But in this verse I hear Christ say that my righteousness consists in His going to the Father and in His ascension into heaven. There my righteousness has been deposited, and there the devil will surely have to let it remain; for he will not make Christ a sinner or reprove or find fault with His righteousness. If I am a sinner and my life does not pass muster before God, and if I find no righteousness in myself, I have another treasure, which is the righteousness of which I boast and on which I rely. This is Christ's going to the Father, which He has presented to me as a gift. (commentary on the Gospel of St. John, pp. 346-348 in vol. 24 of *Luther's Works*, American Edition, 1989, CPH)

CLC NEWS <> The Rev. David Lau has returned the call to Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI. The congregation has now called the Rev. Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, and Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, to be Pastor/Coordinator for scheduling pastors, professors and seminary students to conduct Sunday services and himself being responsible to fulfill other congregation needs. <> Becky McKenney, Fort Atkinson, WI, has returned the call to teach at Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown SD. <> Leah Ude has the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY, to serve as pre-school teacher.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:1-11

The Old Testament Reading:

The Word "vanity" here means "useless". These verses explain that the only thing in life that has any true worth at all is "from the hand of God." In His Word God gives wisdom, knowledge and joy to the person who is "good in His sight." - His believers. We read...

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Our sinful selves are greedy. Here in these verses Jesus uses a parable, and earthly story with a heavenly meaning to teach the truth that since God gives us everything we have, honoring God always outweighs honoring self. We read...

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