

**MOUNT ZION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 8:45am
Divine Service 10am**

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 28, 2016

PREPARATION PSALMS (Hymnal Pages): Psalm 32 (130), 102 (145), 118 (148).

PREPARATION PRAYER: Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your kingdom-ruler and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of the Spirit, so that we also may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HYMNS 439 442:1-3 Bulletin

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

(Supplement p 12-21)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prayer . . . Entrance Hymn . . . Invocation . . . Confession and Absolution

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Kyrie . . . Gloria in Excelsis . . . The Prayer of the Day - "Amen"

THE FIRST LESSON..... PROVERBS 25:6-7

⁶Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men; ⁷it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.

THE RESPONSIVE PSALM.....119:1-8

Pastor: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,

Congregation: who walk according to the law of the LORD.

P: Blessed are they who keep his statutes, **C: and seek him with all their heart.**

P: They do nothing wrong; **C: they walk in his ways.**

P: You have laid down precepts **C: that are to be fully obeyed.**

P: Oh, that my ways were steadfast **C: in obeying your decrees!**

P: Then I would not be put to shame **C: when I consider all your commands.**

P: I will praise you with an upright heart **C: as I learn your righteous laws.**

P: I will obey your decrees; **C: do not utterly forsake me.**

THE SECOND LESSON.....HEBREWS 13:1-8

¹ Keep on loving each other as brothers. ² Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶ So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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

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

THE NICENE CREED (Supplement Pg. 5)

HYMN: 442:1-3 "Lord of Glory Who Has Bought Us"

SERMON..... LUKE 14:1, 7-11

¹ One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched... ⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable:

⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.

¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests.

¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

THE GLORIOUS KEY TO CHRISTIAN HUMILITY

OFFERTORY (Pg. 16)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (Pgs. 17-18)

The Preface...The Words of Institution

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Communicants will come forward at the direction of the usher. Because the Lord requires that those who commune together be agreed in their faith and in the confession of His Word, we practice the Lutheran custom of Close Communion. This means that only those approach the altar who are members of our congregation or of a sister congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. If you are not presently a member of our congregation and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with the pastor. He will be pleased to supply you with what you need to know about our congregation's faith and confession.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (Pg. 21)

Thanksgiving...Benediction

CLOSING HYMN:

LOVE IN CHRIST IS STRONG AND LIVING

**Love in Christ is strong and living, Binding faithful hearts as one;
Love in Christ is true and giving. May His will in us be done.**

**Love is patient and forbearing, Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind and caring, Reaching out in charity.**

**Love in Christ abides forever, Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven, Shall endure until life's end.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 4 10am – Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:15am – Voters Call Meeting

CLC NEWS . . . Pastor The Rev. Terrel Kesterson, pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, has accepted the call to Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL. <> The Rev. Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission, and St. Paul's Lutheran, White River SD, has returned 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.

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Trinity 14
August 28, 2016

Daily Bible readings for home devotions, Aug. 29-Sept. 3, '16

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Tues Luke 14:1,7-14 When seating order matched pecking order, the seats closer to the head of the table, where the host was seated, were saved for guests of honor. God's way of operating is mirror-image, for He honors the dishonorable, elevates the lowly, and favors the disfavored. How wonderful for us! We thank You, our Lord and King!

Wed Hebrews 13:1-8 Who among us doesn't need such admonition? Someone, perhaps, who always puts the other fellow first? Someone who regularly invites strangers to his table? Someone who befriends convicts? Someone whose morality is unsullied? Someone genuinely devout and who thanks God for those who serve him with God's Word? In all cases, Jesus is our standard and our Stand-in. Hallelujah!

Thurs Psalm 119A Children of God live as they do because they love, respect, and honor their Father; they snuggle up to His loving embrace because that's where they feel safe, cherished, special. Keeping them mindful of His Word, God sets their moral compass to align with the Bible, and He keeps them on course with His directives, testimonies, etc. Smooth sailing is not our goal, but safe arrival at God's harbor.

Fri Luke 18:9-14 Jesus clarifies God's prerogative to cast the self-satisfied sinner out of the Kingdom (10-12), and on the other hand to bring the self-effacing, repentant sinner out of the shadows into heaven's glory (13-14). What a lesson for us when we feel a surge of self-esteem arising in our own hearts! Lord, have mercy on us!

Sat James 4:6-10 outlines the everyday experience of God's children. Typically, we are not humble enough, not quite submissive to God, not resisting the devil enough but avoiding God, not purifying our hearts in repentance and faith in Jesus, not lamenting our sins but enjoying sinning. Taking all this moral garbage into account, God stays on course to break through our crust, to bring us to repent, and to lift us up. Dear Father in heaven, we praise You for not giving up on us!

NEXT CLEVELAND SERVICE SEPTEMBER 18 5pm

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