

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

MEMBER: CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION (CLC)
Walter V. Schaller, Pastor

EASTER FIVE

May 14, 2017

PREPARATION PSALMS (Hymnal p): Psalm 75(139), 66(136), 146(156)

PREPARATION PRAYER: *Heavenly Father*, renew in our hearts this day the confidence that in the risen Christ we can overcome all threats to the reality of Your love for us. *Lord Jesus*, bless our pastor's speaking and our hearing as we together meditate on Your Word. Accept our hymns of praise and hear our prayers for forgiveness. *O Holy Spirit*, raise us each day from the depth of sin to the joys of forgiveness and enable us to live each hour as new persons in Christ. In our risen Savior's strong Name. Amen.

THE HYMNS 199 206 731

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

(Supplement p 12-21, omitting p 18-20)

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.....1 PETER 2:4-10

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

RESPONSIVE PSALM..... PSALM 33:1-9,16-22

Pastor: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;

Congregation: it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

P: Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre.

C: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

P: For the word of the LORD is right and true; He is faithful in all He does.

C: The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love.

P: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth.

C: He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; He puts the deep into storehouses.

P: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere Him.

C: For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.

P: No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

C: A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

P: But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love,

C: to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

P: We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

C: In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.

P: May Your unfailing love be with us, LORD, **C: even as we put our hope in You.**

THE SECOND LESSON..... JOHN 14:1-12

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 If you really know Me, you will know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.”

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

9 Jesus answered: “Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

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

C: (Sung) “Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia!”

THE NICENE CREED (Supplement Pg. 15)

HYMN: 206 “*Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*”

THE SERMON.....1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-28

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.

²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

THE OFFERTORY (Pg. 16)...**OFFERINGS GATHERED**

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH...THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: 731 “*Today in Triumph Christ Arose*”

Silent Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY – MAY 21 – EASTER SIX

10am – Divine Service

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Easter Five

May 14, 2017

Daily Bible readings for home devotions, May 15-20, '17

Mon Jeremiah 15:15-21 Jeremiah stood with one foot in the sinking sand of Judah's treachery—but he kept his other foot anchored on the solid ground of God's Word (16), for God assured him, "You shall *stand* before Me, so pull that foot out of the quicksand and don't go back there (19). I will build you into a strong wall—so just depend on Me (20-21)." What does this historical event teach us?

Tues John 11:17-27 Martha wanted to understand Jesus' role in the entire scheme of life/death/Judgment Day. Jesus obliged, clarifying that resurrection on the last day is founded on Himself (resurrection personified), and staying alive depends on Him also. Do you believe it?

Wed Ephesians 2:19-22 God builds with both hands, erecting His temple on the foundation of His Word, with Jesus as the fore-square cornerstone, using bricks such as you and me. God keeps on adding height, depth, and space to His Temple to house newcomers, for His family keeps on growing, one at a time. Where do you/I fit in?

Thurs Psalm 69:1-19 History **does** repeat itself, for as humans repeat their mistakes, God repeats His mercies, too. David found himself with both feet in sinking sand—partly due to others (1-4) and partly due to his own foolishness, as God knows (5). He apologized for his bad example (6-12) and begged God to pull him free of the quicksand (13-15). God hears/answers such a plea (16-18)—and we know it.

Fri John 5:16-23 In answer to the theological issue of who has the right to work on the Sabbath, Jesus clarified that His Father has been doing His blessed work on every Sabbath, including this one (17). Further, Jesus claimed that He worked on the Sabbath under authorization of His Father (19), and His job will include raising the dead and presiding on Judgment Day (20-21). (Doesn't that settle the "work" issue?)

Sat Revelation 10:9-10 The archangel with both feet planted on the entire globe has the unique privilege of announcing that all innings have been played, the game is over, and the clock has stopped. Time itself will stop working on the Last Day (for eternity is timeless) with no more delays, lay-overs, time-outs, or overtimes.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! We are ready and waiting.

P.S. Thank You for taking the workload off our hands. Amen.

CLC CALL NEWS...

The Rev. Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas TX, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN. <> Heidi Nelson, Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran school, Eau Claire WI. <> Teacher Lane Fischer, Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran school, Cheyenne WY. <> Mrs. Collette Krause has accepted the one-year call to teach Kindergarten at Trinity Lutheran, Watertown SD.