

MOUNT ZION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study (recessed)
Divine Service 10am

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 18, 2017

PREPARATION PSALMS (Hymnal pages): Psalm 13 (124), 65 (136), 77 (139)
PREPARATION PRAYER: Heavenly Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Who offered Himself in our place, You have given us access to the very mercy-seat of God. Give us Your continual help; put good desires into our minds and bring them to full effect; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

THE HYMNS **246 245 23:4**

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

(Supplement p 12-21 – omitting p18-20)

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 **ROMANS 3:21-28**

²¹ But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY **PSALM 86:6-15 (NIV 84)**

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O LORD; **Congregation:** Listen to my cry for mercy.
P: In the day of my trouble I will call to you, **C: For you will answer me.**
P: Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; **C: No deeds can compare with yours.**
P: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord;
C: They will bring glory to your name.
P: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; **C: You alone are God.**
P: Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
C: Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.
P: I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; **C: I will glorify your name forever.**
P: For great is your love toward me;
C: You have delivered me from the depths of the grave.
P: The arrogant are attacking me, O God;
C: A band of ruthless men seeks my life — men without regard for you.
P: But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
C: Slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

THE SECOND LESSON **MATTHEW 7:15-29**

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they ¹⁵ “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. ²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’ ²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” ²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

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 APOSTLES CREED (Supplement Pg. 15)

HYMN 245 “God Loved the World So that He Gave ”

THE SERMON JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

THE IMMEASURABLE LOVE OF GOD

THE OFFERTORY (Pg. 16)

THE OFFERINGS GATHERED

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN: 23:4 *"Halleluiah! Let Praises Ring!"*

Silent Prayer

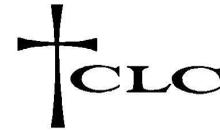
NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 25 PENTECOST 4 **10am** Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY JULY 9TH 4pm **INSTALLATION of Pastor Thomas Naumann**

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING -- SUNDAY JULY 23

CLC NEWS... The Rev. Michael Roehl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Bismarck ND, has returned the call to be co-pastor at Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN. <> Mrs. Rebecca Lillo of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has accepted the call to be the second teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View CA. <> Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has called Teacher Amy Mielke, Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners WI, to its school. <> Teacher Joshua Ohlmann, Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ, has accepted the call to teach grades 1-8 at Grace Lutheran school, Sleepy Eye MN. <> Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran school, Cheyenne WY.

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- *“And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2Timothy 2:2).*

This conference is intended to instruct and encourage men to do what the Lord has called them to do. Last year over 50 men attended the conference with ages from 18 to over 70. Attendees commented on how they appreciated many different aspects of last year’s “Man Up” weekend, like:

- “Time in the Word”
- “Fellowship with Like-minded Believers”
- “The in-depth discussion afforded to us by our roles as servants of the church and each other”
- “Getting to know others from other congregations”
- “The work shops” and
- the “catapult contest because of the time working as a team.”

Our churches and homes need dedicated, faithful, Biblically literate, zealous, and selfless men today, more than ever before, as we contend for the faith. The challenges we face are great, but the Lord has promised to be with us with His Word and His forgiveness. Men, please join us in September for this valuable conference!

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS; JUNE 19-24, '17

Mon Proverbs 11:23-31 presents some of God's good advice for life. We know all sorts of situations where God gave *increase* when we broadcast His Word (24), when we help neighbors (25), and as we lead God-revering lives (27). God's *tree of Life* bears godly fruit, scattering seed for winning souls (30)—and God enlists us as His helpers!

Tues Matthew 19:16-26 How does God go about His blessed work of winning a soul? Get the sinner to recognize Him, then confront him with God's will, and bring him to face the hard choice that hurts (17-22). How difficult is it to save a soul? Very difficult, but not too hard for God, who has both the will and the skill to do it right (26).

Wed Romans 8:1-11 God by-passes failed circuitry with His own system wired to His own generator. Trying to fix a failed mother-board is nonsense when you have God's model ready and waiting. His model is JESUSCHRIST#1—the salvation model that comes free of charge, is fail-safe, and provides service that last into eternity.

Thurs Psalm 112 We delight in God's commandments, for we know that God designed them to protect us—just as building codes protect our homes from faulty wiring. When we follow His code, both we (2-4) and our neighbors benefit (5-9). Too bad about those who detest God's building code, for they will lose everything in the fire (10).

Fri Luke 12:22-34 Satan can cause financial affluence to overload the circuitry and start a fire. In contrast, Jesus helped His non-affluent disciples appreciate their daily food supply (23-24), their wardrobe (27-28), and all that God "richly and daily provides." Lord, help us to learn, re-learn, and appreciate these gifts from Your bounty!

Sat 1 Timothy 6:6-16 A defective Bible misprinted verse 6 to read: "Godliness with contentment is great pain." God has spared us the great pain caused by obsessive/compulsive love of money. *Since we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out—let us be content* with God's blessings. James, half-brother of Jesus, knew what he was talking about, for he had seen Judas as well as others suffer the great pain of spiritual necrosis when they got infected with the virus of ungodly discontent. Lord, have mercy on us!