

**MOUNT ZION  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Divine Service 10am**

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

**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 25, 2017

PREPARATION PRAYER: Almighty God, pour out on us the spirit of grace and supplication. Deliver us, as we come into Your presence, from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship You in spirit and in truth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREPARATION PSALMS (Hymnal pgs): Psalms 6(124), 18(125), 26(128)

**THE HYMNS ..... 347 372 343:6**

**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 ..... MATTHEW 9:9-13**

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

**THE RESPONSIVE PSALM ..... 119, III (Hymnal pg 149)**

**THE SECOND LESSON..... ROMANS 4:18-25**

18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."19 Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. 20 Yet he did not waver through unbelief

regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." 23 The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (NIV)

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 (Pg. 5)**

**HYMN: TLH 372 "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"**

**THE SERMON.....MATTHEW 11:28-29**

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

**YOKED WITH JESUS**

**OFFERTORY (pg 16) ...OFFERINGS...PRAYERS...LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** (Pgs. 17-19)

The Preface...The Sanctus...Words of Institution...The Agnus Dei

**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)

The Nunc Dimittis...Thanksgiving...Benediction

**CLOSING HYMN: 343:6 "Lift Up the Voice and Strike the String"**

*Silent Prayer*

**THIS MORNING** After Service **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**NEXT SUNDAY JULY 2 10AM DIVINE SERVICE with Holy Communion**

**SUNDAY JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> 4pm INSTALLATION of Pastor Thomas Naumann**

**QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING -- SUNDAY JULY 23**

**Daily Bible readings for home devotions; June 26-July 1, '17**  
(Central theme: Experience is the best (and most expensive) teacher.)

**Mon Judges 2:1-15** God's contract with His people was broken when they defected to Satan. That wasn't God's fault, for He held up His end of the contract—but what could He do about their desertion? He could let them suffer the consequences (3). That was enough warning for the old folks (7-9), but it didn't strike fire with the next generation (10-12). What's the lesson? Help your children live as God's children!

**Tues Matthew 11:16-24** Those who had spiritual wisdom welcomed Jesus (the cause/effect principle), but those who rejected Jesus would merit worse punishment than folks who had never seen Him or His miracles. Note: Jesus doesn't clarify about the degrees of tolerability (or intolerability) on the Day of Judgment, but we expect to stand safely with Jesus when the hammer of God strikes. Lord, have mercy!

**Wed Hebrews 13:1-9** God has every right to expect His children to love others (strangers, too), to sympathize with those suffering abuse, to respect His gift of marriage, and to be content with His oversight of our bodily well-being (1-6). Further, in fidelity to God Himself, to His holy Word, to godly parents, and to under-shepherds (7), God grant that we fight the good fight to promote/preserve Bible doctrine (8-9).

**Thurs Genesis 17:1-9** It's a common falsehood that the Jews own Palestine by right of God's promise to Abraham—and God did indeed vow to uphold His part of the contract. Note: Abraham was obligated to keep his part: "*walk before God and be blameless....As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you....*" The contract dissolved because of human (not divine) defection.

**Fri Luke 7:28-35** John didn't live to see God's prophecies fulfilled, so every Christian since Pentecost has an advantage over John. (We are greater than John not in our service to God, but in God's service to us.) Do we justify the wisdom of John and Jesus—to not buckle under tribulation, not dodge moral issues, and not fudge on doctrine (35)?

**Sat Romans 12:9-21** Do I love others with no selfish motives? Do I hate evil and love goodness? Do I put others ahead of myself? Do I let myself lag in ways I can serve Jesus? Do I enjoy being a child of God in a pinch and when it hurts (12-14)? [Take it from there, child of God, as you look into God's mirror, and may His grace and love bolster you.]

**CLC NEWS...**Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ, has called Teacher Amy Osborne, Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC, to teach K-8. <> Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, has called Principal Nathan Wales of Holy Trinity, West Columbia SC, to teach grades 3-5 and be principal. <> St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD, has called the Rev. James Albrecht, pastor of St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN. <> The Rev. John Hein, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, has accepted the call from the CLC Board of Missions to be the Part-Time Visiting Missionary to Liberia.

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