

WELCOME

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TODAY'S SERVICE

July 9, 2023

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 145:1-14

I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. ² Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable. ⁴ One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. ⁵ I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works². ⁶ Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness. 7 They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness. ⁸ The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. ⁹ The LORD is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works. ¹⁰ All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You. ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power, ¹² To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom. ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations¹. ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who fall, And raises up all *who are* bowed down

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#576 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

- p God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- c If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.
- p If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- c If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- all Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen
- p Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- c Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Let us pray . . . Gracious God, our heavenly Father,
Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength
and support amid the wearisome changes of this
world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest
and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. Amen

THE WORD

Zechariah 9:9-12 ⁹ "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion *shall be*'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth¹.' ¹¹ "As for you also, Because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to the stronghold, You prisoners of hope. Even today I declare *That* I will restore double to you. **Romans 7:14-25a** ¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. ¹⁶ If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. ¹⁷ But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. ¹⁹ For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. ²⁰ Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ²¹ I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. ²² For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God-- through Jesus Christ our Lord!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

#277 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

SERMON

Matthew II:25-30 ²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. ²⁶ "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷ "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. ²⁸ "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ "For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO SLEEPS IN CHURCH

True rest doesn't come from a good night's sleep but from Jesus. Having washed us of our sin we have confidence that we are blessed by him. True rest is knowing that Jesus is with you. (WS on page 14)

#785 Children Of The Heavenly Father (MFH 122)

OFFERING 441:1-2

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!

PRAYERS - 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.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord makeHis face shine upon you and be gracious to you.The Lord lift up His countenance upon you andgive you peace. Amen

#577 "God Bless Our Native Land"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 9

9am Worship Service

Monday, July 10

7pm Worship Service

Tuesday, Jul 11

6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:30pm Council Meeting

Thursday, July 13

8:30am VBS meeting

Sunday, July 16

9am Worship Service

Monday July 17

7pm Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 17-21 VBS July 20 – Voters Meeting August 20 Worship in the Woods

USHERS FOR JULY

John Bobek, Dan Thiem, Al Henke, Gabe Henke

JULY MONDAY SERVICE

Jeff Jones, Owen Jones, Greg Jones, Gary Brown

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 1

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

Next Week Team # 2

Jim Hanneman, Lloyd Schmidt

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 53 Monday Service – 13

CANCELING MONDAY SERVICES

One of the voters is suggesting that we dispense with Monday night services. This topic will be discussed at our voters meeting on July 20.

NEW OPPORTUNITY IN UGANDA

The Kinship Committee and CLC Board of Missions has taken on a new and exciting opportunitysupporting a group of twenty orphans in Iganga, Uganda. Pastor Daniel Mugeni and his wife, Aidah, have taken on the task of caring for these orphans, and the financial burden on them is substantial. Pastors Gurath and Bernthal were able to spend time with the Mugeni family in July of 2022 and saw firsthand both their genuine love for these children and their genuine need for financial assistance. Please consider becoming a sponsor of one of these children. The commitment is \$45/ mo.

Kinship is also in need of sponsors for seminary students throughout the world. The financial commitment required to support overseas seminary students is similar, ranging from \$30 to \$50/mo.

To become a sponsor or for more information, please contact Dan Roehl at 507-381-2042 or danroehl@hotmail.com.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:10–13 Psalm 65:(1–8) 9–13 Rom. 8:12–17 Matt. 13:1–9, 18–23

CALL NEWS

Levi Schaller has accepted the call from Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley to be Part-Time Kindergarten teacher in their school.

Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND has returned the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Saginaw, MI has called Mrs. Loretta Leinberger to be its Pre-K teacher, as well as Kindergarten assistant. Loretta is a member of Gethsemane.

Missionary Peter Evensen has received the call from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI.

Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 11:25-30

Pre-sermon

When was the last time you took a "shortcut?" Did it work out or did it actually end up taking longer?

When was the last time you skipped prayer/devotion/ church because you didn't have time?

How did your day go? Were you productive with your extra time?

What are some things that might make you restless at night or make it hard to sleep?

Sermon

According to our text what does Jesus promise he can provide? What does Isaiah 55:2 teach us about taking time to spend with God?

What does Matthew 5:6 teach us about taking time to spend with God?

What spiritual condition might make it hard for us to get sleep?

What has Jesus done for us about this problem?

What does David teach us in Psalm 32:1?

Why is this passage so important for our peace of mind?

True rest is . . .



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