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Meditation: Psalm 26 p. 128

OPENING RESPONSIVE PSALM (Ps. 37)

- P** Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.
- C** **Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act.**
- P** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.
- C** **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;**
- P** Fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!
- C** **Glorify 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.**
- P** Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

HYMN: TLH #367

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

- P** We begin our Savior’s worship service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and

deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from *conception*. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will! **C** Amen!

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 15:15-21 O LORD, You know; Remember me and visit me, And take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, Nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, For You have filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain perpetual And my wound incurable, *Which* refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, *As waters that* fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I *am* with you to save you And deliver you," says the LORD. ²¹ "I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible."

EPISTLE READING – Romans 12:9-21 *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰ *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance *is* Mine, I will

repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: WS #762 **"This is He"**

SERMON – Matthew 16:21-26 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things

from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."²⁵ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."²⁶ "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Focus on the Cross!

- I. The Necessity of Christ's
- II. The Privilege of Our Own



OFFERTORY

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
 not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #442:2

2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: WS #769

"Lift High the Cross"

✠ Announcements ✠

Sunday School and Bible

Class began this week at 9:15 am. Please consider joining with us in the following weeks for an extra hour of fellowship and God's Word!

You're invited! to a baby shower for Pastor and Mrs. Rodebaugh today after church. Coinciding with the shower will be a fellowship snack. Please stay and join us in this wonderful opportunity for Christian Fellowship!

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Sept. 3:** Fellowship Snack after Church w/ Baby Shower
- ✠ **Sept. 11:** Ladies meet 3:30p
- ✠ **Sept. 17:** Mission Sunday (children sing & potluck)
- ✠ **Sept. 29:** Family Yard Games

2017 South Eastern Delegates Conference is being held Monday, October 9th through Tuesday, October 10th. Pastor Rodebaugh will likely be unable to attend due to the expected arrival of his twins. We currently have one delegate planning on attending, and we are looking for one more. If you are interested in representing our congregation as a delegate, speak to Ed Morris or Pastor for more information.

KINSHIP Sponsors Needed - CLC Project KINSHIP provides for orphans and seminary students in India, Nepal and Africa through the kind sponsorship of stateside CLC members. Two new Bible Schools/Seminaries are opening in Togo and the Democratic Republic of

Congo this year, and so there is a new need for sponsors right now. You can sponsor Togo students at \$30 per month or Congo students at \$40 per month. In India sponsorships are needed for BELC students at \$35 per month and CLCI students at \$40 per month. Consider supporting a student with family members or other families. If you are interested in sponsoring a man who is preparing for the Lutheran ministry in India or Africa, please contact KINSHIP Committee member Pastor David Fuerstenau, 426 Buren Road, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901; [\(907\) 225-2842](tel:9072252842); djfuerstenau@kpunet.net.

CLC Call News - The St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD, has called the Rev. Mark Weis, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Cape Coral FL. <> The Rev. Michael Wilke, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw MI, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN.

Christian Women's Retreat - The Southeast congregations of the CLC are organizing the Fourth Annual Southeastern Women's Retreat for women of the CLC. It will be held November 10-12, 2017 in Savannah, Georgia. While hosted by the congregations of Southeastern CLC, all are invited to join us! Last year a strong number of women from across the CLC attended, ranging from South Carolina, to Georgia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Texas and Washington. The estimated cost for the retreat is between \$158 - \$371 for the weekend (depending on how many you share your room with) and includes food and lodging. More details are available in the separate Registration Form (will be soon available through your pastor). If you have any questions please contact: Amy Osborne - [\(651-329-3662\)](tel:6513293662) - newyorker13@hotmail.com) or Pastor Matthew Hanel [\(972-733-4535\)](tel:9727334535) - hanel95@hotmail.com). Consider some time this fall to attend the retreat in beautiful Savannah, Georgia where you will be encouraged and strengthened in Christ.

Hurricane Harvey has affected our brothers and sisters in Christ in the CLC in both the Corpus Christi and Houston areas. The pastors at both congregations have reached out and informed the other CLC pastors that members of both congregations were largely spared. Thank the LORD for His protective hand on behalf of the members of our synod! Please continue to keep them and their cities in your prayers.

Last Week

Attendance: Winter Haven – 33 | Orlando – 13

General = \$1054 | Tuition = \$625 | Building Fund = \$30 |

Transition = \$310 | **Total Offering** = \$2019

Usher: Issitt Sr. | **Acolyte (9/10):** Mason G. | **Cleaner (9/9):** Ireland