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Pentecost 2

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There is *one God*, and there is
one Mediator between God and men,
the Man *Christ Jesus*.



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 113

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! ² Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! ⁴ The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, ⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, ⁸ to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: WS #786

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

P 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!



INTROIT*Ps. 119:137-140, 142, 144**A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

- P** Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.
- C** Righteous are you, O LORD, and right are your just decrees.
- P** You have appointed Your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.
- C** My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words. Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.
- P** Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.
- 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.

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 - shiped 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. O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 – Amos 8:4-7 Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶ that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

EPISTLE READING – 1 Timothy 2:1-15 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸ I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹ likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰ but with what is proper for women who profess godliness-- with good works. ¹¹ Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵ Yet she will be saved through childbearing-- if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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.

HYMN: TLH #788

"Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver"

SERMON – Luke 16:1-13 He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. ² "So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'³ "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ 'I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship,

they may receive me into their houses.' ⁵ "So he called every one of his master's debtors to *him*, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷ "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸ "So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. ⁹ "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. ¹⁰ "He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in *what is* least is unjust also in much. ¹¹ "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? ¹² "And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

You Cannot Serve God and Mammon



OFFERTORY

WS p.16

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☞** **♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

SERMON HYMN: TLH #430:1,4,6-8 "What is the World to Me?"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

- ☞** **♪ 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.**

PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER



Order of Holy Communion

pg. 17-21 in tan Worship Supplement



Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

After the distribution, we continue with the communion liturgy starting on WS p.20.

THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

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.

C Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: WS #309

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

✠ Announcements ✠

Lutheran Spokesman renewals are due soon. Please remember to put \$10 for your subscription in the offering plate and make a note on your envelope that it is for your renewal. Thank you!

The CLC Convention Prospectus is available for your study. A few copies are in the back, please ask pastor for a copy if we run out.

A New A/C System

was installed in the parsonage on Monday and Tuesday after the old system died the previous Thursday. The old unit and air handler lasted over 14 years and

served us well. And now the new system is working very well too! The total cost to the church was \$4800, and we are hoping to offset that cost with offerings over the coming months. If you are able and willing, please consider this need in your offerings. Thank you!

Looking Ahead...

- ✚ **June 10:** Orlando Service
- ✚ **June 14-17:** Arise and Shine
- ✚ **June 21-24:** CLC Convention

CLC Call News

Mr. Gus Falkenberg, Eau Claire WI, will be replacing Teacher Brian Fox, who accepted the call to Clarkston WA, as ILC boys' dorm supervisor, beginning this fall.

Shut-in/Encouragement List

Loye Issitt continues to remain mostly housebound for several more months due to a kidney ailment. **Virginia Tetens** continues to battle advanced pancreatic cancer. **Patti Meno** has been waiting for a kidney transplant. **Sharon Brown** recently had open heart surgery and is continuing her recovery at home. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in at Spring Lake Rehabilitation Center. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** remains mostly housebound due to bouts of severe dizziness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive.

The Lord's Supper

was received this morning, a true miracle in our very presence. As we received the bread and wine, we also received Christ's very body and blood. This was not done in a figurative way, nor were the bread and wine transformed. We received bread and wine, body and blood, just as we also really received forgiveness for our sins. This is what we call the "Real Presence." If you would like to learn more about this teaching and many other Biblical topics, please subscribe to the "Burden and Blessing Podcast" or visit <https://burdenblessing.podbean.com>. Give us a listen! We are a Lutheran podcast by CLC pastors for CLC members.

Last Week (5/20) Attendance: WH – 23

General = \$1125 | Tuition = \$1275 | Property Imprv = \$10

Total Offering = \$2,410

Usher: Rudy | **Acolyte (6/10):** Mason G. | **Cleaner (6/9):** Rodebaugh