

July 1, 2018

Pentecost 6

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PAIN FEAR INJURY SORROW ANGUISH SHAME  
 DISTRESS STRUGGLE ANXIETY  
 AGONY HEARTBREAK STRAIN FATIGUE WORRY TRIALS JOBS  
 DISCIPLINE CANCER

For consider Him who endured  
 such hostility from sinners  
 against Himself, lest you  
 become weary & discouraged  
 in your souls. - Hebrews 12:3

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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 13

<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? <sup>2</sup> How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? <sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, <sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. <sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. <sup>6</sup> I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #270

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

**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!



*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

- P** You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.
- C** Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.
- P** Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.
- C** The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;
- P** Their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law.
- C** It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.
- P** The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.
- 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:

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**P** Let us pray. O Lord, we pray for those who are afflicted, that they would receive these afflictions from the hand of your fatherly goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

**EPISTLE READING – Hebrews 12:6-13** <sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

**GOSPEL READING – Matthew 15:21-28** And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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**“Even the dogs  
eat the crumbs  
that fall from  
their masters’  
table.”**

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**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!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff has the lyrics 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff has the lyrics 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff has the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a common time signature (C).

## 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 #422

## **"Savior, I Follow On"**

**SERMON – Job 1** There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. <sup>2</sup> There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. <sup>3</sup> He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. <sup>4</sup> His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. <sup>5</sup> And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send

and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually. <sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" <sup>9</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? <sup>10</sup> Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." <sup>12</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD. <sup>13</sup> Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup> and there came a messenger to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, <sup>15</sup> and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>16</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>17</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>18</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, <sup>19</sup> and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>20</sup> Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. <sup>21</sup> And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." <sup>22</sup> In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

## Discipl(in)e

## OFFERTORY

WS p.16

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

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- ☞** 🎵 **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 #396 “Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink”**

### **- 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**

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### **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.*

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## **Virginia Edith Tetens**

April 10, 1944 - June 28, 2018

*Virginia was raised in Kansas City, MO, and moved to Lawrenceville, GA when she was 16. She spent most of the rest of her life in the Atlanta area, working as a Librarian and*



*owning her own baseball card shop. Those careers reflected two of her biggest loves—reading and baseball. Her greatest love, however, was for her Lord. After contracting breast cancer twice between 1997 and 2003, Virginia decided to call up the pastor of a small Lutheran church that she drove by every day on her way to treatment. Not long later, in June 2005, Virginia joined the CLC as a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Lawrenceville, GA. About six years ago, Virginia moved to Ocklawaha, FL to be nearer her brother Tom, and she transferred her membership to Immanuel. She adopted many cats to live with her in Ocklawaha, simply because she didn't want to see them go hungry. Early last year, Virginia contracted pancreatic cancer, and she eventually lost her battle with cancer. Through Christ, her Savior, she won her ultimate victory in the early afternoon on Wednesday, June 28, while listening to God's Word through Psalms and hymns.*

**Psalm 130** - Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! <sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! <sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. <sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; <sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. <sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. <sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

### **MEMORIAL PRAYER and BENEDICTION:**

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

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**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: TLH #656**

**“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”**

### **✠ Announcements ✠**

**Lutheran Spokesman** If you haven't yet payed for your Lutheran Spokesman renewal, please place \$10 in the offering plate designated for your renewal.

**CLC Call News** The Rev. Caleb Schaller, co-pastor at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI has returned the call to Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN. <> Berea Lutheran has now called the Rev. Wayne Eichstadt, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA, as pastor and retired pastor John Schierenbeck, Eau Claire WI, as interim pastor. <> Pastor Schierenbeck has accepted this call.

### **Looking Ahead...**

- ✝ **Today:** Communion and Fellowship Snack
- ✝ **July 8:** Orlando Service
- ✝ **July 9-13:** VBS
- ✝ **July 15:** Mission Festival

**Thank you** to Michael and Darrin and Neil for conducting the services while I was gone! And a big thank you to Steve for serving as our lone delegate to the 2018 CLC Convention.

**VBS** is fast approaching! If you are willing to donate snacks, drinks, or cash for VBS, we will start collecting these items in a few weeks (please write out checks/give money to Megan Goodwin).

**Missionary Peter Evensen** has offered to come visit us on July 15 to share God's Word and some of his missionary experiences during both the Sermon and in a mission presentation in the fellowship hall after the service. This will also be the Sunday to which we invite the VBS Children to sing their VBS song. Please plan on bringing a dish to share for a potluck lunch.

**Shut-in/Encouragement List** **Loye Issitt** continues to battle for good health with a kidney condition. **Patti Meno** has been waiting for a kidney transplant. **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.

### **Last Week (6/17 & 24) WH – 25 & 28**

General = \$1389 | CLC Missions = \$100 | New AC = \$60 | Spokesman = \$20

**Total Offering = \$1,569**

**Usher:** Michael K. | **Acolyte (7/8):** Grant R. | **Cleaner (7/7):** Sedberry



## Convention Summary

The 33rd Convention of the Church of the Lutheran Confession was held at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI on June 21-24, 2018. The theme of the Convention was “Behold Your God!” A full report from the Convention will be published later this summer in the *Proceedings*. The following is a brief summary of the most notable decisions.

**CLC President’s Address** — President Michael Eichstadt addressed the convention with “Behold Your God!”—In Our Homes, In Our Fellowship, In All the World, and In Our Testimony to the Truth.

**Elections** — The following were re-elected, **President:** Pastor Michael Eichstadt, **Vice President:** Pastor Mark Bernthal, **Moderator:** Pastor Paul Nolting, **Secretary:** Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, **Board of Trustees:** Mr. Tom Lentz, Mr. Sherman Carstensen, **Board of Regents:** Pastor John Hein, **Board of Missions:** Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Mr. Joel Krafft, **Board of Education and Publications:** Pastor David Naumann, Professor Ross Roehl. **Newly elected:** Mr. Jay Sydow as a layman on the Board of Regents.

**Board of Education and Publications** — It was resolved to begin regular printed publication of daily devotions / The Board of Education and Publications was directed to oversee development of an online religion course beginning with updating and adding online Sunday School lessons.

**Board of Regents/Immanuel Lutheran College** – The convention directed a reinstatement of the compensation plan originally approved by the 2012 Convention (\$75/month increase per year and an annual cost of living adjustment). This budget increase is to be in effect for two years as long as the Reserve Fund balance does not fall below \$100,000. This increase is added into the final FY19 Budget approved by the convention (see p. 3).

**Board of Missions** – The Convention authorized the Board of Missions to begin calling a third full-time missionary. If the Lord provides a man to serve in this office, 50% of the first year’s expense will be an addition to the CLC General Fund budget and 50% will come from the Mission Development Fund (MDF). Thereafter, a plan will be implemented to move these costs into the regular Missions’ budget within three years.

## Doctrine

### Joint Statement Regarding the Termination of Fellowship

RESOLVED that we acknowledge with joy that the *Joint Statement Regarding the Termination of Fellowship* is a scripturally sound presentation of doctrinal principles when dealing with the termination of fellowship.

RESOLVED that we ask the President of the CLC to relay our hope that the talks with the ELS and WELS can continue.

RESOLVED that we aim for a final disposition of the *Joint Statement Regarding the Termination of Fellowship* at the 2020 Convention.

RESOLVED that we direct the 2019 General Pastoral Conference to discuss the “Difficulties that Remain” contained in the 2017 GPC recommendation concerning the *Joint Statement Regarding the Termination of Fellowship*.

*The full text of the resolutions including the supporting statements is available from your pastor and will also be published in the Proceedings.*

The declaration of fellowship with Grace Evangelistic Lutheran Church in Liberia was ratified. / The Convention directed the 2019 Pastoral Conference to review the 2017 revision of the “CLC Theses and Antithesis on the Role of Admonition in the Termination of Fellowship with Church Bodies and report its findings to the 2020 Convention.

**CLC Constitution** – The proposed change to Article V-A allowing laymen to serve as CLC Secretary and Moderator was adopted. / The proposed change to Article VIII-B allowing Pastors Emeriti to serve as Conference Visitors was *not* adopted. / A proposed change to the title and wording of Bylaw 19 (recommended by the Standing Constitution Committee in a supplementary report presented at Convention) to accurately reflect our current practice was adopted.

**Conference Visitors** -- The Convention ratified the Conference Visitors as elected by their respective conferences: **Great Lakes:** Pastor Michael Wilke; **Minnesota:** Pastor Douglas Libby; **Pacific Coast:** Pastor David Naumann; **West Central:** Pastor Michael Roehl; **South Eastern:** Pastor Matthew Hanel.

**Finance** -- The Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) budget was adopted:

Education and Publications	\$ 15,000
Trustees	\$ 89,000
Missions	\$ 377,000
Regents	\$ 550,000
General Fund Budget	\$ 1,031,000
+ ILC Revenue	\$ 861,000
<b>Total FY19 Spending Plan</b>	<b>\$1,892,000</b>

It was resolved to enact the Trustees' recommendation to increase retirement contributions from \$170/month to \$180/month beginning 1/1/2019, \$190/month beginning 1/1/2020, and \$200/month beginning 1/1/2021.

**Membership:** Teacher Brandan Heinze and Pastors Timothy Daub, Thomas Naumann, Samuel Rodebaugh, and Stefan Sonnenfeld were accepted as voting members of the Church of the Lutheran Confession.

The dissolution of Divine Word Lutheran Church, Spring Valley, MN and Grace Lutheran Church, Cape Coral, FL was acknowledged with regret.

**Appointments** for periodical editors were ratified: Pastor Paul Naumann (*Lutheran Spokesman*), Pastor Wayne Eichstadt (*Journal of Theology*), Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer (*Ministry by Mail*); and Pastor Glenn Oster (CLC Webmaster). A full list of appointments will be published in the Convention *Proceedings*.

**Memorials:** The memorial regarding the joint meetings between the CLC and WELS/ELS was answered by the resolutions from the Floor Committee for Doctrine (see p. 2). The memorial regarding the Board of Doctrine being the sole representative of the CLC in future discussions with WELS/ELS was rejected.

**Convention** – The Convention Communion Service offering was designated for the Mission Development Fund and totaled \$3,147.85. The next convention will be held on the Immanuel Lutheran College Campus, **June 25-28, 2020** (Thursday through Sunday).