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Pentecost 7

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“My grace is
sufficient
for you, for
my power is made perfect
in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:1



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¹ To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! ² Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us. ³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. ⁴ Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #40:2,4

“The God of Abraham Praise”

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ A - - - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 132:13-16; Ps. 34:8

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

P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

C For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:

P "This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

C I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

P Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy."

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains the lyrics: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;". The second system contains the lyrics: "as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The music is written in a style typical of a hymn or chant, with block chords and simple melodic lines.

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Corinthians 12:9

Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.

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

The musical score for The Kyrie is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains the lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second system contains the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is written in a style typical of a hymn or chant, with block chords and simple melodic lines.

C  All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ezekiel 2:1-5 And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." ² And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

GOSPEL READING – Mark 6:1-13 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He

charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff-- no bread, no bag, no money in their belts--⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.¹⁰ And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there."¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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 #512

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

SERMON – 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise-- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses--⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited

because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

There is No "I" in Grace

I. Stamp out self-righteousness

II. Welcome weaknesses

III. Boast in Christ

OFFERTORY

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

C  **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Hymn: WS #776

"LORD, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

C  **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, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDECTION

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, amen, a – men.**

Closing Hymn: TLH #577

"God Bless Our Native Land"

✝ Announcements ✝

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

VBS is starting tomorrow! We are still in need of snacks and drinks, as well as some monetary donations for craft supplies. If you are willing to help, please do so! If you would like to donate money for VBS, please give it 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.

CLC Mission Helpers to East Africa On Monday, July 9th Twenty-Three CLC Mission Helpers will meet at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hales Corners, WI for a meal provided by the congregation and a sendoff devotion by Pastor Eichstadt. They will then travel together to the O'Hare airport in Chicago for an evening flight will take them from Chicago to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. From Dubai they will divide into three teams and fly to their final destinations of Nairobi, Kenya, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, and Lusaka, Zambia. They will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Christ alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-East Africa. You can follow the trip at: <https://2018clcmhteastafrika.blogspot.com/>

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Loye Issitt** continues to battle for good health with a kidney condition. **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. Please keep her in your prayers. **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**

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **Today:** Orlando Service
- ✝ **Today:** Board of Trustees
- ✝ **July 9-13:** VBS
- ✝ **July 15:** Mission Festival, Potluck & Presentation
- ✝ **July 15:** Board of Education
- ✝ **July 22:** Church Council
- ✝ **July 29:** Quarterly Voters Meeting

remains mostly housebound due to bouts of severe dizziness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive.

We're Still Looking for offerings to help offset the cost of the new AC unit in the parsonage. If you are able and willing to do so, please contribute to help pay off this expense. Thank you!

Candidates for Immanuel Professor Call: The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Schaller at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include courses in English (high school and college) and history (high school, college, and potentially seminary). With the duties including teaching God's Word to adult males, the person is to be a male (1 Tim. 2:12). To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, preferably someone who is pastorally experienced. This person may potentially serve as the Dean of Students, one who counsels and disciplines students on campus. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2019-20 academic year. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to serve and would need to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Since the mailing deadline has passed, nominations are to be received by email no later than midnight July 15, 2018, to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck (danschierenbeck@gmail.com).

Last Week (7/1) WH – 40

General = \$2283 | CLC Missions = \$32 | Property Improvement = \$30
Spokesman = \$38

Total Offering = \$2,383

Usher: Michael K. | **Acolyte (7/15):** Mason K.
| **Cleaner (7/14):** Galstad