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Mission Festival

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¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!" ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #5

"Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear"

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.

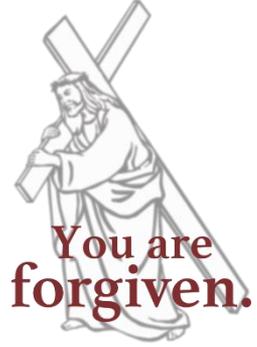
C *♩* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

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. 108:3-5; Ps. 105:1

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

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!
- C** I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations.
- P** For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- C** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

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 consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The first system covers the lyrics "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;". The second system covers the lyrics "as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 5:24a

Alleluia. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My Word and believes Him Who sent Me has eternal life. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

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

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

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

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. Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; 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 – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in

Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

VBS Children Sing

“Lift High the Cross”

GOSPEL READING – John 5:24-29 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. ²⁵ "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

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 #289

“The Law Commands and Makes Us Know”

SERMON – Ezekiel 2:1-3:3 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. ⁶ And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷ And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house. ⁸ "But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." ⁹ And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰ And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe. ¹ And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." ² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

God Sends Us to Speak His Bittersweet, Powerful Word

- Preaching today is CLC Foreign Missionary Peter Evensen -

OFFERTORY

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 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: TLH #499

“Look from Thy Sphere of Endless Day”

- 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 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.

- C** 🎵 **Amen, amen, a – men.**

Closing Hymn: TLH #508 “Thou Whose Almighty Word”

✝ 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.

VBS was a success! Thank you to everyone who contributed money or time to sharing God’s Word with the children this week. We especially thank those involved with teaching, crafts, music, recess, and everyone else who made this week go smoothly.

Looking Ahead...

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

We Thank Missionary Peter Evensen for coming to share the word of God with us this morning. If you are able, please stay after the service for the potluck and Mission Presentation by Missionary Evensen in the fellowship hall. Missionary Evensen graduated from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in May 2014, and accepted a call to serve as pastor for our sister congregation in Grand Rapids, MI.

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!

CLC Call News The Rev. Robert Sauers, pastor at Bethel Lutheran, Morris, MN has accepted the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

CLC Mission Helpers to East Africa On Monday, July 9th Twenty-Three CLC Mission Helpers met at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hales Corners, WI for a meal provided by the congregation and a sendoff devotion by Pastor Eichstadt. They then traveled together to the O'Hare airport in Chicago for an evening flight that took them from Chicago to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. From Dubai they divided into three teams and flew 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. They have already begun uploading blog posts detailing their work and travels. You can follow the trip at: <https://2018clcmhsteastafrica.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. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from a variety of ailments and is in a constant state of pain. Please pray that the Lord would comfort her through this time. **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 (7/8) WH – 31 Orlando - 16

General = \$1453 | Property Improve = \$50 | Building Fund = \$40
Spokesman = \$10

Total Offering = \$1,553

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| Cleaner (7/21): Rodebaugh**