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Pentecost 23

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The Ministry of the Keys



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A “Reformation” Series

This morning we are going to continue a series on the Catechism in preparation for Reformation. The word catechism is derived from the Greek and means to “repeat again” or to “teach.” A catechism is a book of instruction, specifically in the Christian faith. Martin Luther was motivated to write and publish a new catechism after making a visitation of Lutheran congregations and finding that both the laity and even pastors and teachers were basically ignorant of the basics of the Christian faith. He published both the Large and Small Catechisms in 1529 in an effort to provide a tool to help people learn the basic truths of God’s Word. Luther’s Catechism was divided into six main parts: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles’ Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, The Sacrament of Baptism, The Ministry of the Keys, and The Sacrament of the Altar. He also included a section called The Table of Duties. The Small Catechism has been called the “Gem of the Reformation” because of its lasting value in instructing countless generations throughout the world in the truths of God’s Word. Within a generation there were 100,000 copies of Luther’s Catechism in print in Germany and it was required instruction in German schools. This morning we continue this study of God’s Word and the six chief parts of the Catechism. Here is our schedule:

Sept. 30 - The Ten Commandments

Oct. 7 - The Apostles’ Creed

Oct. 14 - The Lord’s Prayer

Oct. 21 - The Sacrament of Baptism

Oct. 28 - The Ministry of the Keys

Nov. 4 - The Sacrament of the Altar

Dig out and dust off your Catechism and take some time in the coming weeks to review this wonderful “gem of the Reformation”!

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 141:1-5,8

¹ O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you! ² Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! ³ Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips! ⁴ Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds in company with men who work iniquity, and let me not eat of their delicacies! ⁵ Let a righteous man strike me-- it is a kindness; let him rebuke me-- it is oil for my head; let my head not refuse it. ⁸ But my eyes are toward you, O GOD, my Lord; in you I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #327

“Out of the Deep I Call”

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. 32:1-5

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

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

P I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity.

C I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

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 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;" and the second system covers "as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men." The music is in a common time signature and features a mix of chords and melodic lines.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matt. 18:18

Alleluia. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 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 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 music is in a key signature of one flat (B-flat major) and a common time signature. The lyrics are "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support for the vocal line.

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. ...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 33:1-9 The word of the LORD came to me: ² "Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, ³ and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, ⁴ then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. ⁵ He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. ⁶ But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand. ⁷ "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. ¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Office of the Keys

The explanation to the Office of the Keys is taken from the Small Catechism.

P *What is the Office of the Keys?*

Q **The Office of the Keys is the special power Christ gave to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of penitent sinners and to retain the sins of the impenitent as long as they do not repent.**

P *Where is this written?*

Q **The holy evangelist John writes in chapter 20: “[Jesus] breathed on [His disciples] and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”**

P *How does a Christian congregation use the Keys?*

Q **A Christian congregation, with its pastor, uses the Keys according to Christ’s command, either by forgiving those who repent of their sins and are willing to change, or by excluding those who are obviously impenitent from the Christian congregation. These actions are as valid and certain in heaven also as if Christ our dear Lord were dealing with us Himself.**

Hymn: TLH #331:1-3,7

“Yea, as I Live, Jehovah Saith”

SERMON – Matthew 18:7-20 "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him




alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

The Keys are in Your Hands

- I. Remember the love behind the power
- II. Remember the responsibility behind the love

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 #770

"I Hear the Savior Calling"


- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #442:2 "Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us"

- C**  **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.
- C**  **Amen, amen, a - men.**

Closing Hymn: TLH #485:1-4

"Lord Jesus, Who art Come"

✝ Announcements ✝

2019 Mission Helper Trip

Applications for the 2019 CLC Mission Helper Trip to India are being accepted. The application deadline is January 7th. Space is limited so it is best to apply early. Apply online and find more information

at: www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org or contact Todd Ohlmann at thohlmann@gmail.com

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **Today:** Board of Trustees & Church Council Meet
- ✝ **Nov. 4:** Quarterly Voters Mtg
- ✝ **Nov. 4:** Reformation Sunday/Communion & Snack

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. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** is back at his rehab facility and remains shut-in. **Delores Seger** is battling severe back pain; she has been approved for and is preparing for surgery. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Liz Hartmann** is recovering from eye surgery.

Using the Ministry of the Keys Who is the one who carries out the first step of church discipline? Jesus said, "Go and show him his fault, just between the two of you." You are not to go tell others about the person's sin. You are to tell a sinner of his sin. This is not to be done in a haughty spirit but in humility. Your motive is love. You do not have to prove you are right and the other person is wrong. You are the bearer of God's message as you proclaim His Word. May the Lord help us with this difficult task!

Last Week (10/21) WH – 53

General = \$984 | Property = \$100 | ILC Building = \$30
CLC Missions = \$150 | **Total Offering = \$1,264**

October Usher: Mark Moorehead | **Acolyte (10/28):** Grant R.
| **Cleaner (10/27):** Bernthal