



“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes.” Rom1:16

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St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
7th Sunday after Trinity
July 31, 2022

Pastor: David Reim - 549-5250 **Organist:** Julie Reim
Ushering today: Guy and Ken

Read Before the Service: Psalm 61 (Hymnal pg. 136)

Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, we thank you for the privilege and joy of coming into your presence to worship you and to receive your strength and blessings. Lord, teach us to number our days and to apply our heart to true wisdom, that we may live with you throughout our lives and on into all eternity. Be present with Your grace and mercy and fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may glorify you by trusting You with our whole heart and soul and serving you with our life. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 611 The Day is Surely Drawing Near

1. The day is surely drawing near When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear As Judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase, As Scripture truly teacheth.
2. A trumpet loud shall then resound And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep awaken;
But all that live shall in that hour By the Almighty's boundless pow'r
Be changed at His commanding.
3. A book is opened then to all, A record truly telling
What each hath done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling; And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been In tho'ts and words and actions.

4. Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the Judge's stern command To Satan be delivered.

5. O Jesus, who my debt didst pay And for my sin wast smitten,
Within the Book of Life, oh, may My name be also written!
I will not doubt; I trust in Thee,
From Satan Thou hast made me free And from all condemnation.

6. Therefore my Intercessor be And for Thy blood and merit
Declare my name from judgment free With all who life inherit,
That I may see Thee face to face
With all Thy saints in that blest place Which Thou for us hast purchased.

7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
Then hear us when we cry to Thee;
Come, mighty Judge, and make us free From every evil! Amen.

Invocation:

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



C: A - men.

Confession of Sins:

P: Jesus invites us saying, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

C: We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your own body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.

C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have

given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.



Response of Praise:

Hymn 244

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-10

The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. 5 The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; and I have not been rebellious, I have not drawn back. 6 I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. 7 Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. 8 He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! 9 It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. 10 Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

Epistle Lesson: James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. 2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. 3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the

poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ...

8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. 9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ...

14 What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

18 But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

Response of Praise:

P: Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;

C: Defend me from those who rise up against me.

P: Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,

C: And save me from bloodthirsty men.

P: I will sing of Your power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy;

C: For You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises;

C: For God is my defense, My God of mercy. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” 28 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” 29 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” 30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

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

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: 366 st. 1-4 One Thing's Needful

1. One thing's needful; Lord this treasure Teach me highly to regard;
All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
The gain of this one thing all loss can requite
And teach me in all things to find true delight.
2. Wilt thou find this one thing needful, Turn from all created things
Unto Jesus and be heedful Of the blessed joy He brings.
For where God and Man both in one are united,
With God's perfect fulness the heart is delighted;
There, there is the worthiest lot and the best,
My One and my All and my Joy and my Rest.
3. How were Mary's thoughts devoted, Her eternal joy to find
As intent each word she noted, At her Savior's feet reclined!
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!
For Jesus all earthly concerns she forgot,
And all was repaid in that one happy lot.
4. Thus my longings, heavenward tending, Jesus, rest alone on Thee.
Help me, thus on Thee depending; Savior come and dwell in me.
Although all the world should forsake and forget Thee,
In love I will follow Thee, ne'er will I quit Thee.
Lord Jesus, both spirit and life is Thy Word;
And is there a joy which Thou dost not afford?

Sermon Text: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

13 This is the conclusion of the matter. Everything has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments. For mankind, this is everything. 14 Yes, God will bring everything that is done into judgment, including everything that is hidden, whether good or evil."

Theme:

The Conclusion of the Matter:

1. Fear God and Keep His Commandments.
2. Remember Your Creator in the days of your Youth
- 3.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

*"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":
2 While the sun and the light, the moon and the stars, are not darkened, and the clouds do not return after the rain; 3 In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men bow down; When the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look through the windows grow dim; 4 When the doors are shut*

in the streets, and the sound of grinding is low; When one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of music are brought low. 5 Also they are afraid of height, and of terrors in the way; When the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags himself along, and desire fails.

For man goes to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets.

6 Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well. 7

Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it. 8 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "All is vanity."

Hymn: 366 st. 5-7 One Thing's Needful

5. Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, lies concealed in Thee;
Grant that this may still the measure Of my will and actions be,
Humility there and simplicity reigning,
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
Oh, if I of Christ have this knowledge divine,
The fulness of heavenly wisdom is mine.

6. Naught have I, O Christ, to offer Naught but Thee, my highest Good.
Naught have I, O Lord, to proffer But Thy crimson-colored blood.
Thy death on the cross hath Death wholly defeated
And thereby my righteousness fully completed;
Salvation's white raiments I there did obtain,
And in them in glory with Thee I shall reign.

7. Therefore Thou alone, my Savior, Shalt be All in all to me;
Search my heart and my behavior, Root out all hypocrisy.
Restrain me from wandering on pathways unholy
And through all life's pilgrimage keep my heart lowly.
This one thing is needful, all others are vain;
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.

Offerings:

Sing while the offering is brought forward

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.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

396 Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink

1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by many a foe;
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe;
2. That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God;
3. A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without;
That, when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt;
4. That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scornful smile;
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan's arts beguile;
5. A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled
And with a pure and heavenly ray Lights up the dying bed.
6. Lord give us such a faith as this; And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.



Scripture Treasure to Remember

Isaiah 55:6

*“Seek the Lord while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30

Bible Study with Karrie at 3:00

Thursday - Shut-in visits with George and Rosemarie.

Next Sunday - **Worship Service** at 10:00 am

Young Adult Backpacking retreat leaves after church.

“The Matter of Life”

We are making plans to watch and discuss “The Matter of Life,” the award winning film documentary that cuts to the heart of the most divisive issue of our day—abortion. It forces us to ask the question: “Are the unborn one of us?” It stresses entering this conversation with understanding, love, and support. Doing so is critical to save the lives of the unborn and to care for the women who carry them.

We are suggesting August 28. Does that work for everyone?

CLC Call News

Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Lutheran Church in Spokane, WA, has received the calls to serve as vacancy pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA, and Redemption Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, WA.. + **Pastor Samuel Naumann** of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi, TX, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, FL.

CLC and WELS / ELS

President Eichstadt, as the convention directed him, forwarded the convention resolution to the Presidents of the ELS and of the WELS, along with a note expressing his hope that they would be willing to meet with us to discuss the three points. In part, their response reads:

“We believe that the CLC, in the resolution passed by its convention, has erected an insurmountable barrier to further talks. This is truly a sad day, because we had sincerely hoped that the Joint Statement would be the first step towards re-establishing fellowship based on our synods’ agreement in biblical doctrine. We believe that the Joint Statement, crafted carefully and in good faith, showed that there really is no doctrinal difference on this specific question. And with the stipulations of the three points, along with a lack of specific examples of ambiguity in the Joint Statement and specific examples of doctrinal statements and synodical resolutions that would need to be changed, it seems that further talks cannot take place. It’s not because we are unwilling to talk, but because we are unable to meet the conditions set before us.