

July 7, 2019

4th Sunday of Pentecost

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humble yourself under

THE MIGHTY HAND OF GOD

that He may exalt
you in due time



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 125:1-4

¹ Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. ² As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. ³ For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong. ⁴ Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #24

“Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care”

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

G 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.

G **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!

G Amen!

INTROIT

Ps. Ps. 25:1-2, 5, 15-16, 18, 20

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

P Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

G **Consider my affliction and my trouble and forgive all my sins.**

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

- C** You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.
- P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.
- C** Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.

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:

- P** Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – 2 Samuel 24:10-16c But David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly."¹¹ And when David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,¹² "Go

and say to David, 'Thus says the LORD, Three things I offer you. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you.'" ¹³ So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, "Shall three years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now consider, and decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me." ¹⁴ Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man." ¹⁵ So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning until the appointed time. And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men. ¹⁶ And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, "It is enough; now stay your hand."

GOSPEL READING – Luke 15:1-10 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



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 Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #324:1-3, 7-8

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

SERMON – 1 Peter 5:6-11 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant;

because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. ¹¹ To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

God's Intended Consequences

- I. Humble yourself, and God will exalt you
- II. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you
- III. Endure the suffering, and God will establish you

OFFERTORY

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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 Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

HYMN: WS #784

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1

"Lord, You Love..."

🎵 Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

PRAYER and 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, for ever and ever. Amen.



Order of Holy Communion



P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God Who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

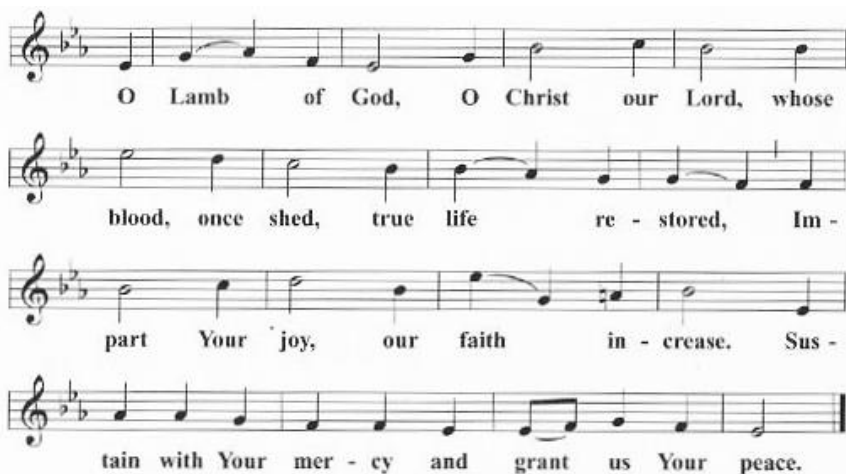
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



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!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Approach at the usher's direction.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.





C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

THE BENEDICTION:

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

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!

HYMN: TLH #424

“My God, My Father, Make Me Strong”

✝ Announcements ✝

VBS has been scheduled for July 8th-12th. If you know any children you would like to invite, please do so. Please keep our VBS in your prayers this week, asking that the Lord bless our efforts.

East Africa Mission

Helper Teams - Away! This past Tuesday, July 2nd, our missionary teams departed for three weeks to East Africa. The

original plan had been for the group to head to India, but due to political tensions, the teams are being sent elsewhere. Please keep in your prayers their travels and health, witness and work, and the eternal Word of God they share to blood bought souls of Christ! May our Lord Jesus bless them in this work in His kingdom. To follow along with their trip, go to: <https://2019clcmhtheastafrica.blogspot.com/>

“Man Up” Weekend The weekend is intended to offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team and Relationship Building and Worship, as well as many outdoor bonding activities. The retreat will be held September 12-15, 2019 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI about an hour south of La Crosse. You can also find out more information, see pictures of the park, and register for the retreat online at www.manup.clclutheran.org. The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration fee is due by August 31, 2019.

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **July 7:** Communion and Fellowship Snack
- ✝ **July 7:** Elders & Education Meetings
- ✝ **July 8-12:** VBS
- ✝ **July 14:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✝ **July 14:** Trustees and Council Meetings
- ✝ **July 21:** Voters Meeting
- ✝ **July 28:** Orlando Service 8 am

CLC Call News Teacher Matthew Kranz has returned the call extended to him by St, John's, Okabena, MN.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **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 declining in health. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers. **Bill Issitt Sr.** is recovering at home from surgery. **Loye Issitt** is at home and receiving regular dialysis. **Darrin Ream** is recovering from surgery.

Last Week (6/30) WH – 48

General = \$1,876 | Missions = \$5 | Scholarship = \$30

Building Fund = \$10

Total Offering = \$1,921

June Usher: Michael Kuehne

| **Acolyte (7/14):** Mason G.

| **Cleaner (7/13):** Galstad

CLC Mission Opportunities Prayer List – July 2019

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you...

2 Thessalonians 3:1

1. **India** – South India, where many of our brothers and sisters in Christ live, is again experiencing extreme heat and severe drought. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering. Pray that the Lord will send the rains soon and provide relief from the extreme heat.
2. **India** – Persecution of Christians in India continues to increase. Recent elections have given more power to the Hindu nationalists who seek to establish Hinduism as the only and official religion of India.
3. **India** – Pray for Pastor David P. as he visits our brothers and sisters in Christ in India over the next couple of weeks. Pray also for the pastors, leaders, and members he is working with to assist in training pastors.

4. **Mission Helper Trip** – On Tuesday, July 2nd nine CLC Mission Helpers will fly to East Africa to spend three weeks conducting child evangelism. They will divide into two teams. One team will go to Tanzania and the other team to Zambia. You can follow the trip blog at: <https://2019clcmhtheastafrica.blogspot.com/>

5. **Nepal** – Pastor Raju recently reported that several new Christians were baptized in the Raigaon district. This is an area the HCLC-Nepal has conducted evangelism seminars. There were over fifty new people who attended the most recent evangelism seminar following the baptisms. Praise the Lord blessing this effort to call sinners out of the darkness of unbelief and into the marvelous light of our Savior's love and salvation.

6. **Missionary Evensen in Togo** – Missionary Peter Evensen is getting settled into his apartment and work in Lomé. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the [Lord's provisions](#) in helping to get Missionary Evensen moved to and settled in to his new home and the work. Pray also that the Lord will continue to bless this transition to Togo and the work he is doing to assist in training men to be faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word. You can read Missionary Evensen's blog at: <http://evensen.lutheranmissions.org/>

7. **CLC Online Theological Studies** – continue to pray for individuals in the following countries around the world who are studying God's word through email correspondence courses as they continue to train to be faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word: Senegal, West Africa; D. R. Congo, Central Africa; Liberia, West Africa; Bangladesh, South East Asia; Zimbabwe, Africa; Myanmar, South East Asia; Tanzania, East Africa; Kenya, East Africa; Uganda, East Africa; *Congo-Brazzaville, Central Africa.*

7. **Missionary Ohlmann** – In chapter five of his epistle, James urges believers to pray for one another when they are sick. "Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" (James 5:16). Your "powerful and effective" prayers are requested for our brother Todd Ohlmann who has been diagnosed with cancer. Initial reports are encouraging, in that the cancer is at a manageable stage, and a treatment regimen has been established. Of course, the greatest, most sure comfort is knowing that we are the Lord's.