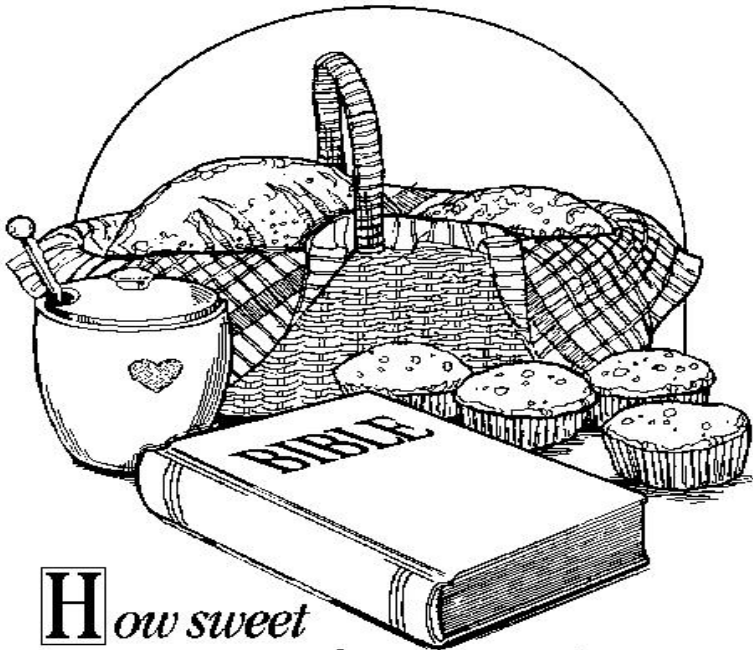


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How sweet
are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.

—Psalm 119:103

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✠ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

July 30, 2017

Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 119:97-104

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. ⁹⁸ You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. ¹⁰² I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

Hymn #3 – Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Invocation

[We invoke (call upon) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
C Amen.

Opening Versicles – TLH p. 32

- P** O Lord, open Thou my lips
C ♪ **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.
C ♪ **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**
C ♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

Confession & Absolution – WS p. 22

[We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness]

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for our only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Hymn of Praise

[A hymn glorifying and praising our God]

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled--
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

The Salutation

[A liturgical dialogue of mutual greeting. Pastor and people bless each other as a sign of the bond of love that should reside among God's people.]

P The Lord be with you.

C **♪ And with thy spirit.**

The Collect for the Day

[The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer]

P Let us pray...

C **♪ Amen.**

Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. ¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if

anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 66:1-4; 5, 8-9 – WS p. 37

Gospel Reading – Mark 6:1-12

¹ Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. ² And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, “Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!” ³ “Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they were offended at Him. ⁴ But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.” ⁵ Now 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. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching. ⁷ And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. ⁸ He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts—⁹ but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ Also He said to them, “In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. ¹¹ “And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!” ¹² So they went out and preached that people should repent.

Confession of Faith - Apostle's Creed p. 12

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #289 – The Law Commands and Makes Us Know

Sermon Text – Ezekiel 2:1–3:3

¹ And He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you.” ² Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. ³ And He said to me: “Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. ⁴ “For they are impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’” ⁵ “As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they are a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶ “And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house. ⁷ “You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious. ⁸ “But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” ⁹ Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰ Then He spread it before me; and there was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe. ^{3:1} Moreover He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” ² So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. ³ And He said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you.” So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness.

Sermon – God Sends Us to Speak His Bittersweet Word

Preaching Today – Missionary Peter Evensen

Offertory – p. 12

[In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for the best of all gifts: the Holy Spirit]

Offering of Thankful Hearts

[With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to God]

General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]

Hymn #499 – Look from Thy Sphere of Endless Day

Prayer for the Church – p. 14

[We ask God to bless what we have heard and learned today]

The Benediction – p. 14

[We receive God's blessing for another week]

Hymn #508 – Thou Whose Almighty Word

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✠ Announcements ✠

Thank You – Thank you to Missionary Peter Evensen for bringing us the Word of God today. Following our worship service, Missionary Evensen will share some of the work going on among our brothers and sisters in India. This will be followed by a fellowship meal.

2017 “MAN UP” WEEKEND – The August 1 registration deadline for the second annual Men's Weekend is approaching. This weekend is intended to offer instruction and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. Information about the retreat is on the bulletin board.

Hecla Harvest Festival - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church invites you to their annual Harvest Festival at the Marvin Hansen place on the State Line Road between Hecla, SD, and Oakes, ND. Join us for an outdoor service at 4 pm Sunday August 13 followed by a turkey barbecue dinner. For more information, please contact Pastor Daub at pastor_daub@hotmail.com or (605) 994-2145.

CLC Call News - St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD, has called the Rev. Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild; Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska; and Trinity Lutheran, Millston, all in WI. <> Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY, will be postponing the opening of its school, due to the inability to acquire a teacher. <> Mrs. Katie Naumann has returned the call to teach grades 3-4 at Messiah Lutheran school, Eau Claire WI. <> The Rev. Mark Tiefel, pastor of Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA, has returned the call as second pastor to Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN.

Fruits of Faith: 7/23/17

Worship Attendance:	21
Bethel Home:	\$710.00
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