



Beloved,  
Follow **not**  
that which is **evil**  
but that which  
is **good.**

3 John 1:11

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# ✠ Tenth Sunday After Pentecost ✠

August 13, 2017

## Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. <sup>4</sup> Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight– That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

## Hymn #7 – As We Begin Another Week

### Invocation – WS p. 12

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

### Confession & Absolution – WS p. 12

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

### Introit – Psalm 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: Psalm 54:4-5

*[Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.]*

- P** Behold, God is my helper;
- C** **The Lord is with those who uphold my life.**
- P** He will repay my enemies for their evil.
- C** **Cut them off in Your truth.**
- P** Save me, O God, by Your name,
- C** **And vindicate me by Your strength.**
- P** Hear my prayer, O God;
- C** **Give ear to the words of my mouth.**

- P** For strangers have risen up against me, And oppressors have sought after my life;
- C** **They have not set God before them.**
- P** For He has delivered me out of all trouble;
- C** **And my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.**
- P** Behold, God is my helper;
- C** **The Lord is with those who uphold my life.**
- P** He will repay my enemies for their evil.
- C** **Cut them off in Your truth.**

### Gloria Patri

*[Latin for "Glory to the Father" ~ We glorify the Triune God]*

- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
- C** **as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever, Amen.**

### The Kyrie – WS p. 13

*[Greek for "O Lord" ~ We approach our Lord with a cry for help and mercy]*

### Gloria in Excelsis – WS p. 13

*[Latin for "Glory in the Highest" ~ A hymn glorifying and praising our God]*

### 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 your spirit.**

### The Collect for the Day – WS p. 14

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

### Old Testament Reading – Proverbs 16:1-9

<sup>1</sup> The preparations of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. <sup>2</sup> All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the spirits. <sup>3</sup> Commit your works to the LORD, And your thoughts will be established. <sup>4</sup> The LORD has made all for Himself, Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom. <sup>5</sup> Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Though they join forces, none will go unpunished. <sup>6</sup> In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil. <sup>7</sup> When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. <sup>8</sup> Better is a little with righteousness, Than vast revenues without justice. <sup>9</sup> A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

## The Gradual – Psalm 8:1; 112:1

*[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]*

**P** O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

**C** Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

**P** Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,

**C** Who delights greatly in His commandments.

## Gospel Reading – Luke 16:1-9

<sup>1</sup> He also said to His disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. <sup>2</sup> “So he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’ <sup>3</sup> “Then the steward said within himself, ‘What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> ‘I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup> “So he called every one of his master’s debtors to him, and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> “And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ So he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> “Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ So he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> “So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup> “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

## Alleluia – WS p. 14

*[Hebrew for “Praise the Lord” - We Praise God for giving us His Word.]*

## Confession of Faith – Apostle’s Creed – TLH p. 12

*[We boldly confess what we believe]*

## Hymn #517 – The Will of God Is Always Best

### Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they

also lusted. <sup>7</sup> And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup> Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; <sup>9</sup> nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; <sup>10</sup> nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

## **Sermon Theme – Learn From These Examples**

I. The Unfaithfulness of Israel’s People

II. The Faithfulness of Israel’s God

## **Offertory – WS p. 16**

*[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 & Lord's Prayer – WS pp. 16-17**

*[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]*

## **Hymn #395 – O God, Thou Faithful God**

### **Prayer for the Church**

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

## **The Benediction – WS p. 21**

*[We receive God’s blessing for another week]*

## **Hymn #410 – Jesus, Lead Thou On**

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Parking Lot Fund** – Last Sunday, in a special voters’ meeting, the voters decided to begin a fund to be used for repairing the parking lot. If you would like to contribute to the fund, simply indicate “parking lot” in the memo line of your check.

**Hecla Harvest Festival** - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church invites you to join us for our annual Harvest Festival 4 pm, today. We will have an outdoor service followed by a turkey barbecue dinner. All will take place at the Marvin Hansen farm, 10401 Stateline Rd. From either Hecla, SD, or Oakes, ND, head to the state line. Turn west onto the Stateline Rd., over the James River, and it will be first home on the left. Google maps will also take you there. All CLC members are invited to join us in a choir piece: "A Thanksgiving Prayer" by Don Besig. There will be a practice at 3:30 pm.

**CLC Call News** - Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. Michael Wilke, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw MI, to serve as co-pastor; Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck of Eau Claire WI, to serve as interim pastor; and member Eric Libby of Mankato MN, to teach 11-12 grade Religion for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year. < The Rev. Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild; Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska; and Trinity Lutheran, Millston, all in WI, has returned the call to St. Luke’s Lutheran, Lemmon SD. < Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has called Mrs. Valerie Hammett of Mankato to serve as its teacher in the 3rd and 4th grade. Mrs. Hammett has CLC teaching experience, but is not serving a regular call at this time. < Teacher Matthew Thurow, Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran school, Markesan WI.; Faith Lutheran has now called Teacher Barry Hay to be principal for one year and Teacher Marie Muehlenhaupt full time for one year and they both have accepted their calls.

Fruits of Faith: 8/6/17

Worship Attendance: 21

Bethel Home: \$250.00

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