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✠ Mission Festival ✠

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Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ³ Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn #501– Soldiers of the Cross, Arise

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 – 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

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

P Jesus said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

C **“I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”**

P Jesus promised, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

C **and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”**

P Jesus said, “You are witnesses of these things.” But we have not always been the witnesses Jesus wants us to be. By his Spirit he has made us the light of the world. Yet we have often failed to let

our lights shine to bring glory to our Father in heaven. For this and all our sins, we come before our God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P Jesus promised, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven." With his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection Jesus won forgiveness for all people. As Jesus said to repentant sinners in his day, so I say to you, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

C **Amen.**

Introit – Psalm 108:3-5; Antiphon: Psalm 105:1

[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 Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

C **I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

P For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

C **your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

P Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

C **Let your glory be over all the earth!**

P Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

C **make known his deeds among the peoples!**

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 Collect for the Day

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

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. ³⁰ Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

Epistle Reading – Colossians 1:9-14

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Gradual – Psalm 67:1-2; Acts 1:8

[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]

- P** May God be gracious to us and bless us;
C **and make his face to shine upon us;**
P that your way may be known on earth,
C **your saving power among all nations.**
P Alleluia. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
C **and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Alleluia.**

Triple Hallelujah – p. 10

[Hebrew for "Praise the Lord" - We Praise God for giving us His Word.]

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:24-33

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds

among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” ³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” ³³ He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

Confession of Faith - Apostle’s Creed p. 12

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #494 – Awake, Thou Spirit, Who Didst Fire

Sermon – Thy Kingdom Come

Preaching Today – Pastor Paul Krause

The Second Petition - “Thy kingdom come.”

What does this mean? God’s kingdom certainly comes all by itself, even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it also come to us. *How does the kingdom of God come?* God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and live a godly life here in time and hereafter in eternity.

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 for the CLC Budget

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

General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]

Hymn #769 – Lift High the Cross

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 #770 – I Hear the Savior Calling

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✠ Announcements ✠

Thank You – Thank you to Pastor Paul Krause for bringing us the Word of God today. Pastor Krause serves as pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran in Hidewood Twp., SD.

Midweek Bible Class – Our Midweek Bible Class continues Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Our topic is “St. Paul, His Life and His Letters.” Come join us at the parsonage or online on our youtube site: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BethelLutheranCLC/live>.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting – Our next Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 24th following the worship service. A fellowship meal will follow the meeting.

Fruits of Faith: 9/3/17

Worship Attendance: 25

Bethel Home: \$975.00

Parking Lot: \$50.00

CLC Budget: \$135.00

CLC CEF: \$50.00

