

CHRIST
IS OUR
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Corner  **Bethel**
Lutheran Church



“IF A HOUSE
is divided
AGAINST ITSELF,
THAT HOUSE
cannot STAND.”

MARK 3:25, NIV

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✠ Third Sunday after Pentecost ✠

June 10, 2018

Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 28

¹ To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. ² Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary. ³ Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts. ⁴ Give to them according to their work and according to the evil of their deeds; give to them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward. ⁵ Because they do not regard the works of the LORD or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and build them up no more. ⁶ Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. ⁷ The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. ⁸ The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. ⁹ Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Hymn #444 – Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

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]

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 Prayer of the Day – WS p. 14

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

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 3:8-15

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But

the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 130

[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]

- P** Out of the depths
C **I cry to you, O LORD!**
P O Lord, hear my voice!
C **Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**
P If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
C **O Lord, who could stand?**
P But with you there is forgiveness,
C **that you may be feared.**
P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
C **and in his word I hope;**
P my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
C **more than watchmen for the morning.**
P O Israel, hope in the LORD!
C **For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.**
P And he will redeem Israel
C **from all his iniquities.**

Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak,¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may

increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. ¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Alleluia! – p. 10

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

Confession of Faith – Apostles’ Creed – TLH p. 12

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #413 – I Walk in Danger All the Way

Sermon Text – Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.” ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³ And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. ²⁸ “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— ³⁰ for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.” ³¹ And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³ And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

Sermon – Is Our House Divided?

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 #437 – Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

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 #764 – God of Grace and God of Glory

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✠ Announcements ✠

Annual Visits – With summer upon us, it's once again time for annual visits with the pastor. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Please sign up at the back of church.

CLC Convention - This summer, June 21-24, the CLC will have its Convention in which delegates, pastors, and male teachers from CLC churches across the USA will convene in Eau Claire to make decisions regarding the work of our church body. In particular, the matter of the CLC, WELS, and ELS discussions will be considered. Our delegates are John Meyer and Norman Nissen. You may express your viewpoints on synodical matters with them and/or Pastor.

Council & Voters' Meetings – Our next council meeting is scheduled for July 1 following the worship service. Our quarterly voters' meeting will be held on July 8 following the worship service. A fellowship meal will be served after the voters' meeting.

Candidates for Immanuel Professor Call - The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Schaller at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include courses in English (high school and college) and history (high school, college, and potentially seminary). With the duties including teaching God's Word to adult males, the person is to be a male (1 Tim. 2:12). To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, preferably someone who is pastorally experienced. This person may potentially serve as the Dean of Students, one who counsels and disciplines students on campus. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2019-20 academic year. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight July 15, 2018 (letters postmarked July 1, 2018) to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240th Rd.; Warrensburg, MO 64093; email: danschierenbeck@gmail.com.

CLC News - The Rev. Mark Tiefel, Pastor of Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA, has returned the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI. <> Teacher Ann Sprengeler, Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne WY.

Fruits of Faith: 6/3/18

Worship Attendance 31

Bethel General: \$575.00

CLC Budget: \$906.00

Parking lot: \$150.00

