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Church Year: Pentecost 3

Date: June 13, 2010

† THE ORDER OF WORSHIP †

Worship Preparation: *Psalm 30, p. 129 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 18: Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

Liturgy: *WS, p. 12 ff. (Pastor sings Lord Have Mercy, top of p. 13)*

First Reading: *1 Kings 17:17-24*

Elijah confirms the word of the Lord by bringing the widow of Zephath's son to life.

Responsive Psalm: *Psalm 30*

P: *I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up,*

C: And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P: *O LORD my God, I cried out to You,*

C: And You healed me.

P: *O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave;*

C: You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

P: *Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His,*

C: And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

P: *For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life;*

C: Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

P: *Now in my prosperity I said,*

C: "I shall never be moved."

P: *LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong;*

C: You hid Your face, and I was troubled.

P: *I cried out to You, O LORD;*

C: And to the LORD I made supplication:

P: *"What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit?"*

C: Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?

P: *Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me;*

C: LORD, be my helper!"

P: *You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;*

C: You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

P: *To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.*

C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Second Reading: *Galatians 1:11-24*

Paul demonstrates the power of the Gospel by showing how it drastically changed his life.

Alleluia: *WS p. 14 f.*

Confession of Faith: *Apostles' Creed, WS p. 15*

Hymn: *TLH 537: Every Morning Mercies New*

Sermon: *Luke 7:11-17*

(11) Now it happened, the day after, *that* He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. (12) And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. (13) When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." (14) Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." (15) So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. (16) Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." (17) And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region. (NKJVTM)

At Nain the Lord 'Feels Our Pain'

1. Compassion approaches the situation with awareness
2. Compassion analyzes the situation without assumptions
3. Compassion addresses the situation with action

Offertory: *WS p. 16*

Hymn: *TLH 384: Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction:

Hymn: *TLH 792: Let All Things Now Living*

† THE ANNOUNCEMENTS †

◆ **Among Us:** Peter Fleischer has been moved to Crestview Lutheran home where he will reside temporarily. Next month Viola Schweikert will be celebrating her 101st birthday. As a shut-in, please remember her in your prayers, thoughts, and possibly visits.



Our Shut-ins

◆ **Bridal Shower:** A bridal shower will be held in honor of Jessica Fabian, fiancée of Michael Ude, on Sunday, July 25, after church. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to come and get to know her! See details on the invitation on the bulletin board. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson by July 18.

◆ **CLC 50th Anniversary Shirts:** In the narthex there is an order form for screen-printed t-shirts and embroidered polo shirts. Tall shirts are available. Jan Davis will soon submit the order and collect the money afterward. Please do not submit the money in the offering plate.

◆ **CLC 50th Anniversary Service:**

A synodical-wide CLC 50th Anniversary Service which will be on Wed., June 23, 7:30 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI, the same week as the CLC Convention. Prof. Paul Schaller, convention choir director, plans to gather a group to sing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."



CLC members who are interested in joining the chorus that evening can obtain a freely reproducible copy of the music from Pastor Hein. Rehearsal times will be announced at convention. Any questions may be directed to Paul Schaller at paul.schaller@ilc.edu.

◆ **Invitation:** Immediately following the Convention church service on Wednesday, June 23rd, you are invited to a reception in the Messiah Fellowship Hall, honoring Elton Hallauer for his 60 years in the ministry. The reception is being hosted by his daughters. Cupcakes and beverages will be served.

◆ **CLC Women's Luncheon 2010:** In years during which the CLC holds its Convention, the ladies of Messiah, Eau Claire sponsor a CLC Women's Luncheon. This June, the luncheon will be on Wednesday, June 23, from 11:00 a. m. to 2:30 p. m., on the campus of ILC. \$5 will cover the expenses for the lunch. The program will feature a historical tour of Ingram Hall, and an optional architectural tour of old town Eau Claire. To register, or for more information, please contact Lynette Roehl by email at lynette.roehl@ilc.edu, by phone at (715) 831-8306, or by mail at 509 Ingram Dr., Eau Claire, WI 54701.

◆ **Invitation:** Berea Lutheran of Inver Grove Heights, MN, has invited our congregation to its 50th anniversary service on June 20, 2010. Their worship service will be at 10 am with an anniversary program at 11:15 am and catered meal at 12:15 pm. Berea is located at 9308 Rich Valley Blvd.

◆ **Immanuel Athletic Booster Club:** Volunteers are requested to help out with the boosters at Country Jam on July 22-24. The duties would include grounds security. The club has done this the past few years to raise money for athletics. Please email Tom Beekman at thomas.beekman@dot.state.wi.us if you are able to help out.



◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Luke Bernthal of Bethel in Spring, TX (Houston area), has accepted the call to Grace in Valentine, NE, Peace in Mission, SD, and St. Paul's in White River, SD. † Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Trinity in Spokane, WA, has returned the call to Our Redeemer's in Red Wing, MN. The congregation has now called Pastor Joel Fleischer of Calvary in Marquette, MI, as pastor and Phillip Matzke, member at Immanuel of Mankato, MN, to serve during the interim. † Prince of Peace of Loveland, CO, has called Pastor Todd Ohlmann of Faith in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area), to fill its pulpit which will become vacant, effective August 2, 2010, due to the resignation and the congregation's peaceful release of its current pastor, Rev. Peter Reim, from the pastoral ministry. † Pastor Paul Nolting of Immanuel in Mankato, MN, has received the call to Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI. Mike Schierenbeck has been called to serve the vacancy.

◆ **Vacation Bible School:** This is scheduled for August 2-6.

THOUGHTS ON CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY of the CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION:

For a number of years we have been focusing on the 50th anniversary of the CLC. The culmination of waiting and preparing is now upon us. Some thoughts:

Anniversary time is a time for introspection. Even as we confess our sins as individuals each Sunday—our sins of indifference, neglect, and every manifestation of the flesh that has offended our Lord, so a proper anniversary celebration surely includes, if not begins, with confession of our “corporate” sins. It would be quite easy—and would smack of pride—to look back upon 50 years and not acknowledge our failures as well as our sins! We need not enumerate our sins beyond recognizing that as the CLC consists of people of flesh by extension it is true of the CLC -- we have fallen short of the glory of God. Further, “All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags” (Isaiah 64:6).

Anniversary time is a time to thank the Heavenly Father for His grace—the grace of forgiveness which we as individuals enjoy, as well as the grace that the Lord has showered beyond measure upon the CLC. Truly, we are unworthy servants! Thanks be to God, and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Anniversary time is a time to thank the Lord for having raised up faithful Christians—men and women—who in time of necessity searched the Scriptures and in the strength of the Spirit stood with faithful shepherds who found their strength and courage only in the Lord. Together they gave witness to the truth and were not dissuaded by hardships and sorrows that accompanied such a bold witness. Surely one of the bold witnesses was the establishment of the CLC.

Anniversary time is a time to put everything in its proper perspective. We ought not celebrate 50 years of grace as though the CLC is the end all or—apart from God’s grace-- even worthy to be celebrated. The CLC was born out of concern that the Word of God continue to be proclaimed in its truth and purity. We make no apology for that claim! However, the concern of our fathers was not to hold fast to sound doctrine so that we might boast of how doctrinally sound we are. Beside the fact that the Lord teaches us to hold fast to sound doctrine and not to depart from it, we hold fast to it because the sum and substance of sound doctrine is the Gospel—the message of grace and forgiveness, and hope of heaven through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Anniversary time is a time of thanksgiving to the Lord for the privilege of proclaiming the message of eternal salvation in Christ. On the other hand, to depart from sound doctrine sullies the Gospel message, and undercuts, if not destroys, confidence in Christ, and our hope of heaven.

Anniversary time is a time to pray earnestly that as God is faithful, we will be faithful in our witness to Him, holding fast to the faithful Word which is able to save our souls.

In reality what we are celebrating predates the origin of the CLC. The foundation of our anniversary goes back into eternity. How is that? Before the world began God the Father chose each of us in Christ “having predestinated us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the beloved (Ephesians 1: 3 – 6). He chose us as individuals. From eternity we have “been endowed by God with faith, justification, sanctification and preservation in faith, and this...by grace alone, for Christ’s sake, and by way of the means of grace” (Brief Statement, para. 35, p. 16). In time He brought His will to pass by calling us to faith in Christ through the Spirit. Thanks be to God for His grace.

We make no claim that God chose the CLC from eternity. None! But neither do we believe that the existence of the CLC as a confessional church is by luck or chance, or a result of grand human planning. Our fathers, some of whom remain to this day, endured much personal struggle, heartache, and anguish while the Lord gathered a remnant of His elect people together into a confessional church which is still of one mind and one faith, and one confession. Just as surely as we thank Him for His grace for the past 50 years, we thank Him for strengthening hearts and minds to take a stand upon the Word.

The real measure of an anniversary celebration is not what we say or how nicely we celebrate it. The real measure is and will continue to be how we preach and teach and live hereafter. We can recount many heroes of faith and describe the difficulties they endured so that we might enjoy the privileges we enjoy today in the CLC—the greatest of which is the privilege of hearing the Word with confidence. Recognizing the history of our fathers and the beginning of our church body is meaningful only as we remain faithful in our confession and witness in the future.

We thank the Lord for having called us to the faith. We thank the Lord for the fellowship of the CLC. We thank the Lord for the opportunity and the challenge to bear faithful witness. We thank the Lord for His grace for 50 years—indeed for the grace that He has bestowed upon His people since before the world began!!

How better to conclude the CLC anniversary than to hear and heed the word of Moses, **“Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life: but teach them to your children and your grandchildren...”** (Deuteronomy 4:9)!

† **TODAY AT GRACE** †

Organist: **Sue Nelson** Elder: **Frank Radichel**
Ushers: **Benno Sydow, Brian Eichstadt, Gary Gunther, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter, Larry Nelson**
Counting Team 2: **Gary Gunther; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker; Mark Wales**
Church Cleaners: **Degnan**

† **NEXT WEEK AT GRACE** †

Ushers: **Benno Sydow, Brian Eichstadt, Gary Gunther, Rich Rhinesmith, Jeff Stifter, Larry Nelson**
Counting Team 3: **Don Auel; Brian Eichstadt; Jack Kirkham; Benno Sydow; Michael Ude**
Church Cleaners: **Degnan**

† **OUR SCHEDULE** †

Today: 9:00 am – Worship Service
 10:15 am – Board Meetings
 11:00 am – Council Meeting
 3:00 pm – MN Delegate Conf. @ New Ulm, MN
Sun., June 20: 9:00 am – Worship Service
June 21-25: CLC Convention
Wed., June 23: 7:30 pm – CLC 50th Anniversary Service @ Eau Claire
Sat., June 26: 9:00 am – Work Day
Sun., June 27: Annual Church Picnic
August 2-6: Vacation Bible School

Last Week's Stats: June 6, 2010 Sun.: 120

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| Week's Offering: | Grace: | \$2,455.12 | CLC: | \$617.00 | |
| Weekly Need: | Grace: | 3,015.00 | CLC: | 960.00 | |
| -Under / +Over: | Grace: | -559.88 | CLC: | -343.00 | |
| Year-to-Date Offering:: | Grace: | \$71,097.15 | CLC: | \$21,068.00 | |
| Year-to-Date Need: | Grace: | 69,345.00 | CLC: | 22,080.00 | |
| Year-to-Date (+/-) | Grace: | +1,752.15 | CLC: | -1,012.00 | |
| Other Offerings: | Living Faith: | 25.00 | Tuition: | 20.00 | |
| GLC Other: | 75.00 | MDF: | 200.00 | Kinship: | 0.50 |
| ILC Student Aid: | 30.00 | ILC Bldg. | 50.00 | IIF: | 106.00 |
| CLC 50th: | 100.00 | | | CEF: | 0.00 |

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

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“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Colossians 3:12