

C: And certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.

Second Reading: *John 21:15-19*

Confession of Faith: *Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12*

Hymn: *TLH 377, st. 1-5: Salvation unto Us has Come*

Sermon: *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. (NKJVTM)

"WHEREIN THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR SALVATION LIES"

- I. In the fact that Christ died for us, and
- II. In the fact that we are reconciled to God

Offertory: *TLH p. 12 f.*

Hymn: *TLH 377, st. 6-10: Salvation unto Us has Come*

Offering, Prayers, Benediction: *TLH p. 14*

Hymn: *TLH 48: How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word*

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ♦ **Thanks** to Pastor Emeritus Daniel Fleischer for guest preaching today. Pastor Hein is currently in Eau Claire at the CLC Convention and will be returning later today.
- ♦ **Work Day:** This will be held this coming Saturday starting at 9 am.
- ♦ **Summer Hospitality:** If anyone wishes to host any of the Sundays in summer, they may sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- ♦ **MN Delegate Conference:** The following note from the conference secretary was sent to Pastor Hein and to Grace: "Just want to send a personal thank you to you and Grace for hosting the MN Delegate Conference the other weekend. The facilities worked out great all-around."
- ♦ **Vacation Bible School:** On July 23-27, 9:00-11:30 am, we will be having our VBS. This includes children age 4 years, to children going into eighth grade. Please register your children on the sheet by the guest book. In preparing for VBS, we will need to put together a staff, including teachers and coordinators for crafts and music. Please consider this labor of love and let Pastor know of your willingness.
- ♦ **CLC News:** Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley, WA, has received the call to Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Hts., MN.

In a boxed article titled, "Letter to the Editor Causes Storm," there was a debate about the value of sermons.

"Dear sir,

"It seems that ministers feel their sermons are very important and spend a great deal of time preparing them. I have been attending church quite regularly for the past 30 years, and I have probably heard 3,000 of them. To my consternation, I discovered that I cannot remember a single sermon. I wonder if a minister's time might be more profitably spent on something else?"

"For weeks a storm of editorial responses ensued. The uproar was ended by this letter:

"Dear sir,

"I have been married for 30 years. During that time I have eaten 32,850 meals — mostly of my wife's cooking. Suddenly I realized that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet I received nourishment from every single one of them. I have the distinct impression that without them, I would have starved to death long ago." (From Concordia Pulpit Resources, Vol. 2, Part 4, page 29).

