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He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

1 John 2:6 NKJV

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Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 147:1-11

¹ Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful. ² The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel. ³ He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds. ⁴ He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name. ⁵ Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite. ⁶ The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground. ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God, ⁸ Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains. ⁹ He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens that cry. ¹⁰ He does not delight in the strength of the horse; He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. ¹¹ The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.

Hymn #8 – Father, Who the Light This Day

Invocation – p. 5

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

Confession & Absolution – pp. 5-6

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

Introit – Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2

[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: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!

C: Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.

P: Say to God, "How awesome are Your works!"

C: Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You.

P: Come and see the works of God;

C: He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men.

P: Oh, bless our God, you peoples!

C: And make the voice of His praise to be heard,

P: Who keeps our soul among the living,

C: And does not allow our feet to be moved.

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C: Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.

Gloria Patri – p. 6

[Latin for “Glory to the Father” ~ We glorify the Triune God]

The Kyrie – p. 7

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

Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #237 v. 1)

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

All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

The Collect for the Day – p. 9

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

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! ² Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. ³ Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. ⁵ For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

The Gradual – Psalm 111:9a, c; Luke 24:26

[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]

P: He has sent redemption to His people;

C: Holy and awesome is His name.

P: Alleluia. Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things

C: and to enter into His glory? Alleluia.

Triple Hallelujah – p. 10

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

Gospel Reading – Mark 2:18-22

¹⁸ The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?” ¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is

with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. ²⁰ “But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. ²¹ “No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. ²² “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.”

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

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #421 – Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

Sermon Text – 1 John 2:3-11

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴ He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. ⁷ Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. ⁸ Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. ⁹ He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. ¹⁰ He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹ But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

Sermon – Live as Children of Light

- I. By Being Filled Up with the Light of Christ
- II. By Reflecting that Light into the Lives of Others

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

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

General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]

Hymn #398 – Renew Me, O Eternal Light

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 #417 (1, 4, 6-7) – How Can I Thank Thee, Lord

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Announcements

Sunday Bible Class – In our Sunday Bible Class hour, we will continue our study of Luther's Large Catechism. We are studying the Lord's Supper.

Midweek Bible Class – Our Midweek Bible Class continues this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. We have just begun a new topic - "Heaven and Hell." Come join us at the parsonage or online on our youtube site: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BethelLutheranCLC/live>.

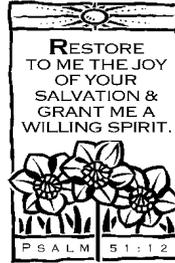
Arise and Shine (20's & 30's Retreat) – This year's retreat is coming up June 14th-17th at Camp JIM in Pillager, MN. If you are in your 20's or 30's (or thereabouts) and are able to make the time, please plan on joining us for this faith-building weekend. There will be delicious food, great fellowship, and plenty of activities. The theme this year is "Discipl(in)e." The premise is that as disciples of Christ, we can expect to receive discipline. This is not something to lose hope over, "For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." For more info & to register, go to our website: www.ariseandshineretreat.com. The cost is \$140 per adult (12 & up) and \$100 per child. Child care is provided at no additional charge. We ask families to try to register by May 25th, so we can arrange child care assistance. If you have any questions, please contact us: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh - sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com - (414)534-7279 | Josh Ohlmann - joshohlmann@swbell.net - (314)874-9184 | Kym Stelter - kjstelter@gmail.com - (507) 327-2076.

Fruits of Faith: 4/8/18

Worship Attendance: 23

Bethel General: \$605.00

ILC BP: \$25.00



Fruits of Faith: 4/15/18

Worship Attendance: 19

Bethel General: \$495.00

Parking Lot: \$100.00

From CLC E-Devotions

Luke 24:26-27 "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

IT WAS NECESSARY

Some estimate the trip at about three hours, but once the stranger joined them, the time must have gone faster, and it culminated in a most remarkable invitation. "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over."

Remarkable? Yes, when we consider that these two disciples are not just inviting, but urging a stranger! What if this stranger were to turn them over to the authorities? How can they trust him?

What brought on this invitation? This man had rebuked them! He had told them that they were foolish and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets had said about the Messiah. Ah, but then He had gone through the ancient prophecies with them, the familiar writings, the hopes and fears of all the years. And it was as though it was being opened before their eyes for the first time.

The things that had happened, the things that seemed so bizarre and out of control, the things that might even make them doubt God's existence and loving care, these all had been foretold long ago by the Lord through the prophets.

It was necessary for the Christ to be wounded for our transgressions, to be bruised for our iniquities. The punishment had to be put upon Him for mankind to have peace, and healing. God had to punish sin, or become unjust. At the same time, however, if that punishment had fallen where it was deserved, it would have ground us to powder! But because He lives, we too shall live!

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