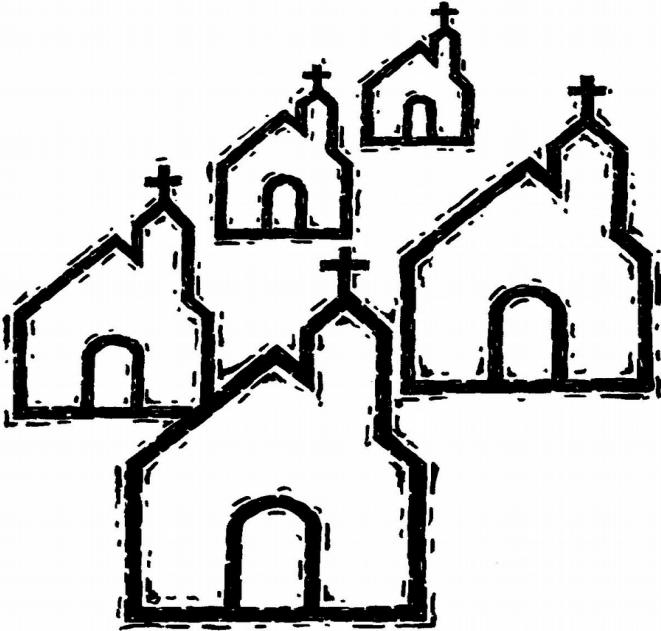


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**“...so that
they may be
one...”**

John 17:11

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✠ Seventh Sunday of Easter ✠

May 13, 2018

Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 133

¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! ³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Hymn #343 (1-3) – How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

Invocation – p. 15

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

Confession & Absolution – pp. 15-16

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

Introit – Psalm 61:3, 5–8; antiphon: v. 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** Hear my cry, O God,
C **listen to my prayer;**
P for you have been my refuge,
C **a strong tower against the enemy.**
P For you, O God, have heard my vows;
C **you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.**
P Prolong the life of the king;
C **may his years endure to all generations!**
P May he be enthroned forever before God;
C **appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!**
P So will I ever sing praises to your name,
C **as I perform my vows day after day.**
P Hear my cry, O God,
C **listen to my prayer;**

Gloria Patri – p. 16

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

The Kyrie – p. 17

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

Gloria in Excelsis – pp. 17-19

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

The Collect for the Day – p. 19

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

First Reading – Acts 16:6-10

⁶ And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. ⁸ So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

The Gradual – Mt 28:7; He 2:7; Ps 8:6; Ro 6:9; Jn 14:18

[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]

- P** Christ has risen from the dead.
- C** [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,
- P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
- C** he has put all things under his feet.
- P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
- C** death no longer has dominion over him. s
- P** Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans;
- C** I will come to you. Alleluia.

Epistle Reading – Romans 15:14-20

¹⁴ I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. ¹⁵ But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. ¹⁸ For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, ¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; ²⁰ and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,

Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed p. 22

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #464 – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Sermon Text – John 17:20-26

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Sermon – The Risen Jesus Prays for His Church

I. He Prays that His Church may be United

II. He Prays that His Church may be Glorified

Offertory – p. 22

[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

[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]

Hymn #314 – Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

The Preface – pp. 24-25

[We greet one another in the Lord's name before receiving the sacrament.]

The Sanctus – p. 26

[Latin for “holy.” We join in the angels' ancient song of praise from Isaiah 6]

The Lord's Prayer – p. 27

[The pastor prays on behalf of the people, who join in singing the doxology]

The Words of Institution – p. 27

[We remind ourselves of our Lord's instruction and blessing in the Sacrament]

The Pax Domini – p. 27

[Latin for “Peace of the Lord.” We receive God’s blessing of spiritual peace]

The Agnus Dei – p. 28

[Latin for “Lamb of God.” Jesus grants us mercy by taking our sins away]

The Distribution – p. 29

[The Sacrament is given to the members of our fellowship]

Since the Bible teaches a unity of confession when receiving the Lord’s Supper, and warns of judgment for those who receive it improperly, we lovingly ask that only Bethel members or fellow members of a congregation in the Church of the Lutheran Confession come forward to receive the Sacrament. This practice is often referred to as Close or Closed Communion and is taught in the following sections of Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 & 1 Corinthians 10:14-21. If you have questions concerning this doctrine, or would like to learn about becoming a member, please speak with Pastor Sauers after the service.

The Nunc Dimittis – p. 29

[Latin for “Now let your servant depart.” As Simeon confessed this ancient hymn of praise upon seeing the Christ-child; we too, having received and witnessed forgiveness, are content to be with the Lord.]

The Thanksgiving – pp. 30-31

[We thank the Lord for blessings received through the Sacrament]

The Benediction – p. 31

[We receive God’s blessing for another week]

Hymn #477 – Lord Jesus, Thou the Church’s Head

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✠ Announcements ✠

Sunday Bible Class – In our Sunday Bible Class hour, we will continue our study of Luther’s Large Catechism.

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>.

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 Call News - Teacher Kirsten Gullerud, St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, has returned the call from Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY, to serve in its school. <> The Rev. Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas TX, has returned the calls to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI and Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN.