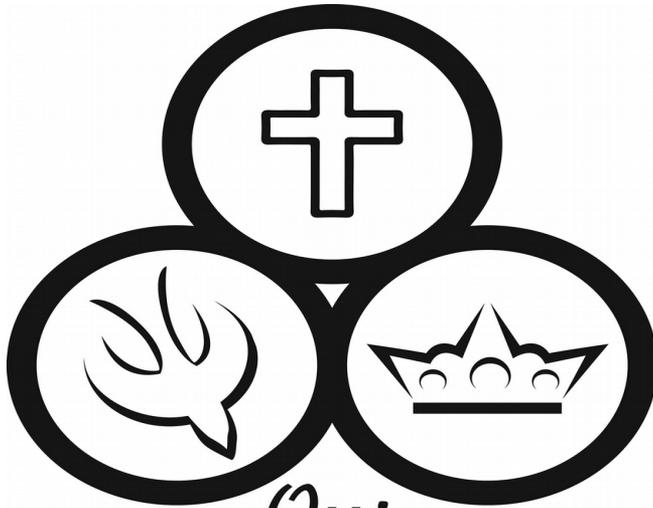


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Trinity Sunday

May 27, 2018

Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 8

¹ O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! ² Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, ⁴ What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? ⁵ For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, ⁷ All sheep and oxen– Even the beasts of the field, ⁸ The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. ⁹ O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

Hymn #250 – Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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]

Epistle Reading – Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with

Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 29

[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]

P: Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones,

C: Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

P: Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;

C: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

C: The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters.

P: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

C: The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

P: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars,

C: Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

P: He makes them also skip like a calf,

C: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

P: The voice of the LORD

C: divides the flames of fire.

P: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

C: The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

P: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare;

C: And in His temple everyone says, “Glory!”

P: The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood,

C: And the LORD sits as King forever.

P: The LORD will give strength to His people;

C: The LORD will bless His people with peace.

Gospel Reading – John 3:1-17

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’” ⁸ “The wind blows where it wishes,

and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?”¹¹ “Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.”¹² “If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?”¹³ “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.”¹⁴ “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,”¹⁵ “that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”¹⁷ “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

Confession of Faith – Athanasian Creed – TLH p. 53

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #238 – All Glory Be to God Alone

Sermon Text – Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!” ⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.” ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth with it, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.” ⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

Sermon – Stand in Awe of Our Triune God

- I. Because of His Holiness
- II. Because of His Forgiveness

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 #743 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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 #244 – Glory Be to God the Father

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Announcements

Sunday Bible Class – In our Sunday Bible Class hour, we will be going through an overview of our upcoming CLC Convention

Midweek Bible Class – Our Midweek Bible Class continues this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. We are studying the topic of “Heaven and Hell.” Come join us at the parsonage or online on our youtube site: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BethelLutheranCLC/live>.

Retirement - A Farewell/Retirement Program for Pastor Dave Schierenbeck will be held at Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Hts., MN, Sun., June 10. Program at 4 pm followed by a meal. RSVP by 5-26 to Mikki Aymond (mikkiaym@yahoo.com/651-280-7105).

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 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. For the delegates to prepare for Convention, on Saturday, June 9, 10 am to 6 pm, there will be a Minnesota Delegate Conference held at Grace Lutheran in Fridley. All are welcome to attend this conference.

<p><u>Fruits of Faith: 5/20/18</u></p>	
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