

2nd Sunday after Trinity

June 29th, 2025

Liturgy: TLH p. 5

Organist: Lana Strike



Come
FOR EVERYTHING IS NOW READY.



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #279

"Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C ♪ **Amen.**

P Pastor

C Congregation

Confession of Our Sins

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord unto us all.

C ♪ **Amen.**

The Introit

Ps. 18:1-2, 18-19, 27, 30, 49

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** The Lord was my support in the day of my calamity.
- C** **He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.**
- P** I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.
- C** **For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.**
- P** This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true.
- C** **For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to your name.**

The Gloria Patri

TLH #237:1

- C** *♩ 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 Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** *♩ And with thy spirit.*

The Collect Prayer of the Day

- P** O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** *♩ Amen.*



Proverbs 9:1-10

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵ "Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." ⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.



Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

✠ The Baptism Ratification of Wesley Paul Mueller ✠

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: WS #751

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"



Luke 14:16-24

But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷ And at

the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' ¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' ²⁰ And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' ²² And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' ²³ And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

God's Great Invitation: "Supper Is Ready!"

- I. There's no excuse for rejecting it
- II. There's every reason to attend



Sermon Worksheet

What is significant about the fact that every excuse in this parable was an objectively poor excuse? What is Jesus teaching us here?

What does Luke 12:34, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," have to do with our excuses?

What is Jesus really inviting us to join in this "great banquet?"

What are some of the excuses that we use?

What's the "fine print" in God's invitation to the feast of salvation?

What is significant about the detail that the master sends out the invitations to "the streets and lanes"?

Why the "Great Supper" and not the "Great Dinner"?

The Offertory

- C** ♪ *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #276

"Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

P The Lord be with you.

C ♪ *And with thy spirit.*

P Lift up your hearts.

C ♪ *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, Our God.

C ♪ *It is meet and right so to do.*

P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C ♪ *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.*

The Order of Holy Communion



The Words of Institution

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C *♫ Amen.*

The Agnus Dei

C *♫ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30 & more.) If you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠

Distribution Hymns:

TLH #313; WS #755; TLH #311

The Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

C *♫ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant Depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation; Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.*

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C *♫ Amen, amen, a – men.*

Hymn: TLH #149

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Announcements

Voters Meeting Resumes – The voters meeting for the purpose of calling part-time teaching help will resume today after the service.

CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal – Eight CLC Mission Helpers are currently in Nepal proclaiming the simple Gospel message to children in Himalayan villages where Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession congregations and preaching stations are located. You can read the trip blog and see pictures at: www.2025clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com.

Open House Party – An open house will be held for Lylas Eigenberg's 90th birthday. Sunday July 6th, 2-4 pm at the Cottonwood County Historical Society (812 4th Ave., Windom.) No gifts please. Cards can reach Lylas at 725 Fuller Dr. Apt. 104, Mikkelsen Manor, Windom, MN 56101.

VBS is scheduled for July 21st – 25th. We will be in need of many volunteers. Please consider volunteering your time to this important work of the church. There are many roles to fill, including teaching, crafts, copying/printing, games, music. If you are able to serve, please sign-up on the sheets in the entry. If you have any questions, please speak with VBS Superintendent Kassie Voit or Pastor Rodebaugh. Thank you!

Budget Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 6, immediately following the morning worship service. Each Board should plan on sending one member to join the Chairman and Treasurer in order to draft the proposed 2025-2026 budget before our July 20 Quarterly Meeting. Please reach out to Treasurer Nathan Albrecht or Chairman Phil Strike if you have any questions.

Women's Retreat West Registration Open – Registration is now open for this year's Women's Retreat West, to be held in Sioux Falls from September 19-21. The theme this year is "Pieces of Jesus' Peace". To register, please head over to womensretreat.clclutheran.net, click on WEST, and fill out

the form. If you would rather register over email or have any questions, reach out to womensretreatwest@gmail.com. A form can be sent to you from there.

Subscription Renewals – If you are subscribed to *Daily Rest* or *The Lutheran Spokesman*, it's time to renew for another year. We will send a check to renew everyone in the congregation, but if you are able to offset that payment in your offerings, we'd ask you to do so. The annual price for a subscription is \$15 for *Daily Rest* and \$20 for *The Lutheran Spokesman*.

CLC Call News – Leah Baumann has **returned** the one-year call to teach part-time at St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN. Leah is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has **resigned** his call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, and has **stepped down** from the pastoral ministry. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Rebecca Buck of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Erin Franson has **received** the call to serve as the female Mentor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College <> Mr. Rick Mariner has **accepted** the call to serve as principal of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN.

Ushers	6/29	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	7/6	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	7/13	Kendall B, Larry B.
Cleaning	This Week – Zuehlke, Appel (wk. 1)	
	Up Next – Kazemba, Thaemlitz	

Prayer Opportunities

CLC Mission Helpers – Larry Boernsen and seven other mission helpers are currently in Nepal proclaiming the good news to thousands of children. **Ask** God to bless all the Mission Helper Trip volunteers over the next several weeks. **Pray** that the Lord would keep the volunteers safe and bless His Word.

India – Pastor Jyothi and another CLC-India pastor were recently attacked by Hindu Extremists. The other pastor suffered broken facial bones that required hospitalization and surgery. Pastor Jyothi was treated and released. Police reports were filed, but there was no follow-up. Missionary Ohlmann recently applied for a visa to visit India again. His visa was revoked five years ago, and he has not been allowed to visit India since. **Pray** that the Lord will protect, support, and strengthen the faith of His children in India amid increased persecution against Christians. **Ask** the Lord to provide a visa for Missionary Ohlmann if it is His will to visit India again.

The Philippines – Pastor Palangyos has begun remodeling a new worship and Bible training facility that his sister donated to the LAMP. Please **pray** for the LAMP members' faith and success in their outreach efforts so that more people may repent of their sins and rejoice in the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. **Ask** the Lord to provide everything necessary to complete the new worship and training facility.

St. John's Members – **Ask** that the Lord would continue to strengthen Mary Durst's health, so that she may return to church as she greatly desires. **Thank** the Lord for bringing Wesley Mueller to the waters of baptism and **ask** that the Lord would continue to nurture the faith already begun in him. **Pray** for Judy Marschel, who fell and broke her hip this week. **Thank** the Lord for blessing her with a successful surgery and **ask** that the Lord would bless her recovery. **Pray** for Lloyd Kalfs who was hospitalized this past week. **Pray** for Jess Rodebaugh as her delivery date rapidly approaches and **ask** that the Lord would grant her a safe delivery.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 30th – July 5th, 2025

Mon Matthew 5:13 Jesus calls His followers salt. Now, salt has certain abilities, like enhancing flavor. But if it loses it's abilities, it is good for nothing, no matter what it is called. Lord, help us to be what You made us!

Tues Matthew 5:14-16 Jesus, the light of the world (Jn8:12), also calls His followers "light." He does not want us to be dark or hidden, but rather to live among people in such a way as to glorify our God and Father.

Wed Acts 3:1-9 Peter and John have no money to give a lame beggar, but give him health in Jesus' name. The man enters the temple, walking, jumping and praising God. The people see and God is glorified!

Thurs Numbers 21:4-9 The peoples' complaints against God call forth His judgment. When they seek His mercy, their lives are spared through looking at a bronze snake lifted up on a pole (cp Jn3:14).

Fri Job 36:26-33 Elihu answers human complaints against God by pointing to God's goodness and power in gathering up drops of water to provide rain, how His lightning shines to the depths, and His thunder warns.

Sat Job 37:1-13 When we hear the voice of thunder, and see the lightning fill the sky, when we see the clouds swirling, and the rain and snow falling at God's direction, who are we to sit in judgment on Him?



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