

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2010

God's Word for Today

What is Christ doing for his church? The readings this Sunday answer that question. As the church awaits his return, Jesus continues to rule. He guides and directs the preaching of the gospel. He wants the entire world to know and believe in Him as their Savior. He uses us to make his name known throughout the world.

A Hand Bell Choir will be playing four songs in the second service only.

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OPENING HYMN: CW 586, Verses, 1-3

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:6-10

PSALM: CW 8, Page: 67

(Pulpit/Lectern)

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 22:12-17, 20

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

SERMON HYMN: CW 359

"Jesus, My Great High Priest"

SERMON: Luke 15:3-6

O Ascended Jesus, Save Our Sheep

CLOSING HYMN: 286, Verses 1-4

"Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

CLOSING HYMN: CW 586, Verses 4-5

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Kurt Grunewald

Organist: Betty Lange

Welcome to St. Luke's Oakfield

- † It is our prayer that our worship service will allow you to encounter your Creator and Savior today through His Word and give you an opportunity to praise Him with songs and prayers.
- † If you have any questions about the service, the readings or sermon, please feel free to ask our Pastor after the service. Feel free to join in any part of our service that you feel comfortable with.
- † Large bulletins, listening assisted devices and children's worship tote bags are available from the ushers.
- † We do ask that everyone who participates in worship today sign the worship attendance register in the narthex.
- † Parents, if your child become restless, that's okay... We're glad they're here and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear his Word! Perhaps a moment or two with mom or dad is all that is necessary. Our Church Nursery is located in the narthex
- † We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our denomination to speak to the pastor before joining us at the altar so that all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

Upcoming Worship Opportunities at St. Luke's

May 23rd Pentecost, The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Service of the Word)
Sunday Services at 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.

Jesus Pours Out His Holy Spirit

May 30th Holy Trinity, 1st Sunday after Pentecost (Divine Service II)
Sunday Service at 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

All Praise to the Holy Trinity for all Eternity

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Weekly News and Information

Offering Statements through April 30th are available in the narthex.

No Sunday School next Sunday.

Next Sunday Jessica Gierach will speak between services about "Friends of China". This is a presentation for all ages.

Prayers: Joanne Tetzlaff will need our prayers as she will have hip surgery on the 21st. We pray for a successful operation and a speedy recovery that she would continue to be a great blessing to us all. We pray also for Calvary Academy that the Lord will bless their efforts in reaching out to the troubled youth of our congregations and be a blessing to many more families over the years. We add to our prayers this month the Friends of China program and especially Jessica Gierach as she enters into her new summer ministry for God's Kingdom. May the Lord keep her safe and use her as a tool of establishing his kingdom in the hearts of many people while she is there working.

Attendance & Communion Sign-In—We have simplified the process. You will notice two columns on the registration sheet.

A = Attendance at church **C** = Communion attendance

The "C" for communion should only be checked on the date communion is offered and you take communion.

Flowers on the altar today are in celebration of Harlyn and Arlene Fisher's 57th Wedding Anniversary.

The Senior Choir will meet at Sebastian's Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. for dinner.

Calvary Academy Ministries Pastor Kurt Grunewald will be giving a presentation in between services today on Calvary Academy Ministries. We will collect a door offering at the end of both services today if you would like to offer a gift to this Ministry, which is designed to help troubled children ages 11 to 17 and their families.

Men's Softball – St. Luke's 1 plays St. Paul's/St. Luke's at Theresa Fireman's Park and St. Luke's 2 plays Lomira at home.

The Secretarial Committee is looking for volunteers during the summer to man the office phone several hours during the week. You may pick your own days and times. Please contact Dean Giesthardt.

Christian Women's Ministry Group from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Brownsville invite us to join them on Thursday evening, May 20th at 7:00 pm for a silent auction of plants, crafts, bakery and special talent and services, (hair cuts, painting, cleaning, etc.) The auction will begin at 7:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. It will be held in the church basement. The proceeds will go toward the Befriend a Mission project of LWMS. They would love to have us come and join them in fellowship with snacks and refreshments.

Last Week's Attendance – May 9, 2010

Sunday 8:00 A.M.: 113 10:15 A.M.: 161 **Total: 274**
Ascension Service 71

Last Week's Offerings

**General Fund	\$5,475.00
**Lent	5.00
**Plate Offering	92.31
**Easter	10.00
**Ascension	35.00
**Debt Retirement	118.00
**Spring Blast	200.00
**Forward in Christ	5.00
Parish Improvement	60.00
Communion Fund	181.00
Budgetary Offering **	\$5,940.31
Total Offering:	\$6,181.31

About Today's Lesson

First Lesson - Acts 16:6-10

1. **Paul was traveling throughout the region, but was kept from the province of Asia and Bithynia. What kept him from traveling to those regions?**

The Holy Spirit kept Paul from traveling to Asia and Bithynia. Scripture is silent as to how he was kept or why. God guided his missionaries to take the Gospel where it needed to go.

2. **What help was needed for the man of Macedonia?**

The man from Macedonia needed spiritual help. This help can only come through the gospel. Everyone needs this same help. Everyone needs to hear the good news that Jesus had come to save sinners.

Second Lesson - Revelation 22:12-17, 20

3. **One of the titles Jesus gives himself is "Alpha and Omega" What does this name for Jesus mean?**

The Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Jesus uses these letters to say he is the eternal and changeless God. This name assures us Jesus will keep his promises.

4. **In the closing verses of Revelation, Jesus gives us a wonderful promise. What is that promise?**

Jesus promises to return soon. We are able to view our struggles on earth as only temporary and momentary in comparison to the eternal glory that awaits us.

Gospel - John 17:20-26

5. **This prayer has been called Jesus' high priestly prayer. Jesus acts as our High priest by interceding to the Father on our behalf. In this prayer, for whom is Jesus praying?**

Jesus is praying for the disciples who are with him. But he is also praying for those who continue to come to faith in Jesus. It is a prayer that is answered as the church on earth continues to grow. What a great model for our prayers! We ought to not only pray for ourselves, but also to remember and pray for the spiritual well being of others.

6. **Jesus said that he would continue to make God known to the world. How is Jesus making God known to the world today?**

Jesus sends out his disciples: pastors, teachers, men, women, and children- all who believe. Once we become disciples of Christy we then make disciples for Christ by spreading the good news of the crucified, risen, and ascended Lord.

This Week at St. Luke's 5/16/2010

Today

- 8:00 A.M. **Worship Service**
9:10 A.M. Sunday School
9:10 A.M. Bible Study *Pastor Grunewald "Calvary Academy"
10:15 A.M. **Worship Service**

Monday

- 1:00 P.M. S.O.S. – Seyfert's
6:00 P.M. PS Confirmation

Tuesday

- 8:30 A.M. Confirmation
10:00 A.M. Advanced Bible Class-"Positively Lutheran"
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7:40 P.M. Outreach Committee

Wednesday

- 6:15 P.M. Senior Choir meet at Sebastian's

Thursday

- 8:30 A.M. Confirmation Class
7:00 P.M. Church Council

Friday

- 8:15 A.M. School Chapel

Saturday

- 6:00 P.M. S.O.S. – Goelzer's

Next Sunday

- 8:00 A.M. **Worship Service**
9:10 A.M. Jessica Gierach, "Friends of China" Presentation for all
10:15 A.M. **Worship Service with Confirmation**
4:00 P.M. B.I.C. 202

Serving the Lord This Week

- Service Deacons:** Dave Tetzlaff & Paul Rhode
Organist: Betty Lange
Altar Guild: Arlene, Sandy & Gudie
Church Cleaning: Ken & Diane Arndt
School Cleaning: Kollmann