

# St. Luke's

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 1 & 2, 2010

### Weekly News and Information

**P.A.C.K. Meeting** on Monday, August 9 at 6 PM. There will be a potluck and school registration.

**Faith, Family and Fun** — We had a great turn-out during this past week for our Faith, Family and Fun Vacation Bible School event. Approximately 60 people attended each evening to enjoy a meal, fellowship and the opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King. We would like to thank everyone who participated and contributed to making it such a success. We especially thank Thelma Geidel, Jeanne Kollmann and Diane Strupp for the organizing the week's events, Pastor Goelzer for "emceeding", and the St. Luke's Teen Group for providing nightly entertainment.

**Men's Softball**—St. Luke's 1 plays Green Lake at Green Lake and St. Luke's 2 plays Trinity Dundee at Dundee. All games start at 6:30 PM.

**WELS Men's Softball League Tournament**—The tournament will be held in Dundee on August 5, 6, 7 and 8.

**Meditations** have arrived for September-November and are in the narthex on the library counter.

**School Supply Lists** for grades K-3 are available in the narthex.

**Memorial**—Our thanks for the gift to the School Fund in memory of Marion Krumbein-Braatz.

### Last Week's Attendance – July 17 & 18, 2010

Sunday 9:00 AM.: 137    Monday 7:00PM: 58    **Total: 195**

### Last Week's Offerings

**General Fund	\$5,695.00
**Plate Offering	24.50
**Debt Retirement	13.00
St. Luke's Member Assistance	25.00
WLA-Forward in Trust	12.00
Parish Improvement	38.00
Communion Fund	192.00
Student Aid	19.00
School Fund Memorial	10.00
**Budgetary Offerings	<u>\$5,732.50</u>
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$6,028.50</b>

## About Today's Lesson

### First Lesson – Genesis 18:20-32

1. **When Abraham found out that the Lord was planning destruction for Sodom and Gomorrah what did he do?**

*He prayed to the Lord to spare the cities for the sake of righteous people who may be living there. Abraham was especially concerned about his nephew Lot, who would in fact be spared from destruction.*

2. **What does this story teach us about our life of Christian prayer?**

*Abraham shows us how bold and fervent we can and should be in our faith-filled prayers to the Lord. Abraham was able to convince the Lord to spare Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of only ten righteous people!*

### Second Lesson - Colossians 2:6-15

3. **What encouragements does the Apostle Paul give all Christians in verses 6-7?**

*Paul encourages us to continue to live in Christ Jesus as we are rooted and built up in him, strengthened in our faith and overflowing with thankfulness. Our faith and thankfulness can be especially expressed in a life of fervent, faith-filled prayer.*

4. **Why can we so confidently put our trust in Christ for salvation and in our life of fervent prayer?**

*Paul tells us that we can be so confident in Christ because he is the “fullness of the Deity” living in bodily form. In other words, when we put our faith in Jesus, we are putting our faith in the only true God. When we address Jesus in prayer, we are addressing the only true God. The fervent, faith-filled prayer of the Christian is powerful indeed!*

### Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

5. **With his illustration in verses 5-8, what is Jesus teaching us about our life of prayer? How should we pray?**

*Jesus is teaching us to be persistent in a life of fervent prayer. In the same way that the man in Jesus' illustration continued to knock on his neighbor's door until the neighbor got up to help him, so also we should continue to storm the throne of God's mercy with our fervent faith-filled prayers. Thankfully, convincing our loving heavenly Father to help us in our need will be much easier than convincing our neighbor!*

6. **What encouragement is Jesus giving us about our life of prayer in verses 9-13?**

*Jesus asserts that if most earthly fathers give their children good things (even though they are sinners), how much more will our perfectly loving heavenly Father take care of our every physical and spiritual need abundantly. God promises to work all things for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28).*

## This Week at St. Luke's 08/01/2010

### Today

- 9:00 A.M. **Outdoor Worship Service**  
12 Noon Church Picnic-Potluck

### Monday

- 6:00 P.M. School Committee  
7:00 P.M. **Evening Worship Service**

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

- 8-10:00 AM Church Office Hours  
7 P.M. Christian Growth Core Group

### Thursday

### Friday

### Next Sunday

- 9:00 A.M. **Worship Service with Lord's Supper**

### Next Monday

- 6:00 P.M. P.A.C.K. Meeting—Potluck & School Registration  
7:00 P.M. **Evening Worship Service with Lord's Supper**

## Serving the Lord This Week

**Service Deacons:**

**Organist:** Betty Lange

**Altar Guild:**

**Church Cleaning:**

# **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**

## **8/1/2010 – Outdoor Worship**

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. May the Lord, who died for you restore your relationship with him and re-energize your desire to live for him.

### **Welcome to St. Luke's by Pastor Goelzer**

**Opening Hymn:** CW#451 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

1. **Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**
2. **When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**
3. **When the darkness appears And the night draws near  
And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord; Lead me home.**

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### **Calling On God's Name to Begin our Worship**

*M: We invite the Lord to bless our time in this grassy field to his honor  
We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen**

### **Confessing our Sins to the Creator**

*M: Almighty God, our Creator and Judge, we confess that we are sinners.  
We have committed sins you have forbidden us not to do and we have neglected to do the things you wanted us to do. We do not deserve to speak with you. On our own we dare not expect blessings from you or even call you our friend. But we plead, be merciful to us and hear our prayer. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your perfect Son, and because you punished him for our sins against you, please forgive us.*

**C: I confess o Lord, that I have been disobedient and disrespectful. I have ignored Your Word. I have failed to listen when you called. I have neglected to walk with you in my life. Hear my prayer for Jesus sake, forgive me all my sins and give me the power of your Holy Spirit to walk closer with you day by day.**

*M: The message from our Heavenly Father is good news to confessing sinners. God has forgiven your sins, not because you said you were sorry but because of Christ, who lived perfectly in our place and died perfectly for our sins. He conquered the law that demanded perfection from all people. He defeated death and the power of the devil by rising from the dead on the third day! Go in peace, rejoicing that Jesus Christ is your substitute and calls you his friend. He has made you a child of God and restored your relationship with your Heavenly Father.*

**First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32**

*Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."*

*The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?" ...*

*The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."*

*Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty?" ...*

*"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."*

*Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?"*

*He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."*

*Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"*

*He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."*

*Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"*

*He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."*

*Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"*

*He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."*

## Psalm of the Day: Psalm 8

### *Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev - er.



my King and my God.

### *Psalm Tone*



### *Refrain*

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in 'all the earth!\*

You have set your glory above the 'heavens.

When I consider your 'heavens,\*

the work of your 'fingers,

what is man that you are mind'ful of him,\*

the Son of Man that you 'care for him?

### *Refrain*

You made him a little lower than the heavenly 'beings\*

and crowned him with glory and 'honor.

You made him ruler over the works 'of your hands;\*

you put everything un'der his feet.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son\*

and to the Holy 'Spirit,

as it was in the be'ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

### *Refrain*

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## Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him ...*

*For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.*

*When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

**Confession of Our Faith** (The Meaning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostle's Creed)

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all my sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his Holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own and live under him in His kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

**Third Lesson:** Luke 11:1-13

*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."*

*He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'"*

*Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'*

*"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.*

*"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.*

*"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

**Sermon Hymn:** CW#369 "Beautiful Savior"

- 1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**
- 2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**
- 3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.**

- 4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!**

**Sermon:** Luke 11:1-13

**Thank Offering to the Lord Collected**

**Prayer of the Church and The Lord's Prayer:**

*M: O God, through Jesus' sacrifice you have restored us as your forgiven children. In his name we pray:*

**C: Our Father in heaven,**

*M: Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to live by it as children in your family.*

**C: Hallowed be your name.**

*M: Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts, and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.*

**C: Your kingdom come.**

*M: Make us zealous to carry out you will as gladly as the angels do, and to conform our will to yours.*

**C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

*M: Merciful Lord, since you are the provider of all things necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.*

**C: Give us today our daily bread.**

*M: Continue to erase our iniquities, and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.*

**C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

*M: We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls and the world lures us to ruin by appealing to the desires of our flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin.*

**C: Lead us not into temptation.**

*M: Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ which leads to life everlasting.*

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

*M: For all these petitions we look to you as King of Kings and Lord of your church.*

**C: For the kingdom,**

*M: You alone hold the power to grant our requests.*

**C: the power,**

*M: We worship you from whom all blessings flow.*

**C: and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

*M: Relying on Jesus, who cancelled our sins and made us acceptable in your sight, we pray with confidence:*

**C: Amen. It shall be so.**

**Prayer Hymn:** CW#462 - “*Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways*”

1. **Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do his will!**
2. **Order my footsteps by your Word,  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.**
3. **Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget your way,  
Restore your wand'ring sheep.**
4. **Make me to walk in your commands -  
'Tis a delightful road -  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.**

**Closing Blessing:** (2 Thessalonians 3:17-18)

*M: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** CW#334 - “*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

1. **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

**Announcements**

**Visitors:** Thank you for joining us on this special day. We hope you will stay and enjoy the day's activities on the church grounds. We invite you to come back and worship with us again anytime. Thanks again for praising our Savior with us today!

**Upcoming Worship Opportunities at St. Luke's**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost with Lord's Supper**

Sunday Service at 9:00 A.M. Service of Word and Sacrament

Monday Evening Service at 7:00 P.M.

*“Followers of Christ know that earthly wealth is meaningless”*

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