

St. Luke's

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29 & 30, 2010

Weekly News and Information

Bible Class & Sunday School are both using the theme “Take the Next Step”, in their classes this year. It’s about not just standing strong in our faith but also being aggressive toward our goal of heaven by choosing to live by faith, like the Heroes of Faith did in Biblical Times. I hope and pray everyone will take the opportunity to be better Christians, strengthened by God's Promises, choosing to live by faith for themselves and for their loved ones. What Parent doesn’t want to be better for their children? Or what spouse doesn't want to be better for their husband/wife? Let’s make a choice toward that goal in September. Make a choice to take the next step and learn God’s Promises better, share God's promises better. I know that is my goal of sharing God's promises better with my own family. Classes will start on Sunday, September 12th at 9:10 a.m.

Mrs. Tetzlaff’s 25 Year Recognition—A door collection will be taken at the close of each service this weekend and presented to Mrs. Tetzlaff at her 25 year recognition luncheon on September 12th. In addition, a sign up sheet is in the narthex for your dish to pass.

St. Luke’s Members, 8th grade to age 88 and older! are invited to get a “Taste of Choir” on Wednesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. We will be practicing a beautiful hymn from the Worship Supplement which will be sung on the following Sunday September 12th. This is your chance to experience choir without making a year-long commitment! Let’s fill the choir loft with willing voices praising the Lord!

Ladies of St. Luke’s are invited to attend the annual Friends of the Seminary Day on Saturday, October 2, 2010. If you are interested in attending, more information can be found in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact Joanne Tetzlaff.

Childcare helpers are needed between services starting September 12 to play with the young children of parents who would like to attend Bible Class. Please call Sybille if you can help at 920-583-2402.

Sunday School Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8. There will be a review of the upcoming lessons and the teachers will receive their teaching materials. Time of the meeting will be announced.

Last Week’s Attendance – August 22 & 23, 2010

Sunday 9:00 A.M.: 141 Monday 7:00 P.M.: 36 **Total: 177**

Last Week’s Offerings

**General Fund	\$3,317.00
**Plate Offering	28.36
**Other General Funds	25.00
**Debt Retirement	5.00
**Forward in Christ	10.00
Student Aid Fund	1.00
Communion Fund	13.00
Parish Improvement	73.00
Budgetary Offering **	\$3,385.36
Total Offering:	\$3,472.36

About Today's Lesson

First Lesson – Isaiah 66:18-24

- 1. What is being described in these verses?**
The Lord is describing the gathering of the Christian Church from all nations. In particular he is describing that gathering as it will take place on Judgment Day.
- 2. What important point is the Lord making through Isaiah?**
The Church will be gathered into heaven from all nations, both Jew and Gentile. Faith in Jesus is the determining factor. Those who reject the salvation God pro-vides through his Son “will be loathsome to all mankind.”

Second Lesson - Hebrews 12:18-24

- 3. What does the scene described in verses 18-21 represent?**
It represents the approach to God by means of the law (symbolized by Mt. Sinai). Attempting to approach God by means of obeying the law apart from faith in Jesus will only bring gloom, trembling and ultimately death.
- 4. What does Mount Zion represent and by what means can we approach this “mountain”?**
Mount Zion represents the Holy Christian Church in heaven and on earth. We approach this mountain through faith in Jesus who has made us perfect in God's sight by the sprinkling of his blood. He's the narrow door.

Gospel - Luke 13:22-30

- 5. Why does Jesus describe the entrance into heaven as being a “narrow door,” and how does one enter through this narrow door?**
The door into heaven is “narrow” in this respect: because, contrary to popular opinion, there is only one way into heaven, not many ways. Jesus said, “No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6). Apart from trusting in Jesus as your Savior, there is no hope of salvation (Mark 16:16; John 3:16; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31, et al). In another respect, however, the Bible teaches us that the door into heaven is “wide” because Jesus has paid for the sins of all people (1 John 2:2) and because of his sacrifice God has justified all people, that is, declared all people “not guilty” (Romans 3:24). But only those who trust in Jesus for salvation receive the benefit of his sacrifice. Those who don't enter into heaven can't blame God. The fault will be entirely their own. They will be cast into hell because of their unbelief.
- 6. True or false: Many people will be surprised come Judgment Day that they stand condemned.**
True. Both here and elsewhere in the Gospels (Matthew 7:21-23), Jesus strongly suggests that there will be many who are genuinely surprised at being shut out of heaven. Such will be the destiny for those who place their faith for salvation in anything or anyone but Jesus.

This Week at St. Luke's 08/29/2010

Today

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

Monday

No School Busing

7:00 P.M. **Evening Worship Service with Lord's Supper**

Tuesday

No School Busing

Wednesday

Busing Begins

Early Dismissal

6:30 P.M. **Worship Team**

Thursday

8:20 A.M. **Confirmation**

Friday

8:15 A.M. **School Chapel**
Hot Lunch-Goelzer

Saturday

Church Cleaning – Patchett
School Cleaning - Wix

Next Sunday

9:00 A.M. **Worship Service**

Next Monday

7:00 P.M. **Evening Worship Service**
No School (Labor Day)

Serving the Lord This Week

Service Deacons: Rich Reehl & Dean Geisthardt
Church Cleaning:

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29 & 30, 2010

God's Word for Today

Many people in our world today believe that there are many roads to heaven. "It doesn't matter whether you're a Buddhist or Hindu, whether you practice Islam or Judaism, are a member of the Mormon Church or a Jehovah's Witness," they'll say. "All that matters is that you live a good life, try to treat others well, and do the best that you can." However, while most world religions may espouse noble goals for earthly living, these goals fall short of what God demands for entrance into heaven: perfection (Matthew 5:48). The bad news is, we aren't perfect. The good news is Jesus came to be perfect in our place. He has given us his perfection (2 Corinthians 5:21). Through faith in him we have eternal life. Jesus is only way, the narrow door!

ORDER OF SERVICE: CWS Divine Service II

OPENING HYMN: CW 431, v 1- 4

"I Walk In Danger All the Way"

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love so we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 66:18-24

PSALM: CW 72, Page: 93 (Unison)

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:18-24

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

SERMON HYMN: CW 539

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

SERMON: Hebrews 12:18-24

Don't quit now! You already have one foot in heaven!

Mt. Sinai (You can't get there from here)

Mt. Calvary (The Summit reached for you)

Mr. Zion (Home Sweet Home)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Silence during Communion

CLOSING HYMN: CW 431, v 5-6

"I Walk In Danger All the Way"

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Goelzer **Organist:** Marilyn Kollmann

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Betty and Don Lange. Betty had an accident working in her backyard while Don was recovering from his own health issues. The Lord saw them through their troubles and they are both home from the hospital and recovering quickly.

Upcoming Worship Opportunities at St. Luke's

September 5th – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Services at 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M. Service of the Word

Our Eternal King Comes For Us.

September 12th – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Lord's Supper

Services at 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Service of Word & Sacrament

The Word doesn't bring peace, but division.

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