

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 32:1-7

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit. 3 When I kept silent, my bones grew old

Through my groaning all the day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah 6 For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him. 7 You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Hymn 785 — Children of the Heavenly Father

(My First Hymnal, page 122)

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C A A-men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God the Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- All Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.
- P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has

given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C 🎜 A-men.
- C 🎜 Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.
- Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

 We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
- P Let us pray . . . O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C 🎜 A-men.

THE WORD

Ezekiel 33:7-9 "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. 8 When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

Romans 13: 1-10 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. 8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal,"

"You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." To Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Matthew 18:1-20 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. 6 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. 7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! 8 "If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. 10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. 11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. 12 "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? 13 And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over

that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. 15 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' 17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. 18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(My First Hymnal, page 34)

All 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.

SERMON

C . Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 572 VS. 4

C As Thy prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee all our best And by deeds of kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove, Singing thus through all our days Praise to God, immortal praise.

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

(My First Hymnal, page 37)

All Our Father, who art in heaven Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C A A-men A-men A-men.

Hymn 298:5,6 — Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

(My First Hymnal, page 114)

Calendar:

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 9/10

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

5pm Faith Alive

Monday 9/11

7pm Worship Service

Monday 9/11

First Day of Preschool

Tus 9/12-9/14

Great Lake Pastoral Conference

Satureay 9/16

rpm Dedication, Luther Memorial

Sunday 9/17

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

Monday 9/18

7pm Worship Service

UPCOMING DATES:

Sept 16 - Dedication at Luther Memorial in Fond Du Lac

Sept 19 - Women of Faith meet at 3:30pm

Sept 19- Elders meet at 7pm

Sept 19 - Church Council meet at 7:30pm

Sept 20 - Confirmation Class for

Non School Kids at 4pm

Sept 22 - 24 - Man Up Men's Retreat near Prairie Du Chen, WI

Sept 22 - 24 - Chadron Women's Retreat, Chadron, NE

Oct 1 - Mission Festival

Oct 15 - Traveling Reformation Conference at Faith Markesan

Oct 18 - 20 - Teacher's Conference, Mankato MN

Oct 29 - Area Reformation Service

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #2: Russ Denson, Dan Dumke

Next Week: Team #3: Darwin Kelm, John Cossman

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Sundays: Martin Hansen, Gary Brown, Bill Jenkins, Russ Denson

Mondays: Bob Kirst, Greg Jones, Lynn Dumke, Mike Dumke

Fruits of Faith

Attendance: 105

General Fund: \$2,740.00

Missions: \$845.00

School Fund: \$25.00

Announcements:

GUESTS AND VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

CONFIRMATION

There will be no Confirmation class for non school kids this week but will continue Wednesday September 20th.

Elders and Church Council

Pastor will be gone to the Great Lakes Pastoral Conference September 12th-14th so Elder and Church Council will not meet on September 12th but on the 19th.

DEDICATION IN FOND DU LAC

YOU'RE INVITED! Luther Memorial of Fond du Lac, WI is celebrating and praising the Lord's blessings and work in our fully remodeled church and school over this past year. On Saturday, September 16th, we will be serving lunch at 11:30am, followed by our dedication service at 1pm and a cake reception/ presentation following the service. There will also be tours given before and after the dedication worship service. We hope you will join us in praising Jesus for this historical event for our congregation. If you are able to come, please RSVP at FDLlutheran.com by September 9th! The Lord be with you and bless you all!

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

School checking account is down to \$16.

School enrollment is at 23 for the year.

This includes two new non-member statements.

The school board would like to add a school fund line to member envelopes.

Sunday School is continuing to use the Concordia sunday school series which will cost about \$450 per year.

Call News

Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. David Schaller, pastor of

Redeemer Lutheran, Dowagiac MI, to serve as co-pastor.

Kayla Wendt of Immanuel Lutheran has accepted the congregation's call to serve part-time teaching Choir, PE, and Spanish.



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