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THE SEASON OF THE HOLY TRINITY: "Life in the Church of the Triune God" The 6th Sunday After Trinity—28 July 2019

ST. JOHN-TIDE: "The Characteristics of the Christian Life: Its Fundamental Features" The Sunday of the Sermon on the Mount: "The Righteousness Born of Baptismal Grace"

Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven (St. Matthew 5.20 EHV)

WELCOME TO FAITH! GOD'S HOUSE, YOUR HOME! To the friends who know us and to the visitors who are with us for the first time, the pastor and members of Faith Lutheran extend you a sincere welcome. We pray that your faith will be strengthened by your worship with us. *We invite our guests to sign the guest book in the entry way and worship with us again.*

MORNING PRAYER—

Pre-service Prayers (Hymnal pp. 4; 102-109; 118; 170)

The time before service is a time of prayer and preparation to receive the Lord's gifts of salvation. In addition to prayer, look over the readings and the words to the hymns during this preparation time.

Prelude: *Partita On Ebenezer--Fugue*—John Behnke

Hymn #295 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

P: In the Name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Almighty and most merciful Father, **G** I have erred and strayed from Your ways like a lost sheep. I have followed the devices and desires of my heart. I have sinned against Your holy Law. I have done those things which I should not have done, and I have not done those things I should have done. O Lord, have mercy on me. Spare me and restore me, according to the promises You declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. For His sake, grant that I may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **G** Amen.

PSALMODY

P: O Lord, open my lips, **G**: and my mouth shall declare Your praise. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.** [Psalm 51.15]

Alleluia, alleluia.

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

G Oh, come, let us worship Him.

P Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;

G let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

P Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

G Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

P For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

G In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

P The sea is His, for He made it; **G** and His hands formed the dry land.

P Oh, come, let us worship and bow down;

G Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

P For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. [Psalm 95. 1-7]

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

G Oh, come, let us worship Him.

Psalm 19: **P**: The heavens declare the glory of God;

G And the firmament shows His handiwork.

P Day unto day utters speech,

G And night unto night reveals knowledge.

P There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.

G Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.

P In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,

G And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

P Its rising *is* from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end;
C **And there is nothing hidden from its heat.**
P The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul;
C **The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple;**
P The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart;
C **The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes;**
P The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever;
C **The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.**
P More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold;
C **Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**
P Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
C **And in keeping them *there is* great reward.**
P Who can understand *his* errors? **C** **Cleanse me from secret faults.**
P Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous *sins*; Let them not have dominion over me.
C **Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression.**
P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
C **as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE WORD—INSTRUCTION

First Reading—

Romans 6. 3-11 [EHV]

³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. ⁷For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. ⁸And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. ¹⁰For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.* **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading—

St. Matthew 5. 20-26 [EHV]

²⁰"Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹"You have heard that it was said to people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment.' ²²But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause will be subject to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, '*Raca*,' will have to answer to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of hell fire.

²³"So if you are about to offer your gift at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother. Then come and offer your gift.

²⁵"If someone accuses you, reach an agreement with him quickly, while you are with him on the way. Otherwise your accuser may bring you to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Amen I tell you: You will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

P *This is the Word of the Lord.* In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.** [Hb. 1. 1,2]

Sermon— St. Matthew 5. 20-26

A Better Righteousness

1. Not from us
2. But from God

[Silence for meditation]

Catechism Review:

P: What is the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed?

C: [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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean? **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, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all 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, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Offering

Matthew 5:23 – “So if you are offering your gift at the altar ...” Jesus connects our generosity toward God’s Kingdom to our love and forgiveness toward our brethren in the Kingdom. Both grow out of God’s love toward us. We forgive as we have been forgiven, and we give as we have been given to. All our growth in sanctification is growing into our Heavenly Father’s own actions through thankful imitation.

THE PRAYERS

LITANY FOR THE CONVERSION OF ALL PEOPLE

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us. **C** Christ, have mercy upon us.
- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- O God the Father, who has made of one blood all nations to dwell on all the face of the earth: **C** Have mercy upon us.
- P** O God the Son, a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Your people Israel: **C** Have mercy upon us.
- P** O God the Holy Spirit, Teacher of all things, who governs and sanctifies the whole Christian Church: **C** Have mercy upon us.
- P** God of love, save Your people: **C** And bless Your inheritance.
- P** God of love, waken the heathen:
- C** And redeem their souls for Your mercy’s sake.
- P** God of love, establish Your kingdom in every land:
- C** And fill the earth with Your glory.
- P** We pray for Your ancient people Israel:
- C** Prove to them from the Scriptures that the Messiah has come.
- P** We pray for Europe and Asia, for Africa, for North and South America, and for the isles of the sea:
- C** Hear the mournings of those that are in captivity and deliver them.
- P** We pray that Your Church may be found everywhere:
- C** In snow or sand, hill or valley, jungle or field.
- P** We pray for all mission workers, for evangelists and catechists, for pastors and teachers, for doctors and nurses:
- C** Multiply the work of their hands.
- P** We pray for those in our own midst who do not confess the name of Jesus, for all who have hardened their hearts, for all who have become

careless, for all who have turned back, and for all who are Christians only in name:

C Recover them, O Lord, and establish them in the truth of the Gospel.

P We pray for ourselves that we may be charitable and that by our very example those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death may be guided into the way of peace:

C Turn us and quicken us that Your people may rejoice in You.

P O Savior of the world, who by Your cross and precious blood has redeemed us: **C** Save us and help us, we humbly beseech You, O Lord.

COLLECT OF THE DAY: Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of Your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

We beg You, the Overseer and Lord and Fashioner of the body and Maker of the soul, assist and heal all that are sick. Rebuke the sickness. Raise up those that are lying down. Give glory to Your holy name and to that of Your only-begotten Jesus Christ, through whom to You is the glory and the strength in the Holy Spirit, both now and to all the ages of the ages.

Amen.

Almighty God and gracious Father, in Your mercy look on those whose increasing years bring them weakness, anxiety, distress, or loneliness. Grant that they may always know care and respect, concern and understanding. Grant them willing hearts to accept help and, as their strength wanes, increase their faith with the constant assurance of Your love through Jesus Christ, their Savior. **Amen**

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty and most gracious God and Father, we implore You to turn the hearts of all who have forsaken the faith once delivered to Your Church, especially those who have wandered from it or are in doubt because Your truth has been corrupted. Mercifully visit and restore them in that gladness of heart they may take pleasure in Your word and be made wise to salvation through faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious Father, as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are Your ways higher than our ways and Your thoughts higher than our thoughts. We do not understand the disregard for the work of Your hands and the wanton destruction of human life that has taken place through the atrocity of abortion. Bring an end to abortion, euthanasia and all other

legal means to unjustly take life. Instill in Your people love for life as is pleasing in Your sight. Grant wisdom and strength of conviction to those who make, execute and administer our laws, that they might protect the unborn, the aged and all those whom they govern. In Jesus' holy name.

Amen.

Almighty, everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Your care we commend all the institutions of our Synod working to train and equip pastors. Grant them Your richest blessing that through their service, workers may be raised up who know and delight in Your holy Word, who eagerly serve Your gifts to Your children and who labor diligently to bring the saving knowledge of Christ to those who do not know Him; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin. We beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

G 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.**

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God. [Psalm 103.1]

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. **G Amen.**

Hymn #370 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Silent Prayer

TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS

WORSHIP CONTINUES WITH BRIEF SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
FOLLOWING DISMISSAL OF THOSE NOT COMMUNING



UPCOMING AT FAITH:

Tuesday—Bible Study	6 pm
Thursday— Bible Study	9.30 am
Sunday—Catechism study	9.45 am
Voters' Meeting	after service

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Marianne Grabenhofer, Arthur Scott, Karen Weiner; Kuhlmann family; Mary Ellen Carl, Lynn Walz.

I always sin, therefore I always go to Communion. –St. Ambrose

[*De sacramentis, IV, 6, 28*]

PRAYER: O Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess that we, unfortunately, are poor miserable sinners in whom there is nothing good. Our heart, flesh and blood are poisoned so much that we are never to be without evil desires. Therefore, dear Father, forgive us such sins and purify our hearts by Your Holy Spirit so that we may desire and love Your Word, keep ourselves to it and through Christ remain eternally in Your grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE COMMUNICANTS: Count us worthy of this communion also, O God of truth, and make our bodies to contain purity and our souls prudence and knowledge. And make us wise, O God of compassions, by partaking of the body and blood, because through Your only-begotten Son to You is the glory and the strength in the Holy Spirit, now and to all the ages of ages. **Amen.** [Serapion of Thumuis, + after 360]



OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE: CLOSED COMMUNION— At Faith we offer Holy Communion to members in a separate brief service following Sunday morning services of Matins or Morning Prayer. Holy Scripture [1 Cor. 11.27-29; 1 Cor. 10. 16,17] admonishes us to be fully prepared to receive the Lord's Supper: to **recognize** the *Real Presence* of the body and blood of the Lord, to **examine ourselves**, and to **join together** as *one body* united in *all points* in the public confession of faith. On that basis, we practice **closed communion**. Closed Communion in no way means we judge anyone's faith but is an expression of the unity of doctrine confessed by all communing. Therefore we invite to the holy Sacrament our own members and members of other congregations in fellowship with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

