

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 31, 2014**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Today's Songbook: "All God's People Sing"

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Song: #162, "Lift High the Cross"

Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Every time we try to deal with our sins by ignoring them or making excuses or running away, we end up worse than before.

**C: But when we face our failures honestly and confess them to God, He will forgive.**

*(A time of silence for personal reflection and confession)*

P: Heavenly Father,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against God our Creator and that we have sinned against the people around us by unkind words we have spoken and by unloving actions we have done. O Lord, have mercy on us!**

P: Jesus came into the world and obeyed God's law perfectly for you. He died on the cross for the guilt of your sins. Because of His great sacrifice, you are forgiven. Now, share and extend that forgiveness with others.

**C: Amen.**

Psalm of the Day, prayed responsively .....worship insert

Song of Praise: #145, "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Prayer of the Day, prayed in unison .....worship insert

Scripture Song: #144, "Jesus Loves Me"

Old Testament Reading ..... Jeremiah 15:15-21

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle ..... Romans 12:9-21

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 16:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

The Apostles' Creed .....p. 29

Song of the Day: #226, "The Head That Once Was Crowned"

Sermon: "The Temptation to Cross Out the Cross"

Offering

Prayer

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer .....p. 30

#### Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Song: #128, Vss. 2, 4, 8, 9; "I Love to Tell the Story"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Dismissal Music

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

It's that time again! We need Sunday School teachers to begin with students in two weeks. Sunday School will begin on the same day as our special retirement of debt celebration, September 14th.

Classes will be held through next May at 9:00 AM on Sundays. Feel free to team teach or to trade off weeks with other volunteers. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are willing to help. Thanks!

#### LIFE QUOTE

**August 31** "Just as God forgave Saul, the great persecutor of the early church, transforming him into Saint Paul, the great evangelist to the Gentiles, so also God redeems men who have been entangled by the sin of abortion. Some of these men have become, like Saint Paul, powerful spokespersons who proclaim, 'There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus' (Romans 8:1). Other men are still waiting to hear comforting words like these—might you be the one to tell them?" *Ryan C.*

*MacPherson, associate professor of history at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life*

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#### FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE TO BEGIN

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the date of our Retirement of Debt Celebration, we will change back to our fall Sunday schedule. Sunday School and Bible Class will be held at 9:00 AM; treats will be served for fellowship time at 9:45 AM; the Divine Service will begin at 10:00 AM. We look forward to another wonderful year of growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).

#### RETIREMENT OF DEBT CELEBRATION

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14, 2014. The President of the Minneota South District of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, the Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, will be with us to celebrate the retirement of all debt on our building project. Dr. Nadasdy will preach God's Word for the service and Pastor Sorenson will serve as the liturgist. The service will be at 10:00 AM and a special meal and time of fellowship will follow after the service.

#### WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES

Confirmation classes for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades will begin on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will meet bi-monthly through May at 4:30 PM, while 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet on a weekly basis at 5:30 PM. Church choir rehearsals will also commence at 7:30 PM on the evening of September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you like to sing, you are invited. Middle School and High School students are also welcome! If you have specific questions, please speak with Sara Sorenson.

#### "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, September 7, 2014

**8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)**

#### "Teeny, Tiny Crosses"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus  
Jesus bore the weight of the cross and all of our sin. How big is the cross God calls you to carry?

(Matthew 16:24-26)