

Confession

- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father,
- C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and others. I am sorry for them, repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the faithfulness of your Son, Jesus the Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor unfaithful servant. Forgive my sins. Give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my failings. Keep me in your promise of life everlasting.
- P: Let us make our confession, reflecting on God's Law and our Lutheran understanding of the expectations of God's commandments.
- A: You are to have no other Gods.
- C: We are to fear, love and trust God above anything else.
- P: You are not to use the Lord's name pointlessly.
- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not use God's names superstitiously, or use them to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, but call on our Lord in prayer, praise and thanksgiving.
- A: You are to remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.
- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not neglect God's Word and the preaching of it but respect it as something holy, gladly hearing it and devoting our full intellect to learning it.
- P: Honor your Elders so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our Elders and others who use their authority properly, but we should respect, obey, love, serve them and follow the way of their faith so that we will also know God's blessings.
- A: You are not to murder.
- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not harm our neighbor in any way but help them in all their physical needs.
- *P*: You are not to commit adultery.
- C: We are to fear and love God so that in matters of sex and sexuality our words and conduct are pure and honorable.
- A: You are not to steal.
- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's property or money, or acquire them dishonestly or unjustly, but help them protect what they have.
- *P:* You are not to bear false witness against your neighbor.
- C: We are to fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, or betray, slander, or defame them, rather we should speak well of them, and interpret their actions in the kindest way.
- A: You are not to covet.
- C: We are to fear and love God, and so we look to what others have and desire it, thinking that our lives would be better if only we had what they had, but we should be content with what the Lord provides, trusting in the Lord's care for our needs.
- P: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
- C: Slow to anger and of great kindness.
- A: The Lord will not always accuse us,
- C: nor will he keep his anger forever.
- *P:* The Lord has not dealt with us according to our sins,
- C: nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- A: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
- C: so is the Lord's mercy on those who fear the Lord.
- *P*: As far as the east is from the west,
- C: so far has the Lord removed our sin from us.
- P: As parents care for their children,

C: so does the Lord care for those who fear the Lord. Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Heavenly Father, as long ago you sent your promised gift of the Holy Spirit into the hearts, minds, mouths and hands of your Son's followers, so fill us, and your whole Church with that Spirit. Kindle in our hearts, minds, mouths and hands, that same passion for the faith and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus through our own works of mercy, love and compassion. We ask this through your Son, Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit as one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 11

Now, long, long ago, there was only one language across the whole world and everyone spoke the same words. As *people* migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

And they said to one another, "Let's do this – let's bake bricks and heat them until they are hard as stone!"

(So, for them, these brick-stones were like our building stone, and rawbitumen was, for them, like our mortar.)

Then they said, "Let's do this – let's build ourselves a city and a tower as tall as the heavens. This will be how we will make ourselves so famous that we will not need to scatter abroad over the face of the earth!"

As these people started their construction projects, Yahweh, God, noticed some activity far below and came down to see the city and the tower that the humans were building.

Yahweh said, "Well, look what we have here! The humans are one people with one language. And, empowered by this unity, they have decided that they do not have to follow my plan to scatter abroad across the face of the earth. Instead, it looks like they have planned to build a city and a great tower to make a name for themselves. Sadly, I know that this is only the beginning of the crazy things they think-up and, as of now, there is nothing about them or their community that will keep them from being successful with all that they scheme to do. So, here is what

we will do – let's go down there and let's baffle their language so that no one will understand the language of their neighbor!"

So, in this way, Yahweh scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they had dropped their plans of building the city. Therefore, this city was called "Babel," for, there, Yahweh made the

Therefore, this city was called "Babel," for, there, Yahweh made the languages of all the earth-folk, and from there, Yahweh scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



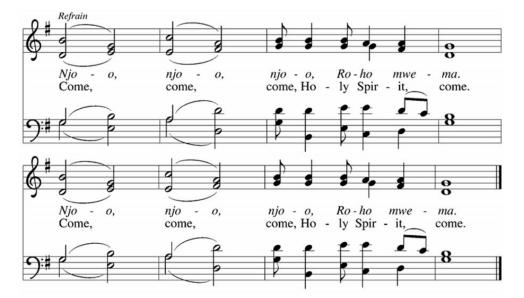
Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Ct. Paul wrote . . . "about the spiritual, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be unknowledgeable. You remember that when you were pagans, you were heading in the wrong direction because you were being guided by speechless idols. This is why I taught you that no one who is speaking in the Spirit of God says, "Damn Jesus" and no one has the power to say "Lord Jesus" if not through the Holy Spirit. However, even though there are varieties of giftedness, it is the same Spirit doing the gifting; and even though there are varieties of "servanthoods," it is the same Lord who is being served; and even though there are varieties of motivational energies, it is the same God energizing all in all. To each of us is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one, words of wisdom are given through the Spirit, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But all this energizing is by the one and the same Spirit who divides out these gifts to each of us individually as the Spirit determines. For, just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. Refrain

Third Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Tust as Jesus has told them, when the feast of the Pentecost arrived, what was promised from the Father came upon the disciples. They had followed Jesus' last instruction to them and were still sitting together in one place in Jerusalem when, suddenly, out of heaven, came a noise! It was like someone breathing a tremendously dramatic breath. It filled the entire house where they were sitting. Their eyes were opened to see dividing tongues which, like when fire is divided, were not diminished when they distributed - a tongue sitting over each one of them! All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages, as the Spirit gave them their voice. There were also other devout Jews from every ethnicity under heaven living in Jerusalem and, as they heard this sound developing, many of them gathered and were confounded because each one heard their own dialect being spoken. Ecstatic and amazed, they were saying, "Hey! Aren't all those who are speaking just Galileans? Then, how is it possible that we are all hearing what they are saving in our own native dialects: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Cretans and Arabs—we are hearing them speaking in our own tongues of the greatness of God?"

Everyone was ecstatic and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whose will is this?"

But there were others who sneered and said, "Come one, they are only drunk on sweet wine!"

But Peter, standing with the other eleven disciples, lifted up his voice and declared to those who were gathered around them, "People of Judea and everyone living in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and let my words fill your ears! Those who you hear speaking are not drunk, as some of you are suggesting! Really?! It's only 9:00 in the morning! No, this is what was spoken about long ago through the prophet Joel when he said:

In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they will prophesy.

And I will give wonders in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below: blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And all who may call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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Sermon





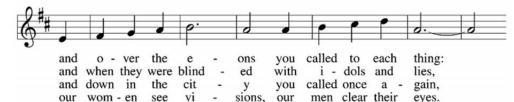


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then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still; From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;





Holy Baptism Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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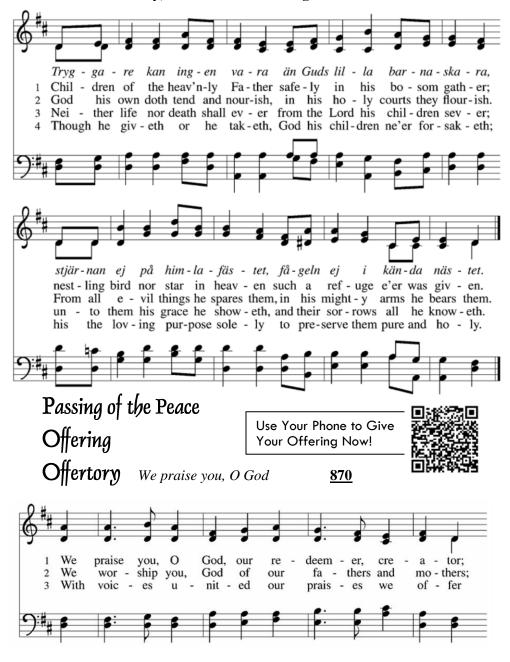
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

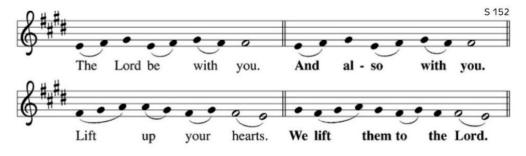




A: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving





The Lord's Prayer

C: 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.







Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Recessional Let Every Christian Pray



Dismissal A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



THROUGH AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM we welcome

into greater responsibility for their baptism and full voting membership in Grace: Luca Borneman, Hunter Eckstein, Alexander Hanley, Lucas Hauptner, Lexie Horafios, Timothy Kennedy, Garrett Murray, Stefan Nosaci, Gracie Preikschat, Dylan Vazquez, Selena Vazquez, Tyler Waldman and Ally Waugh. Please pray for them as they undertake this greater commitment and expression of their faith.

We welcome into the Christian Faith through the sacrament of Baptism Easton William Johnson, son of Tori & Michael Johnson and Grandson of Georgette Muller & John Weissleder.

Altar flowers are placed to the Glory of God by the Bruce & Lorraine Waldman in honor of the Confirmands.



Sunday, June 8

Closing of Sunday School &
Confirmation
10:00 a.m. Special Worship Service
Celebrating Sunday School &
Confirmation
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, June 9

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group 7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, June 10

5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 11

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Thursday, June 12

7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

Saturday, June 14

9:00 a.m. Grace Bakers

Sunday, June 15 Trinity Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship





