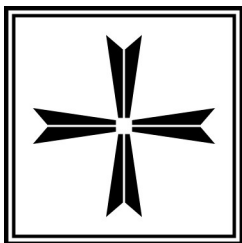




**FRUITS OF FAITH:
SEEING BENEATH THE SURFACE**

*TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 16TH, 2015*



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 16th, 2015 | *Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Connection card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Today we see that, although God richly supplies our every earthly need, these needs are not to be the focus of our desire. Our greatest hunger ought to be for food that endures to eternal life. Thankfully, God also generously supplies this heavenly food through his Son Jesus Christ.

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

If your little one needs a moment, there is a speaker and window in our entryway that will allow you to see and hear the service.

Children's Church is a special place for younger children to hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft. You can escort your child to our children's church just before the sermon as noted in the service folder.

INFORMATION

Bathrooms are located at the end of the end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.

Looking for more information? If you would like to learn more about Our Savior Lutheran Church...

- check out our information table in the entryway,
- Scan the code to the right with your smartphone
- speak with Pastor Kratz after the service, send him an email at: Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com, or call the church office at (205) 677-8642.



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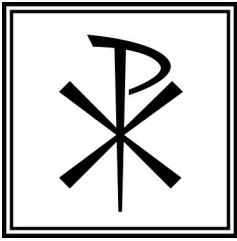
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN | #750 *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate*

~Please stand

1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate,
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful Shep - herd,
5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing
6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga;

Lord and Son of A - bra - ham;
Food for bod - y, food for soul;
From the stump of Jes - se's tree;
Watch - ing all your lambs and sheep;
To the Fath - er's home on high;
Christ, the first - born from the dead;

Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
Christ, the man - na, dai - ly giv - en,
Christ, true vine, you nur - ture branch - es
Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,
Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive;
Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion;

Per - fect God, the great I Am;
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole.
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly.
Nev - er - fail - ing vi - gil keep.
Christ, the life that can - not die.
Christ, the Church's glo - rious head:

Christ, the Light, you shine un - van - quished,
Feed us with the food of heav - en,
Graft us in - to you, O Sav - ior;
When we stray, Good Shep - herd, seek us,
Me - di - a - tor to the Fath - er,
Praise and thanks and a - do - ra - tion

Light and life you bring to all;
Fore - taste of the feast to be;
Prune our hearts so we re - main
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Sac - ri - fice and Great High Priest:
And un - end - ing wor - ship be

Light our path with your own pres - ence,
Quench our thirst with liv - ing wa - ter
Fruit - ful branch - es in your vine - yard
Lamb of God, our Shep - herd, keep us;
Lead us to your heav'n - ly man - sions,
To the Fath - er and the Spir - it

Grant us grace to heed your call.
Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
Let us hear your voice a - lone.
There to share your wed - ding feast.
And to you e - ter - nal - ly.

This inventive hymn is replete with scriptural titles and illustrations that describe the person and work of Christ from beginning to end.

GREETING

Leaders: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

The use of the keys (the power to forgive sins) is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

- L** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- L** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C** **Amen.**

GLORY BE TO GOD | *Gloria in Excelsis*

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

- L** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Refrain



Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.
2. We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you, we praise you for your glory.
3. 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, receive our prayer.
4. 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship.

L Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son. We pray this and all things through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

~Please be seated

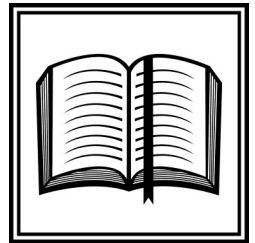
THE WORD

LESSON | 1 Kings 19:3-8 (pg. 559)

³Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.



The appearance of failure takes Elijah to the brink of despair.

PSALM OF THE DAY | Psalm #34

Believers taste and see
that the Lord is good.

REFRAIN



*The leader will introduce the refrain and sing the verses of the song.
The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain as indicated.*

L Refrain.

C Refrain.

*I will always bless the Lord, I will always praise his name;
in the Lord my spirit shall rejoice! **Refrain.***

*As you turn your eyes to him, you will find his eyes on you;
for he knows your need before you ask! **Refrain.***

*He surrounds you with his love; he redeems you from the grave;
you will taste the goodness of the Lord! **Refrain.***

LESSON | Hebrews 5:11-6:3 (pg. 1867)

Those who are
spiritually mature have
trained themselves to
distinguish between
good and evil.

¹¹We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. ¹²In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

6 Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, ²instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³And God permitting, we will do so.

VERSE OF THE DAY | *Hebrews 11:1*

REFRAIN

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

(Al - le - lu - ia)

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)

D.S.

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L Refrain.

C Refrain.

L Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

C Refrain.

GOSPEL | *John 6:41-51 (pg. 1657)*

~Please stand

⁴¹ At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the word of Christ, our King.

Although his origins seemed humble, Jesus came from heaven.

After the Gospel, the congregation responds:

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message.

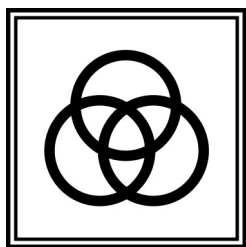
During the singing of the hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

HYMN | #465 *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

SERMON | 1 Kings 19:3-8



Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word.

APOSTLES CREED | *Credo*

~Please stand

☩ 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.

~Please be seated

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

OFFERING

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

~Please stand

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;
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.

~Please be seated

HYMN | #436 *Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep*

PRAYER

~Please stand

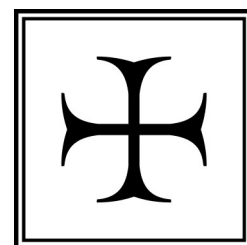
- L** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- L** The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.
- C** Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.

BLESSING

- L** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.
- C** Amen.

~Please be seated

HYMN | #334 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*



The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).



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