

Galilee

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 2010

Mission Statement

To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ,
to be nurtured in faith and knowledge, and
to share the *Good News* through word and deed.

"Called to Mission"

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THE SERVICE

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

9:30 a. m.

ELW Setting 9

August 29, 2010

Serving in Worship this morning:

Organist: **Raymond Nottidge**; Lector: **Ron Peterson**; Children’s Story: **Pastor Ralph Baumgartner**; Communion Assistants: **Terry O’Keefe, Joy Brown, Peter Solberg**; Altar Guild: **Betty Jeans**; Ushers: **Karen and Steve Groebner**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Italics - LITURGIST **Bold** - CONGREGATION + - Stand as Able

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major

George Frideric Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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+ **GATHERING SONG** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

#879

+ **GREETING** Response: **And also with you.**

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+ **KYRIE**

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+ **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *This is the feast* **(verses: cantor)**

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+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY** Response: **Amen**

WORD

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6–7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112 (tone 1, page 337)

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty ¹in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be ¹in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness ¹for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be gener- ¹ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹fairs with justice.

⁶**For they will nev- ¹er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ing remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any ¹evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and ¹will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹on their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands ¹fast forever;
they will hold up their ¹head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S STORY

+ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia*

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+ **THE GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7–14**

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the

Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Ralph Baumgartner

(A time of silence for reflection)

HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather at Your Table

#522

+ CREED

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**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.**

**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.**

+ **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

+ **PEACE** *The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.*

The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace using the words “Peace be with you” and then be seated.

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| MEAL |
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OFFERING

Voluntary

John Stanley

(Children are invited to come to the altar with their offering for global missions.)

+ **OFFERING PRAYER** Response: **Amen**

+ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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+ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

+ **THE LORD’S PRAYER** *Our Father, who art in heaven*

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COMMUNION (intinction) *Lamb of God*

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+ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** Response: **Amen**

SENDING

- + **BLESSING** Response: **Amen**
- + **SENDING SONG** *You Servants of God* #825
- + **DISMISSAL** Response: **Thanks be to God.**
- POSTLUDE** *Gavotte* Samuel Wesley edited by Diane Bish



Of Special Note Today . . .

Welcome to all guests and visitors. We are glad that we can worship together this morning. We invite you to sign the guest register in the narthex.

Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is celebrated in this sacrament. Children not yet communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. Communion today is served by intinction. You will be handed a wafer, which you are asked to dip into the wine before placing it in your mouth.

Flowers today are in memory of Ethel Drews, mother of Edith Londroche.

Daily Bread. This week we continue our reading and reflecting on the Scriptures and are focusing on the book of Acts, chapters 3 and 4.

Refreshments. Sincere “thanks” to Miriam Peterson for today’s refreshments. The need is still great for refreshment hosts; please sign up in the three-ring binder located on the kiosk in the narthex.

Budget Shortfall. Thank you for the outstanding response to the appeal to take measures to close the gap on our current budget shortfall. Specifically, we raised last Sunday \$1,693.33 toward the particular bills that we posted on a poster in the entry area of the church. We appreciate your generosity and support for Galilee’s mission. As Ron Peterson announced last Sunday, we entered 2010 with a projected shortfall of about \$900 per month, which has turned out to be the case. In addition, summer giving is lower, which makes the problem even more immediate. We ask everyone who makes expenditures on behalf of the congregation to be careful with those expenses, and the council will consider additional cutbacks. Ideally, members would increase their giving by 10% for the remainder of the year, if possible. There are more bills that can be adopted to help get us through the current crisis. Please take a look at the poster in the narthex. Although our current recession is making life more difficult for everyone, please consider making Galilee’s mission a high priority for your personal spending decisions.

House Meetings. Galilee and other congregations are foreseeing 1,000 house meetings in the fall in Minnesota, involving 10,000 persons. In this case, a house meeting is a gathering of 8 to 12 persons for some specific purpose. The purposes of these house meetings is to build community in our congregations and neighborhoods, as well as to listen to one another about our concerns about the church and society. We are looking for persons who are willing either to host a house meeting or facilitate one. There will be a training opportunity for house meeting facilitators on Thursday, September 2nd, at 7:00 pm at Arlington Hills United Methodist Church in Maplewood. If you are interesting in doing either or both of those functions, or if you are willing to attend the training opportunity, please talk to Ron Peterson or Pastor Ralph.

GLOW resumes September 22.

Galilee Strives to be Fragrance Free. Some of our members suffer health reactions to fragrances severe enough to send them to the hospital. This category includes shampoo, soap, lotions, cologne, perfume, – anything that contains fragrance. So it is hoped on Sunday mornings, as you come to worship, you will use “fragrance free” products.

COMING EVENT - - -

SEPTEMBER 12



RALLY SUNDAY



August 29 - September 4, 2010

Janet Christensen (Aug. 29)

Sarah Nottidge (Sept. 3)



Prayer Requests

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

Barb Arndt

Rollie Berg

Phyllis Johnson

Bruce Lee

Betty Link-Ettel

Arlene Lofstedt

David Lofstedt

Darla Nelson

Jacob Lemuel Taylor

Veniessia Taylor

Janice Johnson, Duane Haukebo's sister

Bill O'Keefe, Terry's oldest brother

Josh Kohn, O'Keefes' nephew-in-law

Mark Rein, nephew of Susan Loushin

Bonnie Durand, friend of Kathy Juneau

Family of Todd Anderson, father of Ellen Shores' friend

Karl & Vera Johnson

These prayer requests are also supported through Galilee's Prayer Circle.

We are delighted to pray for anyone and include their name on our prayer list, as well as mention them in the intercessions during Sunday worship. Please keep the church office informed about their status. We will keep these names on our prayer list for one month. If, on the other hand, you would like us to keep them on the prayer list for longer than a month, please let the church office know (651-488-6769) and we will gladly do so.

THIS WEEK AT GALILEE

Sunday – August 29, 2010

9:30 a.m. Galilee Worship Service
(Refreshments following service – need refreshments hosts!)

1:30-4:30 p.m. Efeso Church of God Worship Service

Tuesday – August 31

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday – September 2

10:45 a.m. Galilee Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Powder Puff Clown Club

Saturday – September 4

5:00-7:00 p.m. Efeso Bible Study

Sunday – September 5

9:30 a.m. Galilee Worship Service

1:30-4:30 p.m. Efeso Church of God Worship Service

Attendance on August 22, 2010

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