

Galilee

Evangelical Lutheran Church



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 5, 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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

9:30 a. m.

ELW Setting 9

September 5, 2010

Serving in Worship this morning:

Organist: **Tim Rand**; Lector: **Kathy Juneau**; Children's Story: **Elly Peterman**; Communion Assistants: **Florence Matadi, Christena Watson**; Altar Guild: **Kathy Juneau**; Ushers: **O'Keefes**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Three Short Organ Pieces

Johann Rinck

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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+ **GATHERING SONG**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

#853

+ **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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WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

PSALM 1 (tone 2, page 337)

They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹ do not wither;
everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so ¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: Philemon 1–21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in

Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

CHILDREN'S STORY

+ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia*

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+ **THE GOSPEL: Luke 14:25–33**

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.***

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

SERMON

Pastor Ralph Baumgartner

(A time of silence for reflection)

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, I Have Promised

#810

+ **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** *Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

+ **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.*

MEAL

OFFERING

Sehr massig

Johann Rinck

(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 in heaven* **Page 201**

COMMUNION (intinction) *Lamb of God* **Page 201**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Response: **Amen**

SENDING

+ BLESSING Response: **Amen**

+ SENDING SONG *Lift High the Cross* **#660**

+ DISMISSAL Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Laudes Domini* Kristina Langlois



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 around the altar in tables. After you are served the bread and wine, please wait until you are dismissed. (Grape juice is white and in the center ring.)

Daily Bread. This week we continue our reading and reflecting on the Scriptures and are focusing on the book of Acts, chapters 7 and 8.

Refreshments. Sincere “thanks” to Sonia Vicuña 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. We are grateful for the continuing generous response of the congregation to the shortfall in the budget. Last Sunday we received an additional \$568.00 towards some of our bills, and adding the amounts received the last two Sundays, we have received a total of \$2,261.33. Thank you for your support of Galilee’s mission! There are still some bills or portions of bills that can be adopted to help get us through the current shortfall. Please take a look at the poster in the narthex. We thank you for making your contributions to Galilee a high priority.

House meetings. Galilee and other congregations are foreseeing 1,000 house meetings in the fall in Minnesota, involving 10,000 persons. For our purposes, a house meeting is a gathering of 8 to 12 persons for a specific kind of conversation. The aim of these house meetings is to build community in our congregations and neighborhoods, as well as to listen to one another about our concerns with regard to both church and society. On September 2nd a number of persons from Galilee were trained to be facilitators of a house meeting. We are also looking for hosts of house meetings that can be convened in a person’s home, at church, or some other acceptable location. If you are willing to be a host, 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.

Loaves And Fishes Volunteer Recognition Picnic is Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 4:30-6:30 P.M. at the Como Park Midway Pavilion, St. Paul, Intersection of Horton Avenue, Como Avenue, and Midway Parkway. This is for anyone who has volunteered with Loaves and Fishes this year.

COMING EVENT - - -

RALLY SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 12

(following the worship service)



Everyone (*young and not-quite-as-young*) is invited to gather for a potluck luncheon, following our regular worship service on 9/12, to kick off the fall season when we resume Sunday School and Adult Forum.

Please sign up at the kiosk in the narthex indicating your intention to be there and what food you plan to bring for the potluck.

Committee sign-up sheets will be available on Rally Sunday.

We hope you can join us September 12!



September 5 – 11, 2010

Hailey Marx (7)
Jackie Nerud (8)
Dazhanea Taylor (8)
Kyariga Mwita (10)



Prayer Requests

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

Barb Arndt

Rollie Berg

Karl & Vera Johnson

Phyllis Johnson

Bruce Lee

Betty Link-Ettel

Arlene Lofstedt

David Lofstedt

Edith Londroche

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

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

THIS WEEK AT GALILEE

Sunday – September 5, 2010

- 9:30 a.m. Galilee Worship Service
(Refreshments following service)
- 1:30-4:30 p.m. Efeso Church of God Worship Service

Monday – September 6 – Labor Day

Tuesday – September 7

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. GLOW Planning Team

Thursday – September 9

- ..10:45 a.m. Galilee Bible Study
- 6:30 Church Council Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. St. Paul Clown Club

Saturday – September 11

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

Sunday – September 12 – RALLY SUNDAY



- 9:30 a.m. Galilee Worship Service
- 1:30-4:30 p.m. Efeso Church of God Worship Service

Attendance on August 29, 2010

Worship – 51