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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

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Holy Baptism

Hymn: *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

LSB 592

Stand

Invocation

The Holy Baptism of Treyslyn Phoebe Bender (p.268)

The Welcome

- P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
- C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Prayers

Divine Service III

Service of the Word

Kyrie (p.186)

Gloria in Excelsis (p.187)

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 (LSB 32) (responsively by whole verse)

Epistle: Romans 13:1-10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia (p.190)

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of My Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by

the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (p.191)

Sit

Office hymn: *My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker*

LSB 820

Sermon

Offertory (p.192)

Announcements

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

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Pax Domini

Agnus Dei (p.198)

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Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymns:

The Law of God Is Good and Wise

LSB 579

Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

LSB 773

Stand

Nunc Dimittus (p.199)

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Benedicamus & Benediction (p.201)

Hymn: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

LSB 924

Announcements

Remember in our Prayers:

- Mike Thompsons Mother.

Reminder:

St. John Council Meeting Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00pm

Bethlehem Council Meeting, Monday, September 14 at 7:00pm

Next Sunday, September 13, we will be served by Rev. Roger Moldenhauer while Pastor Schopp is on vacation. Pastor Schopp will be out of the office Sept 8-17.

There will be a **“Celebration of Life”** for Danny Freimund from 12:00 pm to 4:00pm, Saturday, September 12 at the Dorchester Park.

Bethlehem Sunday School starts next Sunday, Sept. 13, at 9:15am (after the service).

Bethlehem Bonfire and Mortgage Burning Saturday October 10, 2020 at 6:00pm A sub in a sack with chips, cookies and water will be provided. Lemonade packets will be available. Sign-up sheets available at both churches. Please sign up by Sunday September 27, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene at 715-383-0259. Thank you! Bethlehem Outreach and Capital Campaign

Confirmation Begins on Wednesday, Sept 23 at 6:30pm at St. John. As in years past, we will switch the location to Bethlehem in January.

St. John Bible Study begins on Sept 20th at 11:45am (after the service). We will resume our study of Exodus, which was so rudely interrupted by the COVID-19 lockdown.

Harvest Supper October 3, 2020 Signup sheets for workers, helpers etc are on the counter in the Narthex, some of members are signed up but check and find a spot/day which you can help. Donation slips will be available next Sunday. Tickets are available today give them to your friends, family, neighbors, coworkers etc. Encourage them to volunteer to take meals along for people who would usually come to the dining hall.

LWML Giving Tuesday - Two out of every three people do not know Jesus as their Savior. Lutheran Women in Mission is reaching out to a world in need of the Gospel through mission grants. You have the opportunity to help reach others with the saving Word of Jesus.

This year, LWML is celebrating **Giving Tuesday** on September 15. You may donate toward the 2019–2021 LWML Mission Goal by using LWML Facebook, lwml.org/givingtuesday. Your donation will be **doubled** on that day, thanks to the commitment of a generous donor. You can HELP by sharing on Giving Tuesday.

(If you are unable to donate online, you may send your contributions to the LWML office at 801 Seminary Place Suite L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. Be sure to note Giving Tuesday 2020 with your contribution.)

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but **His very body and blood to eat and drink** for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or **who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod**, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Teaching Points

Gloria in excelsis (GLOR-ee-ah in ex-SHELL-sis): Also known as the "greater doxology," this is the hymn of praise sung at the beginning of the Divine Service. It originates from the fourth century and has been in regular use for over a millennium. The canticle begins with the angel's song in Luke 2:14 and then continues with a hymn of praise to the Triune God, focusing chiefly on the saving work of Jesus, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." It is omitted during Advent and Lent, seasons of penitence.

From the Small Catechism

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special _____ which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of _____ sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you _____ anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not _____." *John 20:22-23*

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they _____ openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and _____ those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us _____.

Hint: The Small Catechism starts on p.321 in the LSB