



It's Time for the ACELC Conference!
8th Annual ACELC Free Conference
Kearney, MO, August 28-29, 2018

Christ for Us: Unionism & Syncretism

ACELC conferences address doctrinal and practical issues in the LCMS. This year, important and critical issues to be covered include the history of the LCMS in the Unionism/Syncretism debate/controversy, Christian compassion and civic prayer, cooperation in externals versus cooperation in holy things, and faithful service in challenging circumstances. The conference is a public service to all members of the LCMS. Anyone—lay or clergy—who is interested is invited and encouraged to attend.

Our speakers:

- Rev. Daniel Freeman – “Unionism & Syncretism: Who Cares?”
- Rev. Dr. Martin Noland – “Debate and Controversy in the History of the LCMS”
- Rev. Robert Morris – “Heretic? Hypocrite? Hero? Unionism and Syncretism in Light of St. Paul’s Pastoral Practice”
- Banquet Speaker – Rev. Clint Poppe – “Once in a Lifetime Events”
- Rev. Joel Brondos – “Addressing Unionism & Syncretism with Concord”
- Rev. Jonathan Lange – “Cooperio in Externa versus Communio in Sacris”
- Rev. Dean Kavouras – “Avoiding Unionism and Syncretism on the Streets”
- Rev. Jonathan Lange – “Two Kingdoms-Vocation: What We Should and Shouldn’t Do”

The annual business meeting of the ACELC congregations is on Thursday, August 30. The agenda includes election of three Board members.

Conference location: Trinity Lutheran Church
1715 South Jefferson, Kearney, Missouri
816-628-6644

The closest airport is Kansas City International (~ 25 miles).

Please check our website, *acelc.net*, for hotel information. (If you don't have access to the internet, call the ACELC conference coordinator, Gary Baker, 402-540-1916, for help.)

Cost: \$99 (\$124 for a couple), which includes the Banquet. If you would simply like to attend the Banquet, the cost is only \$25.

NOTE: 2017-18 seminary graduates, emeritus pastors, and pastors without calls are invited to register for the conference without cost, although you must bear the \$25 cost of attending the banquet.

Please register electronically at *acelc.net*; if you prefer hard copy there is also a downloadable form that can be mailed.

Hope to see you in Kearney!

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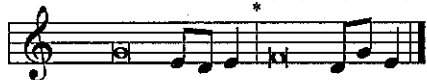
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Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

12 August 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b; antiphon: Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b*)



*God is in his holy habi- / tation;**

[he] settles the solitary / in a home.

The God of Israel—he | is the one*

who gives power and strength to his | people.

*God shall arise, his enemies shall be / scattered;**

and those who hate him shall flee be- / fore him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant | with joy!

*O God, when you went out before your / people,**

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the / needy.

Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*

God is our sal- | vation.

*Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

and to the Holy / Spirit;

*as it was in the be- / ginning,**

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

*God is in his holy habi- / tation;**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

GRADUAL (*Ps. 28:7b, 1a, 2a*)

*In [God] my heart trusts, and / I am helped;**

my heart exults, and with my song I give / thanks to him.

*To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not / deaf to me,**

hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to / you for help.

Old Testament: Genesis 4:1-15

'Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD."² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,⁴ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.⁵ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."⁶ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.⁷ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"⁸ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.⁹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.¹⁰ When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."¹¹ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear.¹² Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."¹³ Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

'And you were dead in the trespasses and sins² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

– Connection to the Old Testament Reading: Abel’s blood cries out for vengeance, the sprinkled blood of Christ speaks a better word (Hebrews 12:24).

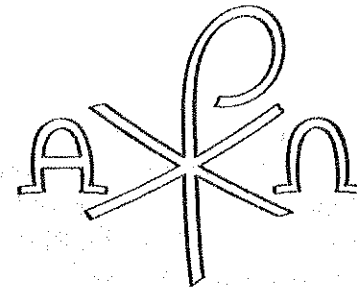
- This was not simply an outward act of piety or devotion – The tax collector truly believed what he said. He was truly repentant.

¹⁴ “I say to you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

- Rather than declaring himself righteous, like the Pharisee, the tax collector is declared righteous by God.
- Note how those who exalt are plural; he who humbles himself is singular.

– Most notable use is in Philippians 2. See also Matthew 11.

- Only the humble would pray for and receive God’s forgiveness, rather than boasting in their own works.



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Marcus Baikie

Collect of the Day:

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

Introit:

Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19;
antiphon: Psalm 68:5b, 6a, 35b – The God of Israel – He is the one who gives power and strength to His people

Psalm:

Psalm 50:7-23 (antiphon v. 14) –
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 4:1-15 – *Cain murders Abel*

Gradual:

Psalm 28:7b, 1a, 2a – *In God my heart trusts, and I am helped*

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 15:1-10 – *The fact of Christ’s resurrection*

Verse:

Psalm 90:1 – *Alleluia. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Alleluia.*



Luke 18:9-14 ESV

Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused Luke the physician to write the words of this Gospel around AD 55-60. In this parable, Jesus teaches about prayer and, as one author put it, “entry into the kingdom of God from a position of inferiority” (J. Noland, *Luke* 9:21–18:34, 874), as draws ever near to Jerusalem and the Cross, where He will lay down His life as an atoning sacrifice for sin.

⁹ But [Jesus] also said this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised the rest:

- “Trusted in themselves” – lit. “persuaded themselves” (*pepoithotas*).
– Rather the Christian’s trust is in the Lord.
- They believed that they were righteous in and of themselves before God.
- Note how “righteous”/“justified” bookends this text – at the beginning there are those who justify *themselves*, but in the end the tax collector is justified *by God*.

¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

- Consider that among the original audience, the Pharisee would immediately be seen as the hero, and the tax collector would be seen as the villain.

¹¹ “The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed these things: ‘O God, I thank you that I am not as the rest of mankind, robbers, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

- “Standing by himself” – the Pharisee, like those at the beginning of this account, “trusted in himself”, and so stood before God alone (without any Advocate, Savior, or Redeemer).
- “I thank you” – Greek: *eucharisto*. He focused solely on his sacrifice of praise rather than God’s work of propitiation for his sins.
- Consider how this Pharisee strongly resembles the older brother of Luke 15:25-30.

- “Not as the rest” – The Pharisee is setting himself apart as the only righteous man; this is ultimately an attack on Christ and His righteousness.
- Augustine – The Pharisee had no mind to pray to God, but to laud himself. (Augustine, *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church. First Series, Vol. 6. [1.6]. Sermon LXV, 455*)
- “He who prays for grace in this way does not rely upon God’s mercy and treats Christ with disrespect.” (*Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article V, 133*)

¹² “‘I fast twice a week, I pay tithes on all that I obtain.’

- These are typical acts of piety for a Jew, and yet more than what was commanded in the Old Testament.
- The Pharisee’s works are not the problem. These are fine, outward things. The problem is the Pharisee’s trust in those works.

¹³ “But the tax collector, standing at a distance, would not even lift his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

- The tax collector did not trust in himself, and so he stood far off, and begged that God would propitiate him.
- “Be merciful” – lit. “propitiate” (*hilastheti*). This means to be reconciled, to make atonement, to offer sacrifice for. Ultimately it means, “Justify me.”
– See 1 John 2:1-2.

– Term is tied to the Mercy Seat, which was sprinkled with the blood of the sin offering on the Day of the Atonement. The sprinkled blood pointed forward to Jesus’ sacrifice upon the Cross. By His death, Jesus made atonement—the justifying sacrifice—and entered the heavenly sanctuary with His blood (Hebrews 9:11-14), opening the way for believers to enter into God’s presence (Hebrews 6:20).

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is currently on Summer Break! We will resume classes for children and youth on Sundays & Wednesdays after Labor Day.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 8/12 Tammy LeBeau 8/13 Ryan Bohl 8/14 Darrel Bullard, Freida Nelson 8/17 Karen Bauman

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 8/14 Glen Krueger 8/15 Aaron Latta, Bill Novak, Zach Zimmerman 8/16 Brad Bosle

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 8/12 Derek & Amanda Zeisler 8/14 Bill & Lisa Novak

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex August 12-September 22, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

MEMBERS: Now that we have a new Fellowship Hall, the Trustees are seeking comments so we can maintain the church and its appearance as efficiently as possible. Please put your written comments, along with your signature, in Gary Ockinga's mailbox by Friday, August 31st.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL SCHEDULE:

Due to low numbers of children and teachers, we may not have Sunday School this school year. We are in need of individuals to teach Sunday School on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping or plan to have your children attend, please let Brenda Christensen know. Thank You!

LIFEQUOTE "When the end of life is near, may we be willing to speak up for those who are the most vulnerable here as well. States across this nation are considering legalizing assisted suicide. We have a voice. We need to use it! Do not let the voice of the evil one be the most vocal. Be voices For Life!" *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: A Military History of Islam and the West, Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, Old Testament Prophet Isaac, 17th Century Lutheran Theologian Johann Gerhard, 11th Century Hymnwriter & Theologian Bernard of Clairvaux and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Trinity XI)

Luke 18:11-12 - "The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men ... I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'" The Pharisee has surely missed the point of tithing! We can't earn "Brownie points" with God, and we certainly can't put Him in our debt. Our giving to the Lord's work proceeds from a thankful heart full of God's own generosity, not our own pride.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 12th
8:00am & 10:30am



Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift. . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

All Guests should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Harlan Wherley + Family of LeRoy Thom + Family of Ward Fitzke + Family of Jan Callan + Family of Dan Warnings + Family of Mark Zimmerman **Expecting** + Erica Siebert + Kayla Reutzel + Jessica (Jay Jay) Morgan **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Tammy Rodriguez + Ramona Holtzen + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Rodney Rosc + Carol Smith + Randy Russell + Jesse Beran **Cancer** + Barbara Classan + Brenda Christensen + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay
 Organist: Rebekah Pobanz Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
 Acolytes: 8/12 8:00am James Ellis 10:30am Hunter Fowler
 8/19 8:00am Micah Mackay 10:30am Violet Nunnenkamp
 Altar Guild: Aug: Diane G., Diane S. Sept: Laurie S., Tonda W.
 Ushers: 8:00am Dale B., Roger B. 10:30am Fane, Gwen, Brandt R.
 Elders: 8/12 Don N. 402-460-6430 8/19 Dale G. 308-641-6658
 Bus Drivers: 8/12 Gary O. 402-469-9797 8/19 Mike N. 402-460-6430

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Sunday's Attendance</u>	105	<u>Year to Date Attendance</u>	154
<u>Last Sunday's Offering</u>	\$ 5,931.00	<u>Jan-June Income</u>	\$ 77,105.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-June Expense</u>	\$ 101,420.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-May Income</u>	\$ 34,408.00
<u>May '18 Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 195,555.00

A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Contact our Treasurer, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com

The Lord's Week

Sunday, August 12th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Class
	10:30am	Divine Service
Monday, August 13th	9:30am	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
Tuesday, August 14th	6:00pm	Trustees & Elders Meetings
Wednesday, August 15th	7:00pm	Clean Kitchen- Groups
Thursday, August 16th	6:30pm	Ladies Night
Sunday, August 19th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Class
	10:30am	Divine Service

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly

"And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard" (Gen. 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, *"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"* was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast"* (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, *"everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*



DIVINE SERVICE
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 Pax Domini & Agnus Dei
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 Hymn #847
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 Postlude