



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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Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

19 August 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1-2a*)



*Make haste, O God, to de- / liver me!**

O LORD, make haste to / help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- / fusion*

who / seek my life!

*Let them be / turned back**

and brought to dishonor who de- / sire my hurt!

May all who seek / you rejoice*

and be / glad in you!

*You are my help and my de- / liverer;**

O LORD, do / not delay!

*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.

*Make haste, O God, to de- / liver me!**

O LORD, make haste to / help me!

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL (*Ps. 34:1-2*)

*I will bless the LORD at / all times;**

his praise shall continually be / in my mouth.

*My soul makes its boast / in the LORD;**

let the humble hear / and be glad.

Old Testament:

Isaiah 29:17-24

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, ²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. ²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. ²³For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. ²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."

Epistle: Romans 10:9-16

⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."¹² For there is

no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

- “Plainly” – literally “rightly” (*orthos*). Having had his tongue released by Jesus, the man was now able to speak rightly. So also we, whose lips are opened by the Lord, now confess and praise Him rightly (orthodoxy).

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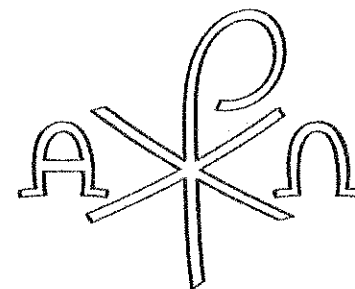
- Again, Jesus charges them with secrecy lest He be kept from His ultimate purpose: suffering and dying on the cross. Now that Christ has died and is risen and ascended, the Good News of Jesus Christ is to be proclaimed to all nations (Matthew 28:18-20), for it is only through the hearing of the Gospel that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:8-17)

³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

- “He has done all things well” – could also be translated “made all things well”. This summarizes all of Jesus’ work, and especially His death and resurrection. By His blood we are made well unto everlasting life.
- Thus the words of the Old Testament reading from Isaiah 29 are fulfilled in Christ. The ears of the deaf man were opened to hear the words of a book (that is, the Scriptures), and the people who witnessed it “sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and...stand in awe of the God of Israel.” (Isaiah 29:18, 23)



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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Marcus Baikie

Collect of the Day:

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Introit:

Psalm 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Psalm 70:1-2a – *Make hast, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!*

Psalm:

Psalm 146 – *Praise the LORD, O my soul!*

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 29:17-24 – *In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book*

Gradual:

Psalm 34:1-2 – *I will bless the LORD at all times*

Epistle:

2 Corinthians 3:4-11 – *The ministry of condemnation and the ministry of righteousness*

Verse:

Psalm 81:1 – *Alleluia. Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Alleluia.*

Mark 7:31-37 ESV

Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused John Mark to write the words of this Gospel around AD 50-60. This text takes place during Jesus' ministry, after the healing of the Syrophenician woman's daughter (7:24-30) and before the feeding of the 4000 in the wilderness (8:1-10). The account of this miracle is only found in Mark's Gospel, though Matthew writes in general of Jesus healing "the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others" between his accounts of the healing of the woman's daughter and the feeding of the 4000 (15:29-31).

³¹ Then [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

- The Decapolis was ten cities of Greek and Roman culture, east of the Jordan River and southeast of the Sea of Galilee, in an otherwise Semitic region.
- "Then" – literally "And again". This may refer back to Mark 5:1-20. Jesus healed a man with an unclean spirit in the region of the Gerasenes. He sent the demon (named "Legion", for they were many) into a herd of pigs. When the former demoniac was found by the townspeople to be healed, they were afraid and begged Jesus to depart from their region. The man, however, went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. Thus the testimony of the man healed by Christ bore fruit. Faith was created through the Word, and so those who heard of Jesus brought another man to Him to be healed.

³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

- Though it is not explicitly stated in the text, the fact that this man had a speech impediment implies that he had been deaf since birth.

³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.

- Jesus takes this man away from the crowd to Himself in order to avoid any misconceptions about the purpose of His coming. As He will soon teach His disciples, "the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and scribes

and be killed, and after three days rise again." (Mark 8:31) Nothing, not even the spread of His power to heal, could be permitted to keep Him from the cross.

- This act of Jesus testifies to His incarnation in human flesh. He did not remain in heaven to heal from afar, but came to earth with flesh and bone fingers that could be put into ears and saliva glands and tongue that could spit. Perhaps He used these physical acts to teach the man what He was about to do, since, being deaf, he would not be able to hear Jesus' speak.
- Christ continues to work through physical means today, as He forgives through water in Holy Baptism and bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar.

³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

- Jesus sighed as an expression of His compassion for this poor man. He is moved by his condition. This is characteristic of Mark's Gospel, who often writes of Jesus' emotions (see Mark 1:41, 3:5, 10:14, 10:21, 14:33).
- "Ephphatha" is an Aramaic word that Mark translated into Greek. This word was used in early Christian baptismal liturgies, as the Holy Spirit, through the Word, opened the baptized's ears to hear God's Word and mouth to confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Consider also the opening versicles in the offices of Matins and Vespers, from Psalm 51:15: "O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise."
- Thus Jesus did not simply act, but spoke. The miracle of healing was accomplished through the Word, accompanied by physical action. Consider the Small Catechism: "How can water do such great things? Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things..." and "How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'"

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: 8/20 Zoe LeBeau, Laurie Swanson, Andrea Troutt 8/21 Matthew Lundquist 8/22 Lisa Zimmerman 8/23 Anna Ellis 8/24 Lydia Wolfe 8/25 Bill Novak

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 8/19 Diane Gundlach 8/20 Micah Mackay 8/21 Ryan Bohl, Naomi Leising 8/22 Briana Lundquist, Matthew Lundquist, Nathaniel Reiners 8/24 Isaac Russell 8/25 Janelle Ham

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 8/22 Dale & Liza Grotelueschen

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.

Men's Steak Night, Monday, Sept. 10th 6:00p
Wednesday Family Night Calendar -Pantry items needed!
Share Garden Produce - card table, Narthex. Thanks!

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 "Whom can you encourage today? Think of lonely hearts that need the encouragement of the presence of their Savior. Tell those who are worried about the future that you are praying for them and that God has good plans for them. And don't forget the simple fact that just listening to others and letting them know you care may be all they need. Listen to your Savior encouraging you in His Word and you will be well prepared to encourage others." *Rev. Jonathan M. Kruschel, St. John Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org

DECLARING THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Marriage & Divorce, Responding to Roman Catholicism's Claim of an Infallible Magisterium, An Introduction to Isaiah, Jesus Teaches About an Unforgiving Servant and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Trinity XII)

Mark 7:37 - "And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, 'He has done all things well.'" When God created the world it was "very good." And here Jesus does all things well. God is always blessing, always seeking our good. We know this is so ... but we still struggle to believe it: for if we really believed it, why would we ever do anything contrary to God's will and Law? We know that everything He tells us to do is for our good ... and yet we struggle in the weakness of the flesh. Lord we believe, help our unbelief!

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

August 19th
8:00am & 10:30am



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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 Warrings + Family of Mark Zimmerman Expecting + Erica Siebert + Kayla Reutzell + Jessica (Jay Jay) Morgan Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Tammy Rodriguez + Ramona Holtzen + Deb Johnson + Al Kress Health Issues + Rodney Rose + Carol Smith + Randy Russell 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: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
 Acolytes: 8/19 8:00am Micah Mackay 10:30am Violet Nunnenkamp
 8/26 8:00am Merrick Russell 10:30am Annalicia Potter
 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: 8/19 Dale G. 308-641-6658 8/26 Don N. 402-460-6430
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Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Sunday's Attendance</u>	111	<u>Year to Date Attendance</u>	153
<u>Last Sunday's Offering</u>	\$ 1,883.62	<u>Jan-July Income</u>	\$ 93,583.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-July Expense</u>	\$ 116,438.00

OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Loan Balance as of July, 2018 \$ 194,213.00

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

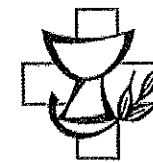
The Lord's Week

Sunday, August 19th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Class
	10:30am	Divine Service
Wednesday, August 22nd	2:00pm	Calling & Caring
Sunday, August 26th	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 peace.lutheran.hastings@gmail.com

Faith Comes from Hearing

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31-37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For "faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:9-17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4-11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing "Ephphatha" opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, "In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book" (Is. 29:18-24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.



DIVINE SERVICE
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