



This past week we held Vacation Bible School here at Peace. We would like to thank the 31 dedicated Volunteers that gave of their time to make this a place where children learned that “God’s promises are Yes in Jesus!”

31 Children were enrolled. Please take a look at the photos on the doors of the Fellowship Hall.

Rev. David Preus, the missionary we help support in the Dominican Republic, was selected as our VBS Mission Project. \$262.20 was collected at VBS to send to this missionary.

Thanks again to all of our Volunteers.

Joan Primrose, Coordinator

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

24 June 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 27:3-4a, 5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1-2*)



*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?**

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,*

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.

*Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;**

though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life.

*For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;**

*he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high
up- | on a rock.*

*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.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

*O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all
godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

GRADUAL (*Ps. 79:9-10a*)

*Atone for our sins, for your | name's sake!**

Why should the nations say, "Where | is their God?"

*Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,**

for the glory of your name de- | liver us.

Old Testament:

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."

And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Epistle: Romans 8:18-23

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the

freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:36-42

³⁶[Jesus said:] "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." ³⁹He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴²How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

- “Here Christ relates this figure of speech to us, lest we be displeased or hurt when we must suffer something in the world for His sake and together with Him. He wants to say: “I am your Master; you are My servants. Why do you want a better fate than Mine?” It is incongruous for the Head to wear a crown of thorns and the members to sit on a velvet cushion. Thus Christ also declares in Luke 6:40: ‘A disciple is not above his master; but everyone, when he is fully taught, will be like his teacher.’ This is both right and proper, and he who experiences both good and bad in his master’s company is a true and faithful servant.” (*Luther’s Works* 24:278)

⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

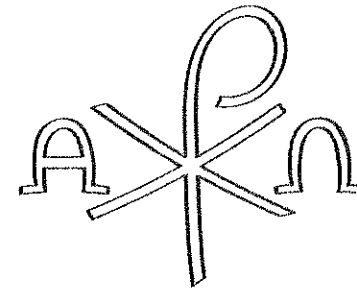
- The word translated “notice” means to consider diligently in order to learn.
- It’s not that the brother’s eye is ignored, rather just the opposite: one’s own eye is ignored. The neighbor’s sin is a call to repent.

⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

- Hypocrite – refers to one who would seek his salvation in legalism. The hypocrite is the one who would presume to lead blind men when he himself is also blind.
- The word “hypocrite” is used two other times in Luke: of the crowd who did not know how to interpret the present time (12:1) and of the synagogue ruler regarding the Sabbath (13:15).



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Marcus Baikie

Collect of the Day:

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit:

Psalm 27:3-4a (antiphon: Psalm 27:1-2) – *The LORD is my light and salvation*

Psalm:

Psalm 138 (antiphon: v. 8b) – *Give thanks to the LORD*

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 50:15-21 – *God’s good purposes*

Gradual:

Psalm 79:9-10a – *Atone for our sins, for your name’s sake*

Epistle:

Romans 8:18-23 – *Future glory*

Verse:

Psalm 9:4b, 9 – *Alleluia. You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Alleluia.*

Luke 6:36-42 ESV

Author and Date:

Luke around AD 55-60. This teaching is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain (6:17-49).

³⁶ "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

- The word translated "merciful" stresses the sympathy and pity shown to the unfortunate and needy (a major focus in Luke's Gospel). It is used only here and in James 5:11 – "Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful."
- As children of the heavenly Father, one imitates the Father's mercy. This is all expressed in the name "Christian".
- Cf., "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
- "The Lord God does not need our services; they make Him neither greater nor smaller. However, He has placed our neighbor beside us as a test; He wishes to test us to see if in our hearts we love our neighbor. In fact, the Lord God has so inseparably fastened love of him to the love of one's neighbor that in this gospel Christ expressly states that, if we forget love and compassion for our neighbor, and frivolously judge and condemn him, then He will judge and condemn us. God will not be merciful toward anyone who is not merciful toward his neighbor (James 2:13): 'For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.'" (Johann Gerhard, *Postilla* 2:51)

³⁷ Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;

- Four passive verbs are used ("be judged", "be condemned", "be forgiven", "be given"). God is the subject of these verbs.
- This flows right out of the previous verse – all you do begins with the mercy that has been shown to you. The subsequent verses explain how one is to be merciful in the world.
- "Christ preaches repentance when He says, 'Forgive,' and He adds the promise, 'and you will be forgiven'. He does not say that when we forgive we merit the forgiveness of sins by our outward act (*ex opere operato*) as they term it. But He requires a new life, which certainly is necessary." (*Apology to the Augsburg Confession IV: 259*)

- "For God forgives freely and without condition, out of pure grace, because He has so promised, as the Gospel teaches. But God says this ["as we forgive those who trespass against us"] in order that He may establish forgiveness as our confirmation and assurance, as a sign alongside of the promise, which agrees with this prayer in Luke 6:37, 'Forgive, and you will be forgiven.'" (Large Catechism, Lord's Prayer, Fifth Petition, paragraph 96)

- "Therefore 'judge not'. Do not be quick to condemn what you hear or see. For the fault is perhaps in you that you do not see rightly what does not seem right to you." (*Luther's Works* 11:32)

³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

- Note that this is in stark contrast to how Israel and Judah distributed grain (Amos 8:4-6, Micah 6:9-12).
- "Keep the poor in mind. I say this to all of you. Give alms, my brothers and sisters, and you won't lose what you give. Trust God." (Augustine, Sermon 376A.3)

³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?"

- Jesus phrases the first question to elicit the answer "no" and the second the answer "yes".
- "Truly the good and worthy Spirit, knowing that the whole welfare of the common people depends on the right instruction of the leaders, teaches them first in a friendly and fatherly way, so that they yield to His mind and are all the more ready to be instructed; for they do not direct their own affairs but the matters of all those under them, and they cannot make mistakes without harming the whole people. As it is written: 'A blind man leads a blind man, and both fall into a pit.'" (*Luther's Works* 14:341)

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: 6/24 Carolyn Fredricks
6/26 Ronda Johnson 6/28 Joyce Giese 6/29 Michaela Nissen
6/30 Bobbie Bosle

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 6/24 Sawyer Blackwell,
Ryder Hammond 6/25 Kathy Hromadka 6/28 LeRoy Thom
6/29 Brooklyn Boutin 6/30 Judy Harms, Kara Nissen, Ryan
Nissen

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 6/24 Tom & Kari Wolfe
6/29 Ernesto & Bertha Alvidrez 6/30 Jared & Katie Blackwell,
Gary & Kathy Hromadka

NOTE: Tucker & Paula Kehoe New Address: 5 Clophill,
Bella Vista, AR 72714

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex May 20-June 30, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

L.W.M.L. BUCKET: A Mite Collection is requested to help meet our goal by June 30th and will go to support various missions chosen by our South District.

LADIES: Monday, July 9th at 9:30am please plan to help us assemble Layettes for Orphan Grain Train. Thanks!

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 Tuesday, July 31st.

LIFEQUOTE "When we see the young woman in a crisis pregnancy ... vulnerable, helpless, feeling destined to make only one choice—we are compelled to speak and defend and help because it is the *Christ* thing to do ... We lift her up and offer Christ's compassion in real, practical ways." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org

LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Trinity IV - and Nativity of St. John the Baptist)

Luke 6:40 - "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher." This statement is the key to understanding all of sanctification (how we are made holy): it starts with Jesus. He has redeemed us by His sacrifice on the cross, and now we are to follow Him. We are to grow into the image of God, to be like our Teacher, Lord, and King Jesus. We learn generosity from the one who gave His all for our sakes. How is the Lord calling you to imitate His generosity in your callings in home, church, and society?

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

June 24th
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 must 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

Holy Matrimony + Joel & Mary Davis Mourning + Family of Alice LeBeau Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Ramona Holtzen + Mary Fredericks + LeRoy Thom + Viola Melvin + Harlan Wherley + Allen Glathar + Deb Johnson + Delores Keenan + Janice Callan + Kay Krueger + Carol Krause + Al Kress Health Issues + Carol Smith + June Rose + Randy Russell + Jesse Beran Cancer + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston Military + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jack Kirk, CDR & Chaplain, U. S. Navy, Retired
Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
Acolytes: 6/24 8:00am James Ellis 10:30am Annalicia Potter
7/01 8:00am Violet Nummenkamp 10:30am Allie Janssen
Altar Guild: June: Karen B., Lisa N. July: Jena M., Brenda C.
Ushers: 8:00am Dale B., Craig W. 10:30am Ron F., Don N.
Elders: 6/24 Wes C. 402-984-4650 7/01 Dale E. 402-469-4191
Bus Drivers: 6/24 Harold H. 402-984-9666 7/01 Mike N. 402-469-4838

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Sunday Attendance</u>	137	<u>Sunday Year to Date Attendance</u>	124
<u>Last Sunday Offering</u>	\$ 3,175.26	<u>Jan-May Income</u>	\$ 89,108.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-May Expense</u>	\$ 88,001.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-May Income</u>	\$ 32,158.43
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 202,433.21

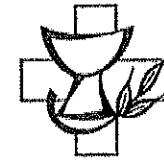
The Lord's Week

Sunday, June 24th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Class
	10:30am	Divine Service
Wednesday, June 27th	2:30am	Calling & Caring
Sunday, July 1st	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

Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, *"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay"* (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).



DIVINE SERVICE
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