



“The Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath” Mark 2:28

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2009

Alleluia. Your Word is a lamp to my feet and light for my path. Alleluia.

GREETINGS and WELCOME to **Brooklyn Lutheran Church.**

VISITORS please sign the guest book.

Come and worship with us again soon!

Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.

Prayer Before Worship: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray that You would open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen

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ORDER OF SERVICE: Morning Praise, Page 45

PRAYER FOR THE DAY—Spoken by all together.

O Lord God, You rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (Page 282)

It is not mere idleness that is enjoined in the third commandment. The ultimate purpose of the Sabbath is the contemplation of God's mighty works and acts. He made us and not we ourselves; He saved us by His mighty and outstretched arm.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 126 (Page 113)

There is no better response to His saving acts than to acknowledge them and worship Him for them in the company of the saints.

Gospel: Mark 2:22-28 (Page 1555)

The Pharisees missed all of the joy that God wanted to give them on the Sabbath. And why? They did not really listen to the law they professed to know and love so well, nor to God's own commentary on it in the example of David. Their purpose was to concentrate on their own doing and not doing. God's purpose was to focus our attention on Him and on His work for us. If we, like them, despise His Word, we too will miss its saving benefit and without that Word fall into error and unbelief.

SERMON: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 (Page 1798)

Fix Your Eyes of Faith On Things Eternal!

When you do, you will—

- ✕ Believe and Speak About Things Eternal.
- ✕ Work Through Troubles to Eternal Life.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for the week:

“Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath”

June Offering Counters: D. Gabrielson, A. Boyd

Mon. 8:20 Softball at Evergreen N. vs. Holy Trinity

Tues. 3:00 Prairie Lodge
7:00 Council
7:00 Vision Task Force (VTF)

Wed 6:30 Lawn Mowing: Carstensen, Steinbach

Fri. 9:00 Bible Class

Next Sun. - 6:30am Time of Grace, TV ch 9
9:00 Worship

If you can't make it to worship here on Sundays, remember that there are evening Services at Redeemer, Maple Grove and Cross of Christ, Coon Rapids on Monday, 7:00.

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 77

Offering: \$3162.00;

Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,565**

FELLOWSHIP

If you ever had any doubt, pastors DO like to get together and talk! Several times a year your pastor attends conferences and circuit meetings of Minnesota District pastors. We talk, share ideas, get to know one another better, and just in general enjoy the fellowship of Christian brothers in the ministry. Furthermore, Pastor Holub has gotten to know two WELS gentlemen with whom he plays senior softball – one a former grade school principal now living in New Ulm, the other a lifelong Sunday School teacher from one of our four churches in the Goodhue area. There are probably other senior WELS softball players he is not yet aware of.

But Church Fellowship is more than just getting to know one another. It is more than sitting down with each other over coffee or a meal. When we talk about fellowship in the church, we mean we share the same faith in Jesus, our Savior, the same trust in the Sacraments, and more. In fact, it means we hold to the same faith in everything the Bible tells us because it is God's Word. This applies to our members, as well as pastors.

What are the blessings of having the same faith? Here are a few:

*Knowing that when we have sinned and asked for forgiveness, our fellow believers' words of forgiveness are as real as if Christ Himself said them.

*Having voters' meetings and synod conventions that focus on how to carry out God's work, instead of whether a certain part of God's Word is true or not.

*Believing the same thing and enjoying true “communion” (a joining together in faith with Christ) at the Lord's Supper.

*Reaching out to others with one truth instead of several “opinions.”

Back to senior softball – one of the men Pastor plays with is a former WELS member, now in another Lutheran church body. He is a very pleasant man, and pastor's heart goes out to him. When his congregation was recently interviewing pastors to call to their church, they asked such questions as: “Do you believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Do you believe God created the world in six days? Do you believe the whole Bible is God's inerrant Word?” What a blessing it is to not have to ask our called workers these questions! We already know what they believe because “they are part of our blessed fellowship in Christ!”

A sad part of our fellowship right now is having more than 20 MLC teacher grads and nearly a dozen seminary grads wanting and waiting for a call into the public ministry, where they might share what we all believe. Pray, give, and work, for the fields are white unto harvest, and souls without Christian faith are passing into eternal hell. Live with your eyes set on the eternal! It will greatly change your perspective on this life!

Brooklyn Bridge School recessed for the summer after classes Friday. There are about 20 enrollees already for fall, with M/W/F morning the runaway favorite, with nine signed up. Pray for full enrollment again next year with numbers maxed out in each class. The preschool appears to have the funds on hand to make it through the summer after which more registrations and tuition will be forthcoming. We are grateful that most parents were able to stay employed this past school year toward paying the tuition.

Vacation Bible School will be the week of August 10-14. The theme of VBS this year is "DIVE IN," a course from our Northwestern Publishing House. Who do you know could attend? Could you work on our staff as a teacher? Aide? Art craft worker? Or snack server?

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Convention meets next week (Thursday – Sunday, June 25-28) in Denver. Four will represent our congregation at the gathering. In view of the current economic climate, these ladies' prayers, volunteer endeavors, and offerings will be all the more important toward WELS spreading the Gospel of salvation in Christ.

Hmong Outreach is scheduled to begin next month from our church on a limited basis. **Neng Vang** is a Pastoral Studies Institute seminarian under Rev. Leon Piepenbrink in St. Paul. He is in his early forties, with a wife and no children. His work in Brooklyn Park will provide him field experience with little financial remuneration, at least at this time, because of Synod's financial state. A term used often for this kind of work is "tent ministry" – after the way St. Paul in many communities burned the midnight oil making tents to support himself for the more important work of evangelism outreach during the day.

Our Church landscape sends a message to the community about us. Volunteer-sign up today to help water flowers midweek or weekends, once or twice a month.

Brooklyn Lutheran Church to Host Community Health Screening

Brooklyn Lutheran is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on Thursday June 18, 2009. Screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; and atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$149. All four screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-800-324-1851, HSC code; HSC6588, for more information or to pre-register.

A Fellowship will be held after each summer Sunday morning Service. If you can serve one of these Sundays, there is a sign up sheet by the bulletin board. Week by week donations will be gathered for our Thrivent matching fund project this year-replacing landscape in center islands and on corner or if we have more money, we will put it towards parking lot pavement work.

The **flowers on the altar** were given in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 26th wedding anniversary by Brian and Lisa Larson. We thank them for beautifying our Service with flowers.

Old Meditations—Please bring them back for prison ministry. There is a box on the table by the bulletin board.



*Brooklyn Evangelical
Lutheran Church*

Our Mission:

*We exist to use the
Gospel of Christ to
win the lost and to
nurture
believers, all to the
glory of God.*



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As we begin another week, In Jesus' name your grace we seek.
God, grant that through these seven days No evil may befall our ways.

Your gentle blessings, Lord, outpour On all our labors evermore.
Out hearts with your good Spirit fill That we may gladly do your will.

In ev'ry season, ev'ry place, May we recall your Word of grace
Until, when life's brief day is past, We reach eternal joy at last

And keep with angels in your rest The endless Sabbath of the blest.
Grant this to us through Christ, your Son, Who reigns with you upon your throne.

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Fight the good fight With all your might; Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race Through God's good grace; Life up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the Prize.

Cast care aside, Lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear; His arms are near. He changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see That Christ is Lord eternally.

#218

Then the glory Then the rest Then the Sabbath peace unbroken
Then the garden Then the throne Then the crystal river flowing
Then the splendor Then the life Then the new creation singing
Then the marriage Then the love Then the feast of joy unending
Then the knowing Then the light Then the ultimate adventure
Then the Spirit's harvest gathered Then the Lamb in majesty
Then the Father's Amen Then Then Then.

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There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Ho — ly One.

REFRAIN:

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
And leaving your spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

REFRAIN

When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place

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