



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2009

Alleluia. He who finds a wife (or husband) finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord. Proverbs 18:22
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: Dear Lord, we join with couples married here and elsewhere, who are with us this morning, in thanking You for years of blessings on their marriage. Be with them in the future as You have been in the past, and continue to fill their hearts and their home with Your Love. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: CW 622

ORDER OF SERVICE: Morning Service, Page 45

First Lesson: *Genesis 24:1-4, 10-21, 53-67 (Page 33)*

Some may find the way Isaac got his wife very romantic. Others, anything but. Young Rebekah's simple pledge "I will go," leads to a life long commitment to a man she has never met who lives 500 miles from home.

Second Lesson: *Ephesians 5:22-33 (Page 1823)*

Here is the foundation for Christian marriage!: patterned after the loving relationship between Christ and His "bride" the Holy Christian Church.

Gospel: *Matthew 7:24-27 (Page 1506)*

The Christian builds his life for time and eternity on Christ the Rock. Christian couples likewise build an enduring marriage and home that will survive the storms of life on the rock of faith they share in Christ.

HYMN: CW 503

SERMON: *John 15:9-17 (Page 1677)*

Jesus Commands You To Love - Joyfully

- ✘ Remember God's Special Love For You.
- ✘ Show That Same Love To Others.

TE DEUM: Page 48 in front of hymnal.

OFFERING

RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

Today we wish to celebrate marriages and weddings performed both here and anywhere. We rejoice in the continuing love between husband and wife, as you renew your vows to each other. We thank God for the love and joy which you have known, and the strength of your union with which you have been blessed. Today you declare publicly before God, family, and friends your special love and reaffirm your ongoing and lasting commitment as partners in life. You will declare that in spite of the difficulties and hardships of life, that with God's help you will continue to love and be faithful to one another. You again commit yourselves to a love for one another that involves the total giving of yourselves. You covenant to accept each other totally, creating a safe and loving space for each other to grow as individuals and partners and to mature in faith. You make this covenant today before God, the Creator of the life that you share, and the Giver of that special love that you have for each other.

Please join your right hands and facing the front wall read together the words printed there for us to follow:

Though it seems like yesterday, it has been considerable time since I first pledged by engagement my commitment to the one standing beside me. Then on our wedding day I pledged to "Be faithful... cherish...support... and help." We have been through a lot together – laughter and tears, joy and sorrow. Before God and this dear one I confess that at times I have put others, including myself, first. I have done things I am not proud of. I have often been wrong and wronged the most precious person God has given me in life. For all these sins I ask forgiveness from God and the person with whom I am holding hands. I am here today to move forward with a renewed commitment to our lives together.

Now face one another and repeat after me – beginning with "I (and speak your name)....."

With God's help move forward / with a renewed commitment to you / I pledge my love and life to you / I promise to be here for you / in sickness and in health / in middle age and old age / in good and bad days / as long as we both shall live. / I will be your supporter / your confidant, and your best friend, / as we continue our walk together / unto eternal life with Christ and all the saints in heaven.

SOLO: "Love In Christ"

May that special love you now share continue to grow and blossom in years to come and be sustained by Word and Sacrament, by the encouragement of family and friends, and this commitment you have made again this day!

The Lord bless each pair of you and keep you to Himself unto eternal life..

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you in the years remaining for you together.

The Lord look on each couple with favor and give you His peace. Amen.

We pray also with those who have been married and lost their spouse to death:

Eternal God, You have taken from me something that can never be replaced. You have taken away a part of me. But You are good. And even as You in goodness gave me my spouse, so in Your wisdom You have called my loved out of this world. What a friend I have in You, Jesus! You will be with me always and have assured of a happy reunion for all believers in heaven one day. Comfort me with this knowledge. Amen.

We pray also with those single who would welcome marriage and with those who are committed to single life:

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Love of my soul and will never leave me nor forsake me. Your tender mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and Your truth endures to all generations. When it pleases You, give me the love of one who will pattern his/her love after Yours, and then give me the grace to do the same. If it is Your will that I remain single, as it may well seem from my life history and aptitude, then give me grace to serve You and my neighbor with the life you have given me, until I join the Bride, Your Church, in heaven's home. Amen.

HYMN CW 773 (inserted and projected)

LORD'S PRAYER (contemporary version)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN CW 505

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for the week: “Learn From the Master Teacher”

August Offering Counters:

D. Glodowski, K. Graen

Today **9:00** **Worship:** Celebrating 50 years of weddings Fellowship following the Service.

Mon.—Fri. 9:00—11:30 Vacation Bible School

Mon. Wise Penny Work Day

Wed 6:30 Lawn Mowing:
S. Deuth, R. Lucht, K. Graen
6:30 Work Night at West Lutheran.

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

9:00 VBS Closing Service and Church Picnic, bring a dish to pass. Pop, meat and buns are provided. Join us for this time of fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We have great seats for the **Twins' Thrivent Night game**, 7pm, on August 26th against the Baltimore Orioles! They are in section 224 right behind home plate in the upper deck. Please pay Pastor or Jean the \$17 per ticket. A few of the 25 tickets are still unspoken for.

West Work Night this Wednesday, beginning at 6:30pm. Come help get the school ready inside and out for opening with 29 eager Freshman on Monday, August 31. If you have not seen the new corner parking lot, this would be a good opportunity to see the nearly completed project.

Forward In Christ (August issue) features the second of six installments on the topic of marriage. Other features include the graduates from MLC and still another confession of new found faith in the fellowship of our WELS. Find out why others love your church body! Pick up your copy today from the mailbox tray.

Before you visit with friends, make a point to greet and introduce yourself to someone you don't know in attendance today!



Vacation Bible School will begin tomorrow at 9:00—11:30 am. The theme of VBS this year is “DIVE IN,” a course from our Northwestern Publishing House.
In Dive In!

The students will learn:

- That God promised and sent a Savior from sin.
- That God gives us His powerful Word to fight the temptation of the devil.
- That Jesus lived a perfect life, died, and came back to life to save sinners.
- That God protects us and gives us what we need.
- That we serve God by helping others/the story of Jonathan helping David.

Who do you know could attend? Could you work on our staff as a teacher? Aide? Art craft worker? Or snack server?

Please contact Katie Koch or Pastor if you can help in any way. Registration sheets are 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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