

*As for me and my family, we will serve*



## **THE LORD**

### **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** September 6, 2009

**Alleluia! Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Alleluia!**

**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 to ushers.

**Prayer Before Worship:** Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for using Your Word and Sacraments to give me life through Your Holy Spirit. Grant that I may never grieve Your Spirit by indifference or stubbornness, but humbly accept His gracious work in me. Amen

**HYMNS: 556 506 403 356**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:**

Service of the Word and Sacrament-Page 26

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY—Spoken by all together.**

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 🎵 Amen

**Psalm of the Day: Psalm 71 (Page 92)**

*(Soloist will sing verses,*

*Congregation sings refrain and Glory Be to the Father.)*

As God has been our help and refuge in the past, so He will be in the present and in the future. That is our hope and confidence in the midst of the ridicule and persecution that we face, when we are faithful to our faithful God and Savior.

**Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:21-31 (Page 1823)**

Few teachings from the Word of God meet greater hostility and ridicule from the world today than those presented in this reading. The teaching on the proper role of man and woman faces as well the hostility of our own selfish and rebellious flesh. But we follow after and cling to the Word of the Lord, no matter what the flesh says and no matter what the world says.

*(Soloist to sing Verse of the Day.)*

**Gospel: John 6:60-69 (Page 1658)**

The Spirit Who gives life prompts the bold confession from Peter to the divine person and work of the Savior. That beautiful confession, inspired by the Word and based upon it, comes at a moment when friends had gone away—a tribute to the effectiveness of the Word in the face of what must have been very painful opposition

**SERMON: Joshua 24:1-18 (Page 369)**

**Know Your History!**

- ✘ Don't Let Your Bible History Knowledge Fade Away!
- ✘ Don't Let Your Christian Heritage Slip Away!
- ✘ Do Resolve To Make History With Your God All The Way To Eternity!

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Meditation Theme for the week:**

**"Jesus, You Have Words Of Eternal Life"**

Today's Offering Counters: D. Gabrielson, L. Heeb

Wed 6:30 Lawn Mowing: S. Deuth, R. Lucht,  
K. Graen

Fri. 9:30 Bible Class

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

8:15 Continental Breakfast

**8:45 Sunday School**

**8:55 Bible Classes**

**10:00 Worship**

11:15 Council

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**Last Sunday** Worship Attendance: 57

Offering: \$1975.00; Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,565**

Offerings YTD: \$82,939 (Budget: \$87,210) short: -\$4271

Prairie Lodge: 14 appreciative worshipers on Tuesday.

### **Announcements**

**Thank you to all those who served us refreshments** for our fellowship time following Services this summer! Week after week—many stayed after worship for good snacks and company. It has been a good summer!

**Continental Breakfast** next Sunday! We will kick off our fall program of Sunday School and Bible Class with a light breakfast to be served promptly at 8:15am. Please arrive then or a little before. The children of Sunday School will be receiving a grab bag gift after each month in which they arrived every Sunday before we start with devotion in the chapel at 8:45am.

This past week **we started our Brooklyn Bridge classes.** We have 45 enrolled with 15 students returning from last year. 9 students are younger siblings of former students. There are at least 4 sets of cousins attending, and all the classes appear to be full. Some families have chosen to wait to start their preschoolers until older siblings start this week. We are making adjustments to classes each day to accommodate parents' work schedules. With God's blessings, everything will settle into a consistent routine within a few weeks, and we will know more exactly where we stand with numbers in each class and any waiting lists for classes.

Over **50 years there have been 63 funerals at Brooklyn Lutheran.** There were none the first 6 years. The most ever was in 1999 when there were 5. The list of those who were buried from our church is on a table by the commons bulletin board. Could you help us locate some of the families to let them know about our special Sunday remembering them on November 15<sup>th</sup>? Please check over the list.

**"Positively Lutheran":** (See back of bulletin) Sometimes even members of a confessional Lutheran church find it difficult to describe fully what they believe. Get answers to your questions and to what others may ask about your church and what you stand for!

**The flowers on the altar** were given in loving memory of David Leupke by Evelyn Leupke. We thank her for beautifying our Service with flowers.

## POSITIVELY LUTHERAN

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1)*

Lutherans are truly humbled when they genuinely feel their sin and recognize that they are worthy of the wrath and judgment of God and eternal death. At the same time, they understand that they possess a purity and holiness in Christ. Through looking to Christ in faith, Lutherans pull themselves out from under that feeling of God's wrath and judgment. True Lutherans believe that even though they continue to sin, those sins are not counted against them. They believe that they are loved by the Father. Christians are loved, not for their own sake, but for the sake of Christ – the One Whom God loves.

From this it becomes clear to the true Lutheran how faith justifies us without works. It also becomes clear why we still need Christ's righteousness credited to us. The sin, which God thoroughly hates, remains even in us. In Romans 7:23, Saint Paul complains about how believers still have sin within them. Yet Romans 8:1 says, *There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

How can we reconcile these diametrically opposed perspectives: that you and I are sinner and saint at one and the same time?! How is it that we who are worthy of condemnation will not be condemned? That we who are wicked will not be rejected? That we who are worthy of wrath and eternal death will not be punished? It is because of the *One Mediator between God and men – the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).*

Jesus stood in our place when He paid for our sins on the cross, and through the Baptismal grace that is ours He still stands between us and the just wrath that should come our way.

As Paul says, *There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!* To this true Lutherans say, "AMEN!" And Lutherans worship and praise their God in private meditation and together with fellow believers that they might share their joy in Christ with fellow saints and witness to an unbelieving world. In love for God true Lutherans strive to live according to God's will and shun sin.

It is also very Lutheran to draw closer to this God Who so loves us by meeting Him in His Word. To know Him is to love Him! Learn of this God of love in "His-Story" of early beginnings of earth and humanity in the Genesis Adult Bible Class that Duke Carstensen will be teaching this fall. Or, learn more what it is to be Positively Lutheran in an early autumn course with Pastor Holub. The sign up for these courses is with the Communion Registration this morning. Your cooperation to register today is much appreciated so we can order out materials for next Sunday.

**It's what you learn  
after you know it  
all that really  
counts.**



*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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