



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2009

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 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: Gracious and merciful Father, thank You for the privilege of being a guest in Your house today. In Word and Sacrament You come to us and, for the sake of Your Son, remove our sin and guilt. Thank You for this peace and forgiveness as well as for the joy of singing Your praise with my fellow Christians. Send us home again inspired to love You more and serve You better. In Jesus' name. Amen

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY—Spoken by all together.

Let Your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, protect and govern it always by Your goodness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a (Page 1112)

The reading depicts our spiritual needs in physical terms. Physical weakness and trouble mirror the absolute state of need in which we are born. Troubles, fears, weaknesses of every sort are often God's rich blessings; for they drive us to despair of our own strength and understanding and to be the more ready to receive from His

Word ears that hear and eyes that see. The reading is a promise of just such help from the Messiah, who alone can solve that absolute spiritual need and who alone rules over the physical mirrors of that need so that they are turned to blessing.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 146 (Page 120)

Privately and publicly we give thanks and praise to Him Who does all things well. For when all men fail and the mighty are shown to be powerless, He remains true to His Word and rescues those who trust in Him.

Second Lesson: James 1:17-27 (Page 1881)

It is God's nature to give good gifts to His children. In fact those are the only kinds of gifts He can give. For His essence is changeless. His surpassing goodness He has demonstrated in becoming our Father by means of the gospel. What then should we conclude in every time of trouble or need? It is a good gift from God and will yet be seen as such. Freed by His fatherly goodness from fear, we strive to follow after Him in imitation of His purity and His kindness. Yes, we even try to become vehicles through which He shows kindness and goodness to those around us who are in need.

SERMON: Mark 7:31-37 (Page 1565)

Everyone's Talking About Jesus!

- ✘ Talking About His Competence
- ✘ Talking About His Compassion
- ✘ Talking About His Salvation

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for the week:

"Christ Has Done Everything Well"

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

Mon.-Tues Pastor to WELS Symposium at Wisc. Luth. Sem.

Wed 6:30 Lawn Mowing: Pastor Holub, G. Lieder
7:00 Choir

Fri. 9:30 Bible Class

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

MISSION FESTIVAL

8:45 Sunday School

8:55 Hmong Presentation

10:00 Worship

Potluck following the Service.

Announcements

Mission Festival next Sunday (September 27). Rev. Leon Piepenbrink will preach on "**The Surprises of Mission Work**". Rev. Pheng Moua, pastor of Immanuel Hmong Church of St. Paul, will accompany Pastor Piepenbrink and speak and answer questions during adult Bible Class time, as he helps us understand Hmong culture and history. Come with your questions! *A potluck will follow the Service. Bring a dish to pass.*

"Positively Lutheran": 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 by attending this weekly Bible series with Pastor Holub.

For **parents of Sunday School children and others** who wish to review their Genesis Bible History, there is an adult Sunday School lesson which complements what the children are instructed in their class each week.

United Way – The 2009-2010 United Way campaigns begin this month in most communities. In most cases, there is a "Donor Option" program in which you may designate a qualified 501(c)3 agency to receive your United Way donation. Brooklyn Bridge has been receiving a monthly donation through UW from an anonymous donor. Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service received gifts from over 50 different United Way agencies last year. West and other organizations of our fellowship might also be possible recipients of your designation. If you have questions about your participation in such a program, check your local United Way guidelines, ask your Human Resource Director at work, or call WLCFS toll free 1-888-685-9522, ext225, or email info@wlcfs.org.

Martin Luther College is in the synod news on the back of this bulletin and on the Martin Luther College Ladies Auxiliary insert today. We would encourage women and men of BELC to consider being part of the auxiliary trip to MLC on Wednesday, October 14. Tour the campus and grow your interest in the training of our future pastors and teachers. Enjoy great Christian fellowship in the process!

SYNOD NEWS –

There are 24-27 pastoral vacancies throughout synod, six in Minnesota alone. Eight of eleven seminary graduates who were not placed in May have now been assigned. Surprisingly, there are remaining fewer than ten displaced pastors from home and world missions and synod schools who are still waiting for a call. However, some more position cuts loom on the horizon. The two Parish Assistance pastors and three Martin Luther College professors are among those bracing for word that their positions are being terminated.

There is fear that as many as one half of the 45+ seminary graduates next spring will not be able to be placed in traditional full time calls. The average seminary student is carrying \$17,000 in school loans from college, for which repayment begins even during seminary years. It is hoped that next May congregations with special outreach opportunities will find full time employment and housing for graduates, who will then be involved in that ministry during some of the free time from work. Then after a year or two, the graduate hopefully would be assigned to a full-time church position.

MLC opened this fall with 712 on-campus students, down from 723 last year. Tuition, room, and board this year is about \$14,800 - \$1,500 more than state colleges such as nearby Mankato State. Please keep our students and faculty in your prayers. One of the most exciting things on campus is the soon-to-be-completed chapel. Dedication is set for the week-end after Easter next spring. There will be twin Services Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, April 10 & 11.

St. Croix Lutheran High School in West St. Paul– 82 freshmen replace 90 graduating seniors, making for a slightly smaller enrollment of 418. The average class size is thus 104.5, with the freshmen class by far the smallest, such as we are experiencing at West Lutheran High

School. Many parents of hoped-for SCLHS students cited the economy as the major reason for not sending their children. \$400,000 in tuition assistance will be distributed this school year at SCLHS. A \$1 million estate gift has been received. There are 92 foreign students, hailing from the Congo and ten southeast Asian countries. SCLHS opened a middle school this fall with 30 students in grades 6-8.

45 teachers are involved this year with the **Friends of China program**. In addition, synod is running a parallel above ground program and a growing number of stateside pastors, teachers, and lay people are instructing Chinese individuals one-on-one through an exciting internet program. Pastor Allen Schleusener has returned from serving Friends of China and was installed weeks ago at Mount Olive, Como area of St. Paul. He, his wife Chanda, and three children infant to age 6 are friends of Christa Kannas. Former missionary to Thailand Rev. Jud Krohn, who is married to Pastor Holub's first cousin Barbie, is holding a call to Morgan, MN, about 30 miles WNW of New Ulm.

Pastor Holub will serve on a committee for the St. Croix Conference's hosting of the three day April 2010 Minnesota District Pastors and Wives Meeting. More than 200 participants are expected.

WELS pastor James Humann, Seattle, Washington, invites you to join him on a tour to Lutherland and the world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau Germany. The 11-day tour leaves June 24, 2010 from NYC - jhumann383@aol.com or call 253-839-9055.

Last Sunday Worship Attendance: 76;
Sunday School Attendance: 10
Adult Sunday School: 7; Adult Bible Class: 15
Offering: \$3117.78;
Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,565**
Offerings YTD: \$88,736
(Budget: \$92,340) short: -\$3604



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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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