

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

July 31, 2016

WORSHIP FOCUS:

God calls the believer to First Commandment faith that serves God above all.

WORSHIP PRAYER:

Bless me, Father, as I gather with fellow believers in your house to grow in grace, faith, and love. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP:

Special Service (inside bulletin)

PSALM:

Psalm 119b (CW p. 110) Spoken by All

HYMNS:

241 250 306 355 739 457

SERMON: "MISSION: POSSIBLE"

BROOKLYN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Using the Gospel to nurture the found and reach the lost - all to the glory of God.

W*elcome!* We are a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We believe that the Bible is God's errorless Word, which tells us of how Jesus Christ has saved us by his perfect life, innocent death, and victorious resurrection to live lives dedicated to the glory of God.

If you have come as a stranger, we welcome you as our guest. *Please sign our Guest Register in the entry.*

A Word about Our Worship—You can find today's service printed in the front of the hymnal. Much of the service is also projected on the front wall. Bibles and large print hymnals are also available on request from the ushers.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first and third Sunday of the month. In obedience to Scripture, we believe that the Lord's Supper is an expression of our complete unity in faith. This has been the historic practice of the Christian church for 2,000 years. As such, we reserve participation for members of our congregation, of the Wisconsin Synod, and our sister synod—the ELS. If you are visiting, please speak to the pastor before participating in the Lord's Supper. Thanks for your understanding.

If you need a washroom, you can find them as you exit the chapel, located on the left-hand side down the hallway to your right.

We love having children worship with us. We also understand that children can get restless and you may need to leave the service. For your convenience, please feel free to use the library area in our Commons. You will find a rocking chair and small children books and toys. There are changing stations in both restrooms. We also have quiet bags for young children on a tree in the back of the chapel.

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CURRENT SERMON SERIES: Did you ever wonder if you were doing enough to serve God? As Christians we have some sense that our faith isn't sedentary. God hasn't called us to be spiritual couch potatoes. The Christian's faith is active. But doing what? And why? In this series we will explore what God calls each of us to do as well as our motivation for doing our duty.

CALL OF DUTY

July 24 What Is My Duty?
July 31 **God Above All**
August 07 Love Thy Neighbor
August 14 Thanks-living

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring (CW 241)

WELCOME

PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

CONFESSION OF FAITH—THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: When the difficulties of life seem overwhelming, many people turn to their own strength to get them through. What do you believe about God, and why would you turn to him?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: Many people in this world say that God is not willing to help us when we are in need of comfort or in need of his help. Most don't see him as their only way to heaven. What do you believe about God and what he's done for you?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What do you say to those who don't know what will happen to them when they die? What comfort can you give to them that would help them face death and all the troubles of this earthly life?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORSHIP AND PRAISE *From All that Dwell below the Skies (CW 250)*

GODS WORD FOR THE DAY

FIRST LESSON **Joshua 7:1, 19-26** (*Pew Bible, page 339-341*)

But what do we withhold from the Lord for the sake of luxury? How often does a balanced checkbook come at the expense of our offerings? As difficult as it seems, we can put the Lord first in our lives. With the miraculous working of the Spirit in our hearts comes the joy of serving the Lord in full obedience and with a whole heart. To us and through Jesus, the narrow way is wide open.

PSALM OF THE DAY **Psalm 119b** (*CW p. 110*) spoken by all

SECOND LESSON **1 John 2:15-17** (*Pew Bible, pages 1900*)

John warns the faithful not to love the world because it leaves no room to love the Father. The things of this world that call out for our love are not from God and will not last. But the man who serves God above all will live forever.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Before You, God, the Judge of All (CW 306)

SERMON TEXT

Luke 18:18-27 (*Pew Bible, page 1629*)

Regardless of whether or not we consider ourselves rich, the struggle to put discipleship ahead of the world remains. Yet even the seemingly impossible is possible with God.

SERMON

“Love”

RESPONSE HYMN

Take the World, but Give me Jesus (CW 355)

CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION HYMN

Baptismal Waters Cover Me (CW 739)

See next page

739

Baptismal Waters Cover Me



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As
 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His
 3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part Your
 4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; Your
 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's



I ap - proach on bend - ed knee; My
 bod - y bro - ken there for me; I
 heal - ing to my bro - ken heart; Your
 Shep - herd speaks, but you are heard; Through
 wound - ed hand has set me free. Held



Fa - ther's mer - cy here I plead, For
 lay be - fore him all my sin, My
 love a - lone can form in me A
 him your hand now stretch - es out, For -
 in my Fa - ther's strong em - brace, With



griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
 dark - est se - crets from with - in.
 heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.
 giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
 joy I praise him for his grace.

The vital relationship between Holy Baptism and daily repentance and absolution is vividly described in this hymn.

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ABSOLUTION

OFFERING

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Fight the Good Fight (CW 457)



Tuesday, August 2, 2016

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

at the church

- Ice Cream
- Bouncy House and Games
- Door Prizes
- Information Tables

We are still accepting **door prize donations**; hats, mugs, shirts, anything that someone might enjoy getting. Please drop off your items in the church office.

Please plan on attending as this is a fun outreach event to bring people to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



BLESSINGS FROM THE WEEK

Attendance: Sunday Bible Class—**20**
Worship—**59**
Tuesday Bible Class—**7**

Tithes & Offerings: **\$1,442.00**

SERVING IN THE LORD

August Offering Counters:

J. Sulzle, R. Lucht

Ushers:

Today: R. Wyman
Next Sunday: R. Lucht

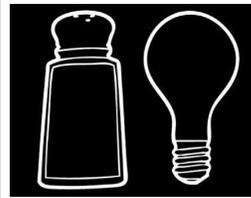
Organist:

Today: Janice Budach
Next Sunday: Jenny Merseth

CALENDAR WEEK

<i>Today</i>	Bible Class	9:00 am
	Worship	10:00 am
	Fellowship	
<i>Monday</i>	Softball At Centennial N	9:20 pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	Bible Class	3:15 pm
	National Night Out	6-8:30 pm
<i>Sunday</i>	Bible Class	9:00 am
	Worship	10:00 am
	Fellowship	

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS this week will be addressing the issue of Santa Claus. Does the man in the red suit spell “Saint” or “Satan” for Christmas?



SALT AND LIGHT is our current Sunday Bible study. Each Sunday is a separate topic so feel free to join

anytime. Next Sunday the topic will be on when we receive financial blessings.

A CRAFT AND BAKE fellowship will be held on Nov. 6. Please start thinking of items you might be able to donate. There will also be a free-will offering basket. All the proceeds will be used for the preschool.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP will continue to be held after each Sunday morning Service in August. We still need volunteers. There is a sign up sheet by the bulletin board. Donations will go toward audio visual equipment.



REMINDER - - SUNDAY SERMONS Have you missed a Sunday? Or maybe you would like to share the sermon with someone else?

The church's website has BOTH audio and written text of the past sermons. Please visit our website:

www.brooklynlutheran.com