

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 30, 2020

Announcements:

Pastoral Act: Baptism: After the late service today Hudson John Rohlik, infant son of Zachary and Jena (nee Kozlowski) Rohlik, will become a child of God through the washing of Holy Baptism.

Contact: Pastor will be gone Monday through Saturday this week so in case of emergency call Pastor Andrus of Tyler at 320-808-3530.

CLGO: We had three teams competing for the prestigious title of CLGO champion and after the round was over all three teams tied. The weather was as hot as the competition. At the end of the day a good time was had by all and we raised \$170 for the organ fund.

Schedule: A reminder that on Sunday, September 13th we go back to worshipping at 8 and 10:30.

College Addresses: If you have a student attending college this year please call or email the church office and give us their information so we can send them newsletters, etc.

Christ Cyclers: We hope many of you will join us on Saturday, September 12th for our Christ Cyclers ride. The plan is to meet at Justice Park, get on the bike trail there, and peddle our way down toward SMSU, under highway 23, around the Red Barron Arena and the pond and back to Justice for lunch. Total distance if you go all the way on the route is about 7 miles. If you decide not to go all the way you can turn around anytime or at a couple different spots that would offer you a 3.6 mile or 5-mile trek. This event is open to any member or friend of Christ Lutheran any age. This is a great, fun family event so plan to attend. We will start at 11:00 am. Sounds like you won't be missing your college football game on TV as they probably won't be playing. Why not wear your Christ or Samuel shirt, if you have one, to show our Lutheran Spirit! Yes, you read correctly that we will be serving a safe Covid and cost-free lunch. Pastor will forgo the bike ride and instead stay back and grill hot dogs. We will also have other "packaged" things to eat and water bottles to quench your thirst after a nice ride. If you don't want to ride come out to cheer on the riders or just enjoy the day. If the weather does not cooperate in the morning we will move it 4:00 pm. So, if the weather is bad in the morning check out our Facebook page for the update or call pastor. Hope to see you on the 12th.

Offerings: For those who are able to continue to give an offering, you can mail it (use the self-addressed envelope in your offering packet) to the Church office, 500 Village Drive. We also strongly encourage you to consider using the e-giving option. You can find a link to this on our website.

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God's grace is "No Holds Barred"

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Closing Hymn #380

Psalm 133-134

Refrain: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

How good and pleasant it is* when brothers live together in unity!

For there the Lord bestows his blessing,* even live forevermore.

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Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord* who minister in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary* and praise the Lord.

May the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth,* bless you from Zion.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Hymns:

Hymn #391 “God Loved the World So that He Gave”

God loved the world so that he gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe Should everlasting life receive.

Christ is the solid rock of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die—His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word does teach How we the blessed goal may reach.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood; Baptized, you are a child of God.

HYMN #378 “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

All mankind fell in Adam's fall; One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends, And over all God's wrath impends.

Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.

From hearts depraved, to evil prone, Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul Nor seeks nor finds its heav'nly goal.

But Christ, the second Adam, came To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way, Our only hope, our only stay.

As by one man all mankind fell And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place, We all were justified by grace.

HYMN #395 “Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

Seek where you may To find a way That leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled; On Christ I build He is the one foundation.
His Word is sure; His works endure.
He will o'erthrow My ev'ry foe; Through him I more than conquer.

Seek whom you may To be your stay; None can redeem his brother.
All helpers failed; This man prevailed, The God-Man, and none other.
The Servant-Lord Our life restored.
We're justified, For he has died, The guiltless for the guilty.

Seek him alone, Who did atone, Who did your souls deliver;
Oh, seek him first, All you who thirst For grace that fails you never.
In ev'ry need Seek him indeed;
To ev'ry heart He will impart His blessings without measure.

My heart's delight, My crown most bright, Jesus, you are forever.
Not wealth or pride Or aught beside Our bond of love shall sever.
You are my Lord; Your precious Word
Shall be my guide What e'er betide. Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!

HYMN #380 Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You

Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; That, I know, could never be,
For this heart would still refuse you Had your grace not chosen me.
You removed the sin that stained me, Cleansing me to be your own;
For this purpose you ordained me, That I live for you alone.

It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind,
Else the world had yet enthralled me, To your heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above you; For your grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love you, You, O Father, loved me first.

Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 56:1,6-8: This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." The Sovereign LORD declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

Romans 11:13-15,28-32: I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Matthew 15:21-28: Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.