



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

June 10, 2018
Pentecost 3

Special Service celebrating 100 years
of the Minnesota District

Roger Vomhof, Vacancy Pastor • Linda Noack, Organist

To Our Guests

- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Calendar for This Week

Tuesday-Thursday

Minnesota District Convention at Martin Luther College

Thursday

7:00 pm Women of Emmanuel Pie Social at Stellings

Hymn 535 *Our Fathers' God in Years Long Gone*

Hymn 566 *We All Are One in Mission*

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-10

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

You saw with your own eyes what the Lord did at Baal Peor. The Lord your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, but all of you who held fast to the Lord your God are still alive today.

See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. "What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them

fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children."

Psalm 78 page 95

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Alleluia. Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia. (Spoken by pastor- No singing of Alleluias)

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-17

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I

have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

Hymn 621 *For Years on Years of Matchless Grace*

SERMON

Sermon text: John 8:31-32

Theme: Continuing in God's Word

- I. Gratefully acknowledging the past.
- II. Faithfully addressing the present.
- III. Prayerfully awaiting the future.

Hymn 293 *God's Word is Our Great Heritage*

Hymn 623 *God the Father, Son, and Spirit*

Booster Days Parade

Our church is looking for donations of candy and water. We will also need volunteers to:

- To hand out candy, water and pamphlets
- Drive the float (see Mark Carlson)
- Take pictures (see Linda Carlson)

The parade will be held on Saturday, June 30 at 11 am. Please arrive at church by 9 am for setup.

Church and School Cleaning Team for June

Leader: Chris Hinz
Ehlers and Heth families

Other Items of Interest

Attendance last Sunday: 49

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: Schubert

WELS World Mission Report

Christ's love is the greatest treasure we share as we walk together toward our heavenly home. It is a treasure that goes to work in our hearts and moves us to share Christ's compassion for the lost. So many people in the world do not know this love in Christ is God's gift to us all. For this reason, we are so eager to carry out our calling to proclaim the Good News to every creature. The WELS Board for World Missions is directed to carry out "...the responsibility of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the discipling of all people living outside the United States of America and Canada...." Into a world that desperately needs it, our missionaries and national church partners bring the light of God's Word. With this powerful tool deployed and in the hands of the Lord of the church our work is bearing much fruit.

Consider these statistics: World Missions

- Has a partnership with churches in 50 different nations;
- Is celebrating 125 years of mission work in 2018 among the Apaches in Arizona;
- Is in fellowship with 105,465 Lutherans around the world;
- Serves 75,000 baptized members in Lutheran churches on our mission fields;
- Has 44 missionaries in the field conducting outreach and training national pastors;
- Supports 13 teachers and more than 60 laypeople as they reach out to children and adults with the Gospel;
- Is exploring outreach opportunities in 14 prospective new mission fields;
- Reaches more than one million people in Latin America with the Gospel through the Academia Cristo Facebook page;
- Continues to partner with Multi-Language Publications which has printed more than 2.9 million items in more than 52 languages;
- Serves 60,000 more souls through correspondence and workshops;

- Is training more than 170 men to become pastors in their own countries; and
- Worldwide the national churches have called nearly 400 national workers who serve the spiritual needs of more than 700 congregations and preaching stations.

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