

June 25, 2017

Pentecost 3

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Welcome to Worship!

Welcome! It is the prayer that God would pour out his Spirit to deepen our knowledge of his grace, strengthen our faith in his Word, and increase our zeal for his mission. In this celebratory year of 2017, we as heirs to the Lutheran Reformation treasure once again the foundational truth of salvation by God's pure grace alone and prepare to proclaim the message of Christ alone to our world.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Dear Lord of the Church, thank you for caring for Your church. We especially thank you for giving such a rich measure of Your Holy Spirit to Martin Luther. Your grace led him to see clearly that You forgave all people through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for shaping the course of history so that he could continue his work. Thank you for preserving the truth of the gospel, which Luther proclaimed, through centuries so that we today can treasure it as he did. Preserve the gospel so future generations may believe it too. Amen.

Come Let Us Worship

Order of Worship: Please see the bulletin insert

Hymns: 201, 774, 390, 538, 293

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-11

Second Lesson: I Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Fear God & Be Fearless

THOSE WHO SERVE YOU TODAY:

USHERS: Tim Major, Jim Luisier, & John Kritzman

GREETERS: Bob & Eileen Smith

POWER POINT ASSISTANT: Tobias Edgett

COUNTERS: Callahan & Furnner

CLEANERS FOR JULY 2: Sharich

THOSE WHO SERVE YOU NEXT SUNDAY:

USHERS: Bob Kost, Kent Kerwin, & Harold Fox

GREETERS: Paul & Geri Zoch

COMMUNION SET UP: Moore

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gary Richmond & Scott Mortimer

POWER POINT ASSISTANT: Reagan Moore

COUNTERS: Moore & Neuwirth

CLEANERS FOR JULY 9: Moore

OUR LOVE FOR GOD'S WORD & WORK

<u>June 18</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Worship	134	General	\$3,369.00
Communed	82	Helping Hands	5.00
Thursday ABC	13		

Weekly General Fund Budget \$4,567.00

Quarterly Mission Project*: WELS Student Assistance

Daily Bible Reading

Date	Old T.	Psalms	Proverbs	New T.
25-Jun	I Kings 8	140	20	Rev. 6,7
26-Jun	I Kings 9,10	141	21	Rev. 8,9
27-Jun	I Kings 11	142	22	Rev. 10,11
28-Jun	I Kings 12,13	143	23	Rev. 12,13
29-Jun	I Kings 14,15	144	24	Rev. 14,15
30-Jun	I Kings 16,17	145	25	Rev. 16,17
1-Jul	I Kings 18,19	146	26	Rev. 18

THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI

Tuesday	4:27 p.m.	Golf League
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's flowers are given by the Vieles in celebration of their 20th anniversary. Happy anniversary Garry & Nancy!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Please join us after the service this morning for refreshments as well as fellowship! We would like to thank Judy Yake for serving us this morning.

SPEAKING OF FELLOWSHIP: We are consistently seeing the same families serving us, and we would love to see some fresh faces behind the counter on Sunday mornings. We need some new volunteers to pick up and serve refreshments following the service. Take a moment to look at the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and see if there is an open Sunday that you could sign up for.

DONATION SUNDAY: Just a reminder that **next Sunday, July 2**, is Donation Sunday. The Ladies Guild asks that you bring in donations of commonly used items, such as: coffee, coffee filters, coffee creamers, paper products, plastic silverware, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towel, hand soap, dish soap, batteries (AA & AAA), etc. If you do not wish to bring in something you can also make a monetary donation that will be used to purchase those needed items.

GLORIA DEI YOUTH GROUP: Our next Youth Group meeting will be **Thursday, July 27**, at **6:30 pm**. All 6th-12th graders are invited and are encouraged to bring friends.

CHURCH PICNIC: Planning for this year's church picnic is in full swing. The picnic will be on **August 27** after our worship service. Meat will be provided, and those attending are asked to bring a dish or two to share, and drinks for your family.

Service Explanation

2017 is the 500th celebration of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses at the Castle Church in Wittenberg and the onset of the Protestant Reformation. Today we celebrate the commemoration of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession on June 25, 1530.

As the ramifications of the Diet of Worms spread throughout the Holy Roman Empire, it became increasingly tenuous for individual German princes who desired to introduce the Lutheran Reformation into their territory. At the same time, as Lutheranism spread across the empire, it was increasing difficult for Rome to consistently enforce the Edict of Worms that banned Luther and his teaching. Thus during the 1520s a number of imperial diets were convened in an attempt to resolve the Lutheran question. The decision of the 1526 First Diet of Speyer was favorable to the Lutheran cause: each territory was free to carry out its affairs according to their own conscience. However, Charles V clarified that ambiguity in the 1529 Second Diet of Speyer and reinforced the implications of the Edict of Worms until a general council could be convened. To this the German princes gave a formal *protestatio*, which gave rise to the name "Protestant."

With Luther staying at the Coburg Castle in the extreme south of protected Saxon territory, so as to be as close as possible to the general council without endangering his life, the Lutheran delegation proceeded to Augsburg on April 23, 1530, at the invitation of the Charles V. His intention was that the diet would consider "with love and kindness the opinions and views of everybody, in order to reduce them to one single Christian truth and agreement." Based on the Torgau Articles commissioned by Elector John of Saxony, the Augsburg Confession was largely the work of Phillip Melancthon but subscribed by nine laymen German princes. As an official document of the empire, another church (Lutheran) was recognized for the first time. Written in a different style than some of Luther's later writings, Melancthon's rhetorical skills are evident: in hopes of still reforming the church and lovingly winning others over to the truth of Scripture, the tone is a clear, direct, and tactful presentation of the gospel centered in Jesus Christ alone.

