

# *St. Luke the Evangelist Festival*

October 18, 2009 – Pastor Mark Voss

## CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



### OPENING

P: In the name of the Father

**C: whose glory is declared by the heavens,**

P: and of the Son

**C: who calls us to be his witnesses to the ends of  
the earth,**

P: and of the Holy Spirit

**C: who empowers us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

*Turn to Hymn 482*

P: Gracious Lord, we come before you now confessing our sins. Through your Word you have revealed to us again and again the unsearchable riches of Christ, but again and again we have failed to recognize how richly we have been blessed.

*Sing 482 v 1*

P: We have often failed to fully appreciate all you have done for us in Christ, and therefore we have failed to share the message of your love and grace with others as we should. Forgive us for the dullness of our faith and love for you.

*Sing 482 v 2*

P: So often we have overlooked the needs of those who live near us and have shown so little concern for those who are far away. There is always so much more we could do to bring others the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

*Sing 482 v 3*

P: Gracious Lord, we confess that we are in dire need of your Spirit's help. We need a heart that loves you more, a faith that trusts you more, a life that reflects more clearly the vast riches of your love.

*Sing 482 v 4*

### ABSOLUTION

P: After his resurrection, Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them, *“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”*

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake has forgiven you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HOLY BAPTISM** (8a) We rejoice as Jessica Falkenhagen and her daughter Kenzy are baptized this morning.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Heavenly Father, you have called us from many races and tongues to be witnesses of the Good News of your Son to every nation, tribe, language and people. Help us to share your precious Gospel with all who have not heard of your great love for them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**GOD’S WORD FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT “You Are My Witnesses” - Isaiah 43:8-13a** <sup>8</sup>Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. <sup>9</sup>All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble. Which of them foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, "It is true." <sup>10</sup>"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. <sup>11</sup>I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. <sup>12</sup>I have revealed and saved and proclaimed -- I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God. <sup>13</sup>Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand."

### **Musical Selection – Men’s Quartet**

*“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”*

CW528 Text: Latin Hymn, c 8<sup>th</sup> century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, Tune: John Darwall 1731-1789 DARWALL’S 148<sup>TH</sup>

**GOD’S WORD FROM THE EPISTLES “Do the Work of an Evangelist” - 2 Timothy 4:5-11** <sup>5</sup>But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. <sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. <sup>9</sup>Do your best to come to me quickly, <sup>10</sup>for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

P: Alleluia. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Alleluia.

### **GOD’S WORD FROM THE GOSPEL “I Love to Tell the Story” - Luke 1:1-4, 24:44-53**

<sup>1</sup>Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup>just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been

clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**RESPONSE TO HEARING THE GOSPEL** – “I Love to Tell the Story”

**Hymn 562**

**THE MESSAGE TO GOD’S PEOPLE** – *based on the Gospel*

**THE CREED – SECOND ARTICLE**

P: As God’s witnesses, let us confess the message he has entrusted to us:

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this he did that I should be his own and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

**OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD’S PRAYER** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

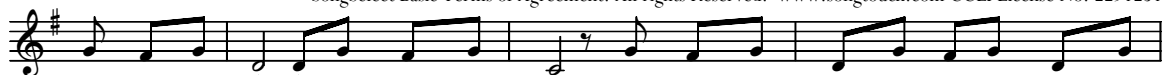
**ORDER OF LORD’S SUPPER**

*God's word requires proper preparation and understanding for receiving the Lord's Supper. We practice membership communion, and ask that those who partake first become members or belong to a congregation of our church body, the Wisconsin Synod. Please ask for an informational sheet from one of the ushers for a fuller explanation from the scriptures. Thank you!*

**WORDS FROM THE UPPER ROOM** – *1 Corinthians 11:23-28* <sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup>Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

# Sing

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We gath - er here in Je - sus' name; His love is burn - ing in our hearts like  
He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is ris - en



liv - ing flame, For thro' the lov - ing Son, The Fa - ther makes us one:  
from the dead. The one we love the most Is now our gra - cious host:



Come, take the bread; come drink the cup; come, share the Lord.  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

**DISTRIBUTION AND HYMN – “On Galilee’s High Mountain”**

**CW 557**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## GOD’S BLESSING

## CLOSING HYMN – “Here I Am Lord”

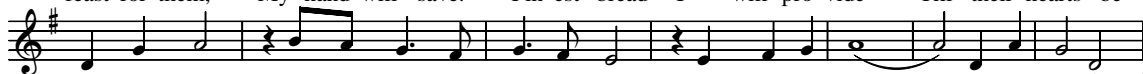
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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry. All who dwell in  
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo - ple's pain. I have wept for  
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a



deep - est sin My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their  
love of them. They turn a - way, I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for  
feast for them, My hand will save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be



dark - ness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Who shall I send?  
love a - lone. I will speak My word to them. Who shall I send? Here I am, lord,  
sat - is - fied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?



Is it I, Lord? I have heard You call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, If You



lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.