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(Holy Communion on 1st
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Sunday Morning Worship
Service
with
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10:00 am to 10:30 am

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"The Divine Service Part 1"

We are privileged to worship a God who comes to us, who serves, forgives, and teaches us during what we call "The Divine Service." For the next few months, we will be looking at "The Divine Service" and its parts. The information for this article is taken from *An Explanation of the Divine Service* by Rev. Alan Kornacki, Jr. (Unless otherwise noted)

"The high and holy worship of God is faith in Jesus Christ. Such faith is created and sustained by God's Service to us. In the Divine Service, the Lord comes to us in His Word and Sacraments to bless and enliven us with His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, and we respond to the outpouring of those gifts. God speaks to us, and we speak His words back to Him. These two terms are sometimes called "sacramental" and "sacrificial." God sacramentally serves us

through His word, and we, in turn, sacrificially serve God with our prayer, thanksgiving, and praise."

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Divine Service

The word "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word leitourgia, which means public service or duty. The Liturgy of the Church is the entire body of material appointed for use in the conduct of Divine Worship.

Liturgy has five basic characteristics:

1. **Liturgy is of the community.** It always takes place in the context of community: God's people gathered together around God's Word and Sacraments, proclaimed and administered.
2. **Liturgy is daily.** The "private" devotional life of the community fits into the liturgical life of the Church, and makes use of the books of the community.
3. **Liturgy is anonymous.** There is no one single author. The community places itself under God, and adopts the language of scripture as its language. While the arrangement of liturgies is the work of man, most of the Liturgy is taken directly from Scripture.
4. **Liturgy is powerful.** It gives life and salvation, because it is Word and Sacrament. It helps us deal with reality. It is the power of the Gospel, proclaimed from the pulpit, given in the Sacraments, declared in holy Absolution, which imparts forgiveness, life, and salvation.
5. **Liturgy is normative.** The community of faith at worship, the Church, is the way God intended His people to be. (*The Divine Service*. Rev. David A. Koeneman.)

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Organist

- 9/1 – Nancy Jenkins
 9/8 – Pam Shannon
 9/15 – Pam Shannon
 9/22 – Nancy Jenkins
 9/29 – Nancy Jenkins



Greeters

- 9/1 – Dean Biermann
 9/8 – Dean Biermann
 9/15 – Dean Biermann
 9/22 – Karla Roush
 Leanna Roush
 9/29 – Wendy Riley



Ushers

- 9/1 – Michael & Deanna
 Mandrick
 9/8 – Larry Abbott
 Joe Pappert
 9/15 – Kevin Brunnert
 Caleb Brunnert
 9/22 – Todd Roush
 Jonathan Roush
 9/29 – Michael & Deanna
 Mandrick



Lay Readers

Pastor Oddi will do the readings this month.

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Part 1 – Invocation, Confession and Absolution

The Divine Service: The Opening Hymn

“The opening hymn, also known as the Hymn of Invocation, is not a necessary part of the Divine Service. However, it is appropriate at this time to sing a Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Spirit, or a hymn appropriate to the season of the Church year. Such a hymn at this time will serve to bring the assembly into a proper frame of mind for the Divine Service. A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Spirit is appropriate because it is only by the Holy Spirit that we can render worship to God through Christ (I Corinthians 12:3; Ephesians 2:18). We are a “singing Church,” so we follow the advice of the apostle Paul to teach and admonish “one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16).

The Invocation

“The Invocation is a brief Scriptural phrase used in liturgical acts. In this place it is an act of corporate devotion addressed to God. God has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and it is by His authority that the Pastor proclaims the Gospel, and for His worship that a Christian congregation gathers. In addition, the Invocation is a reminder that God has put His name on us in Baptism. As a sign of this, the Invocation is often accompanied by the sign of the cross, the sign placed on us in Baptism.”

Confession and Absolution

“Confession and Absolution, however, were not always part of the Divine Service. Until recent times, it was the practice of the Church to participate in private Confession and Absolution, the practice of going to the pastor as an individual and confessing your sins before him, and receiving absolution from the pastor who offers Christ’s forgiveness. This is not a practice that we gave up during the Reformation because it was too Catholic. If you look in the Lutheran Confessions, it clearly states that the Lutherans don’t abandon that practice. There are few things the pastor does that are more important than offering Christ’s forgiveness.”

The Exhortation and Versicles

In the Exhortation we are invited to lay our sins at the feet of God.

Confession and Absolution

“To confess our sins is to speak the truth about our lives. During the confession, we admit that we are sinners by nature (original sin), and that we sin in thought, word, and deed (actual sins). We then express our remorse for the sins we have committed, and plead for mercy. We come before God as sinners in need of forgiveness. Forgiveness is our primary need. The truth of our sinfulness is answered by the truth of God’s forgiveness for the sake of the sufferings and death of Jesus.

Forgiveness is located in the mouth of our pastor, who speaks to us out of Christ’s Office, “in the stead and by the command” of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ. As Jesus said to His disciples after the resurrection, “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (John 20:21b-23).

“This is done in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, again as a connection to Baptism and the cleansing from sin we receive there. As Luther’s Large Catechism states, “Absolution is nothing else than a return to Baptism.” Believing this word of forgiveness, we reply, “Amen.”

Next month we will look at [An Explanation of the Divine Service Part 2 – The Office of the Word – Introduction and Psalmody](#)

God’s Blessings
Pastor Dave



- 9/3 - Matt Gaarder
- 9/7 - Cooper Gastler
- 9/10 - Tye Hoyt
- 9/13 - Bill Whited
- 9/14 - Andy Abbott
- 9/14 - Vanessa Pappert
- 9/15 - Chad Gastler
- 9/19 - Adrian Estrada
- 9/20 - Jose Estrada
- 9/21 - Isabel Brunnert
- 9/24 - Luke C. Boone
- 9/24 - Michael Mandrick
- 9/24 - Kathryn McKee
- 9/27 - Terry Ewing
- 9/27 - Jenna Pappert
- 9/29 - Brock Hullinger
- 9/29 - Ralph Walsh



Update on our International Servants

Our LWML supports the work of two families affiliated with LC-MS Mission Central. I thought I would devote this page to update the congregation on the work that these servants of God are doing to help people in China and Cambodia.

The J.P. Cima family has been assigned to work in Cambodia. Part of their work in their first year in Cambodia is to understand the good work being done by others. J.P. had the joy of traveling with the team from Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) to Oddar Meanchey Province. Through contacts established by a local pastor, the team conducted personal evangelism in homes, as well as an evangelistic puppet show at two local schools. The puppet show was based on the parable of the prodigal son. The LHM team contextualized the story for a Khmer audience by emphasizing the family dynamics between the two sons and their father. Of course, the parable shows us the love of our Heavenly Father, who gave his only Son that all sinners might be welcomed back. Throughout the shows, the local pastor was building relationships with teachers and students. What an innovative way to reach out with the Gospel!



The Cima family – Their kids have really grown since they visited us here at Hope.



The Lange family—Josh and his wife Coco, and their children, John and Sophie.

Josh Lange and his family are serving in China. Josh serves as director for the Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation. A current major focus of his work is to build up a stronger base of donors to provide financial support and stability for their mission, particularly health and education projects. This spring and summer, he was working hard to develop new contacts and relationships in Hong Kong and the U.S. for this purpose.

Josh also had the privilege of joining a service team made up of students and parents from Concordia International School Shanghai. They served together at a new clean water project site in China's remote Yunnan province. Their main

focus was to visit many of the 40+ families in the village and collect data and stories as part of a baseline survey for this new project site.

In the next few months, Josh and his family are preparing for several additional service learning trips in China, as well recruiting and managing interns in Hong Kong and Shanghai this summer.



- 9/3 – Mike & Liz Mandrick
- 9/8 – Larry & Phyllis Abbott
- 9/11 – Dean & Dottie Biermann
- 9/20 – Andy & Sharla Abbott
- 9/25 – Karl & Linda Ritterbusch



September 12, 2019, 5:00 pm

- Pam Myers
- Marcia Droegemueller

News from the LCC Director

We just completed our first week of the 2019-2020 school year. It's been a busy week... starting with the potluck open house which was very successful. We had such a great turnout from the church and students. Thursday evening Bible Study was our introduction to the year. Marcia started off with a get to know you game, and a scavenger hunt to get to know the house. The 9 students who attended had lots of fun. After an introduction to our Bible study theme, "Give Peace a Chance" and our mission theme "Go Here!" we sang a few songs. Saturday, we did a free sundae social...not knowing what to expect. Turns out the school is still a suitcase school and there was very little activity on campus. We had three students drop in and a cop, plus 7 of our kids for ice cream! One of those students joined us for church the next day. Sunday evening was dinner with 7 students, cooked by Hope Pappert, and it was delicious! It was a stressful week for the students, many are trying to still figure things out, plus some went home for the weekend. I do expect at least 9 regular attendees. We will be at the Northwest activities event on Wednesday...another freshman event. Could pick up a few more....but I'm thrilled with 9...9 young people that want to be at the LCC and learn more about Jesus!!!!!! I want to thank everyone that helped pull this week off.....Jean, Kim, Twyla, Marcia, Pastor D, and Pastor Dave.....and of course Pam, Marie, and Lisa, YOU ARE THE CHURCH, and Jonathan for being our wi-fi hero!!!! JOY in JESUS!—*Joyce Cronin, LCC Director*



Here are the items that were discussed at the last Church Council Meeting.

The meeting was attended by Larry Abbott, Pam Myers, Karla Roush, Pastor Oddi and Kim Hullinger.

Treasurer: Royce Duncan provided a balance sheet that was approved by those in attendance.

Elders: Dean Biermann reported the shepherding list has been updated.

Trustees: Larry Abbott reported that the fence has been repaired at the LCC.

Education: Karla Roush reported her committee is making preparation for Rally Day which will be held August 25.

Campus Relations: Pam Myers reported there will be one male student living in the LCC in the fall. The cleaning of the LCC has been completed.

No reports from Finance or Long-Range Planning

Old Business:

Bearcat Radio Network: After some discussion, it was unanimously approved to not purchase any advertising on the Bearcat Network this year, and consider it again next year.

New Business:

Student Media: It was unanimously approved to not run any ads in the Northwest Missourian this year.

Soup/Chili Supper: The soup/chili supper will be November 3. Todd and Karla Roush will coordinate this effort

Church Website: Each Board member is to provide descriptions and pictures of their ministry area for the church website.

Time and Talent Sheets: Revisions to the sheet were discussed. Pastor Oddi will relay the suggestions to Mike Mandrick.

Time to Get to Work

I read an interesting article in the *New York Times* about the candidates for president and their “walk-on” songs. I didn’t realize this was actually a thing, but it is, and I guess there is a lot of thought put into what music is used when the candidate walks out and takes the stage. Each candidate has a playlist of songs that are played during their campaign rallies, but they all choose one song that defines them and perhaps the audience they are trying to reach as their walk-on song.

One the presidential candidates uses the song, “9 to 5” by Dolly Parton as a walk-on song. Talk about a blast from the past! The song was released in 1980 and was the theme song for a movie of the same name. To refresh your memory, here are some of the lyrics from the refrain:

*Workin' 9 to 5, what a way to make a livin'
Barely gettin' by, it's all takin' and no givin'
They just use your mind and they never give you credit.
It's enough to drive you crazy if you let it!*

This was probably the most overt example of a song highlighting the regular worker used by any of the candidates, but other presidential hopefuls also have taken up that theme. One marches into to the strains of “Work That” an empowerment song by Mary J. Blige and another to “Clampdown,” a song about the struggles of the working class by The Clash.

Working. It’s what we do. In fact, the average person spends about 150,000 hours at work in their lifetime. In other words, about 40% of our waking hours are spent at work.

So where does God fit into that? Is He at all interested in our work? You probably already know the answer to that question is a resounding “YES!” God created you with your vocation in mind. It is what He wants you do to on earth, and will be part of what you do in heaven. Work has value, not only for the economy here on earth, but intrinsic value to your relationship with our Lord. So, on this weekend when we honor workers across our nation, let’s take a look our work through God’s eyes.

In Psalm 90, the author laments about the brevity of this earthly life. He writes: *“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”* (vs. 12). He asks for compassion and relief from God’s wrath during this earthly life. But at the end of the Psalm there is one last hopeful request: *“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.”* (vs. 17).

I think most people think of their work as something temporary. It’s what we do when we are here on earth to sustain our life. But God sees it differently. He sees it as training ground for the “new creation” he will establish when he returns. As you go about your work, whether you

are on the job or volunteer or tend to a hobby in your retirement, think about why God might want you to do what you are doing. It’s all part of his plan, and know that He is with you as you go about that work, giving you the skills and knowledge you need to be a successful worker here on earth, and some day in heaven.

Did any of Jesus’ disciples in the Bible work? Yes, they did. We don’t read much about all their vocations, but we know some were fishermen, and they probably didn’t abandon that trade when Jesus called them to follow him. Paul was a tentmaker, and he emphasized that more than once in his letters. In some ways I think of Paul’s letter to the Romans as his walk-up song and tribute to workers. In it he writes about various people and the value of their work: For example:

1. Priscilla and Aquila were also tentmakers and he calls them *“co-workers in Christ Jesus.”*
2. He mentions Mary *“who worked very hard for you.”*
3. Two other women, Tryphena and Tryphosa, were described as women *“who work hard in the Lord”*.
4. Persis was *“another woman who has ‘worked very hard in the Lord.’”*
5. Paul describes Timothy as *“my fellow-worker.”*

In 2 Thessalonians 3 Paul writes, *“we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night*

and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.” (vs. 7-9).

So Paul was not in the temple 24/7. He was like you and me – working 9 to 5 at a job and earning his keep. And many of the people he names were the same way. They had secular jobs as well as working with Paul to build up the church. But I believe they saw both as a calling by God, so in essence, they were full-time workers for the Lord. Can you say the same about the way you feel about your job? I pray so.

On a side note: It is really interesting to see how many of these workers Paul mentions are women. Although I am not surprised, especially as I think about the women of our church and how hard they work in various aspects of our church life. I often think *“what would I do as church secretary without the faithful women of this church?”* They really put forth a lot of effort to carry out the ministry here at Hope. It is inspiring to know that Paul had so many women on his ministry team as well.

Another part of the Bible where the work of people is brought to light is in the books of 1st and 2nd Chronicles. Some of these writings seem rather tedious as they include many names. But in 1 Chronicles 15, those names are associated with the various jobs they were assigned to do in King David’s court.

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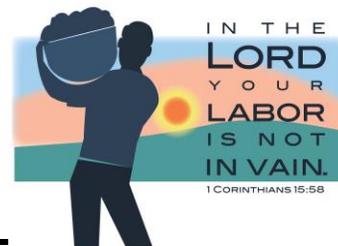
Time to Get to Work

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The writer of the Chronicles especially mentions the names of many Levites, descendants of Aaron (and Moses, for that matter) who were tasked with serving as priests. He names each priest and then assigns other Levites to be musicians in the temple and he names each of them as well. Then there were Levites that were assigned to care for the Ark of the Covenant and some were assigned to be doorkeepers for the ark.

After naming all of these workers, King David called for the ark to be brought back to its place in the makeshift tent temple that David had prepared for it (it had been stored at the house of Obed-Edom). And after the ark was returned, they had a great celebration with lots of music and dancing. David and the priests praised God that the ark was back in Jerusalem. One of the phrases in that song of praise is relevant. It says: "Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day." Or as we might say today: Praise God 9 to 5. Or maybe even 24/7. For David there was no difference between sacred and secular. That's true today as well. We sing praises to God at church each Sunday, but we should also praise God in our places of work each day. Praise Him for a vocation and think of it as an opportunity to serve Him. Praise Him for a sustaining salary and for co-workers. Praise Him for the training He is providing you as prepare for you even more important work in heaven. I once read of a concept called a "Praise Pause," where one stops working for just a minute or two and ponders the wonder of God's grace and His many blessings. Maybe we should think about incorporating a "praise pause" or two or more into our work day. We know that is what God's people did back in the time of King David, and we should think about doing it as well.

Scripture tells us that God works. He worked to create this world and then rested on the seventh day. He continues to work to sustain His creation and to redeem His people. So we know that God is pleased when we work. On this Labor Day weekend, may our prayer be that God will establish the work of our hands, and may that work have a lasting impact for good. Enjoy your weekend!—jm



New Banner!

Jean Memken made the side banner that was used on Rally Day and can be used on Sundays when we have a baptism. The verse on it from Mark 10 is one the quoted during the baptismal service. Thank you, Jean, for using your talents to serve our church and our Lord!



LCC a Whirlwind of Activity this Past Week

There has been a lot of activity at the LCC throughout the first week of classes. The potluck on Sunday, Bible Study on Thursday, and an Ice Cream Sundae bar on Saturday afternoon. After a very quiet summer on campus, it is great to see the LCC come alive again with the sights and sounds of college students! It will be great to have them in worship with us on Sunday mornings as well. Be sure to greet them warmly when you see them at Hope!



Some our LCC Students and Pastor D. having fun on the lawn at the LCC.

Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

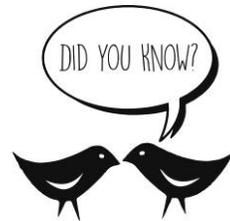
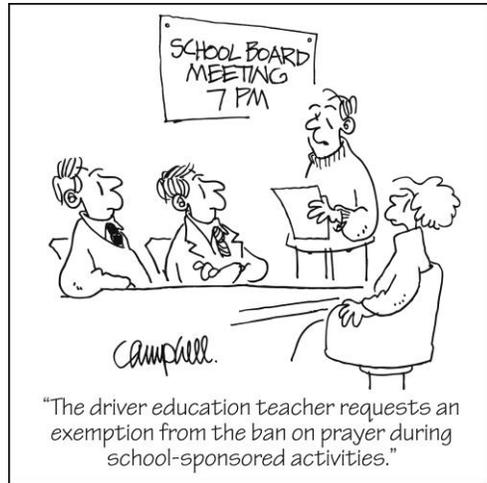
Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah, DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth, Generation

ACROSS
 2. David's grandfather
 5. Jacob's grandfather
 6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN
 1. Judah's grandmother
 3. Joseph's grandfather
 4. Solomon's grandfather
 7. Jesse's grandmother

One G _ N _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV



-- **Andrea Riley** will be a busy young woman this fall. Not only is she one of the newest members of the Platte Valley girls' cross country team, she was also named a member of the Platte Valley cheer squad. Congratulations, Andrea!

--**Jaclyn Pappert** will be representing Platte Valley on their girls' softball team this year. Hope you have a great season, Jackie!

--**Leanna Roush** is also keeping active this fall and was featured in the Maryville Daily Forum as a member of the Spoofohound Cheer team. Way to go, Leanna!

--**Snapped** this picture of **Karl Ritterbusch** as he was prepping his sprayer to use on the church lawn this past week. Thank you, faithful servant, for making sure our grass and landscaping are weed free!



Give Me a Sign, Lord



Pastor Paul had been advised by his doctor to lose 30 pounds or risk serious health consequences. The good pastor took his new diet seriously, even changing his driving route to the church building to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived for Bible study carrying a gigantic devil's food cake. The class chuckled and chided him, but the good pastor's smile remained cherubic.

"This is a very special cake," he explained. "I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window were a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have one of those delicious cakes, let me have a parking place directly in front of the bakery.' And sure enough," he continued, "the eighth time around the block, there it was!"