

*God’s Commands & Human Traditions*

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 30th, 2015**

**Service of the Word and Prayer**

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*Congregation reads* ***bold print*** *\*Please stand*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING REFLECTION**

*In you, O* ***LORD****, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O* ***LORD,*** *faithful God (Psalm 31:1-5). In this Psalm, we read so many descriptive words about God which if summarized would be “protection” and “direction.” Notice the emboldened word – LORD. If you recall the acronym back in June, in Christ we know liberation, overcoming, redemption and defense as the meaning of Lord. As we move forward into a new church year, let us recall that the future is not ours to pre-figure, but that God has plans for this congregation and we need to be attentive to God’s speaking into our mission and ministry.* **Lord, be thou my vision, my wisdom, the light of my soul. Amen.**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (*right column)* ELW p. 211**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *How Great Thou Art* **ELW #856**

**\*GREETING ELW p. 213**

**\*KYRIE**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God***

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: We pray together *Silence* Gracious God,

**C: you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (NRSV)**

 So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. 6 You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” 7 For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? 8 And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? 9 But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children—

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 15**  *The psalm readings are in the front part of the hymnal, page 339*

**SECOND READING James 1:17-27 (NRSV)**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. 26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* **ELW # 512**

\***GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-28 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” 6 He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ 8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” 14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” 21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” 24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, 25 but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” 28 But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY**  *Amazing Grace* **ELW #779**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** *(salmon sheet on the back cover of the hymnal)*

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart***ELW #188**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** L: Lord, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD** *gray shaded* **ELW p. 220**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *Sung (as found in the back cover of the hymnal, SALMON sheet)*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

 L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING** Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

***Three-Fold Amen.***

**\*SENDING HYMN** *Lead On, O King Eternal* **ELW #805**

**BELL SENDING** L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++**Reprinted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, copyright © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #SB107041

Simultaneously saint and sinner i*s a way of identifying the Christian as totally a sinner*

*while at the same time being, in Christ, totally righteous before God.*

 ~ **Dr. Jonathan Linebaugh**, **Knox Theological Seminary on Martin Luther’s** Simul justus et peccator

**Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37**

 *We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* ***Bea Behrens, Agnes Carlson, Lisa******Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Danny Lang, Jim Shoen.*** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**TODAY:** Congratulations to Veryle & Joan Williamson on their 65th Wedding Anniversary which was on August 27th.

Please join them for coffee hour after worship this morning.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**THRUSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**-Open Bible Study/Lois Circle at the Truman Café at 9 am.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6-Worship at 9 AM (no Communion)**



**HYMN SING SUNDAY**

*We will be singing all your favorite hymns*

*Reader: Laurie Wille,*

*Ushers: \*Wayne Maloney, Gene Mager, Mike Taylor and Brian Nickerson*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



Starting September 13th Trinity’s Worship time will now be **10:30 am.**

***There will be a kick off for Sunday School on Sept. 13th, we will be singing VBS songs in church. It will also be Noisy Sunday.***

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**-Martha Circle will be at 1:30 pm at the church. Connie Selnes is the hostess.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Thank you everyone who remembered my 80th birthday—It was very much appreciated!

 ~Doyle Peterson

**Trinity Welcomes Pastor Krista Strum!**

By a majority ballot vote, Sunday, August 23, 2015, the Trinity Lutheran Church, Truman, congregation supported the official hiring of Pastor Krista Strum. Trinity Truman is contracting with Trinity Lutheran Church, Madelia, for 50% of Pastor Krista’s total service. She will conduct Sunday services at each church and conduct joint confirmation classes with Truman and Madelia students. Pastor Krista will establish regular office hours at Truman each week and will conduct visitations to members who are unable to attend services at Trinity Truman.

Pastor Krista’s first worship day at Trinity Truman will be held 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 13. At that date, she will begin her official duties in Truman. Initially it has been agreed between the two church councils that Madelia will schedule an 8:45 a.m. service and Truman will hold a 10:30 a.m. service. Service schedules will be annually reviewed by each council in June. Her installation day will be announced at a later date.

We welcome with joy to Truman Trinity Lutheran Church, Pastor Krista Strum, her husband, Matt, and daughters, Katherine (Katy), 10, and Lauren, 5!