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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY July 14, 2019 Divine Setting One ~ LSB 151

As We Gather ~ Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

Announcements

Confession and Absolution	LSB 151
Entrance Hymn	LSB 758

"The Will of God Is Always Best"

Kyrie LSB 152

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

15When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." 16So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 17'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them

A This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Atone for our sins, for your name's sake!
Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"
Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name deliver us.

18For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:36-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

36Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

37"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

39He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? 40A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. 41Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

42How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 609

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

<u>Sermon</u>

Stand

Apostles' Creed

LSB 159

Prayer of the Church

Passing of the Peace

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

<u>Offering</u>

Stand

Offertory LSB 159

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

LSB 160
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LSB 732

The Immanuel Spirit

Welcome to Immanuel! Welcome friends! We invite everyone to join in worshiping the Creator of us all. Let us sing for joy, pray with confidence, share with enthusiasm and witness with love. "In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Guests: Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving.

Scripture Lessons for next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:11–21, 1 Peter 3:8–15 and Luke 5:1–11.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians. when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 and 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

Stewardship: Romans 8:18 – "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed," we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

Building Healthy Families for July 14th: It's been said that children may not always be good at listening to their parents, but they never fail to imitate them. The words you speak are less important that the every-day life you lead. Your children (and grandchildren) are constantly learning about life by watching you. What an immense responsibility. What an incredible privilege! Pray that God will help you to be the kind of adult that you want your child (or grandchild) to become. ~ Lutheran Family Service of lowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.

Life Quote for July 14th: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,' says God. Each life, before even coming into existence, God has cast His gaze upon, delighting in having us hear His voice and that we would be led home to Him." Rev. Perry Hart, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" ~ A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www. lutheransforlife.org

Life Thought in the Church Year for July 14th: Whether it be the evils of abortion or the assaults on biblical marriage, it becomes easier to attack people rather than confront the evil. We end up fighting evil with evil. But the way of Christ is different. "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them" (Romans 12:14). "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (12:21). Jesus, help us boldly confront evil and compassionately deal with those caught up in it. Amen.

Lutheran Hour Ministries for July 21st: Hear "Relationship. Relationship. Relationship" based on 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Communing with God--Lord's Supper. To a home buyer, it's "location, location, location." To God, it's "relationship, relationship, relationship." ~ Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.

We thank Pastor Beltz for leading our service today.

Pastor Koepp will be in Minnesota Monday through Saturday. If a need arises, please contact an elder or pastors cell phone.

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Marriage Equality, The Spirituality of Presidential Candidate Marianne Williamson, The Resurrection & Ascension of Jesus, Psalm 82, Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Paralyzed and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 7/14—7/20 is K. Schultz. Household(s) responsible for the week of 7/21—7/27 is A. Carnine. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Please continue to donate to the Building Fund for replacement siding for our church. Envelopes are on the entryway table.

Immanuel is invited to the Ordination of Robert William Ricard into the Office of the Holy Ministry and Installation as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church today at 4:00 p.m. at 206 1st Ave South, State Center, IA.

Voters' Assembly

Sunday, July 21st at 10:30 a.m.

If you are not a member and desire to become one:

- 4.3.1 Definition: Voting members are communicants who have reached the age of 18 years and who have been received by the Voters' Assembly.
- 4.3.2 Reception: Applicants for voting membership shall have received a copy of the constitution and be given time to review it. They shall be received as voting members by presenting themselves at a meeting of the Voters' Assembly and signing the constitution.

Show your support for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's mission of providing Christ-centered outdoor recreation and education by attending our I Believe In Camp Fundraiser Auction on Saturday, July 27! The auction is slated to begin at 1 PM in the Alpha Lodge. You can see the fantastic auction items at our website (www.campiodiseca.org).

We need your attendance to help make this day a success!

If you're looking to win a camp scholarship for 2020, our runs get started at 10 AM! The 1-mile is for kids 13 and under and the 5K is for both kids and adults. The top three placers win camp scholarships for 2020, including full-ride scholarships for the top-placers!

Come out beforehand to enjoy some camp activities such as horseback rides, hayrack rides, archery, canoeing, the climbing wall & zip line, and swimming beginning at 11 AM and after the auction.

Burgers, brats, hot dogs, chips, and beverages will be available for purchase in the canteen.

Thank you for believing in the mission of Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 27!

Daniel Sanchez

Camp Director
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



TODAY

Organist	Esther Huedepohl
Elder	Steve Haase
Greeter	McDonough
Ushers	Tim Baker & Keith Thorpe
Servers	Laurie Harms & Cheryl Christinson
Acolyte/Crucifier	Sloane McDonough & Ellie Mintle

NEXT SUNDAY

Organist	Esther Huedepohl
Elder	Ken Mergen
Greeter	Mergen
Ushers	Richard Huedepohl & Marvin Stone
Servers	Esther Huedepohl & Robin Marcinik
Acolyte/Crucifier	Elizabeth & Joey Koepp

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel) July 7, 2019

64
48
\$1369.00
\$139.00
\$470.00

Week Ahead

TODAY

Council Meeting	8:00 a.m.			
4th Sunday after Trinity	9:00 a.m.			
Ordination/Installation, Trinity, State Center	4:00 p.m.			
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NEXT SUNDAY				
5th Sunday after Trinity	9:00 a.m.			
Voters' Assembly	10:30 a.m.			

BIRTHDAYS

Laurie Harms....Today Carol Stone....Monday Miriam Schultz....Wednesday

May God bless you today and each day that follows.

May you hear His voice, follow His footsteps, be
comforted by His care, and live in
His grace now and forever.

The Divine Service Introduction Our Lutheran Heritage of Worship

Pastor David Miller

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The Hand of Blessing

St. Paul writes that pastors, being in the stead of Jesus Christ, are stewards of the divine mysteries. They are to manage and handle the gifts that God has to give to His people through Word and Sacrament. It is therefore every pastor's pleasure and responsibility to share the blessing from on high with his congregation. That blessing is always sharing Christ with the Church. Jesus comes with healing through forgiveness, life, and salvation in water, bread and wine, and the Word. So, it only makes sense that we use visible signs to convey such invisible realities.

When the pastor puts the name of the Lord on us in blessing through the Word, whether it is with Baptism or the Invocation, the Absolution, or the Benediction, he gives us the one who is that very Word, Jesus Christ. Our Lord reminds us of this fact as He says, he who hears pastors hears Him. In receiving that name of the Lord through the Word of God we receive His divine presence. For example, at the dedication of the First Temple in Jerusalem, King Solomon asked how they could be certain that God would dwell there. In response, the Lord promised that He would locate Himself there because He put His name on the temple. When you have the Lord's name, you have the Lord's presence. Placing His name on us, we become His temple as He dwells within us.

Pastors then oftentimes make a special sign or gesture of blessing when they reapply God's name to the people. Not only does he trace the sign of the cross over them, but he can use his fingers to make the shape of two Greek letters, χ (chi) and $\delta \tilde{\omega}$ (rho). These are the first two letters in Jesus' title of Christ (meaning "anointed one"), or in Greek: Χρὶστος (Christos). The first and second fingers form the chi and the third and fourth fingers along with the thumb form the rho, with the wrist as the tail of that letter. This molds the symbol of Christ that appears below.

A pastor may also raise three fingers to represent the three persons of the Trinity, while holding the thumb and forefinger together to form a circle, representing the divine unity of the Trinity. This gesture of blessing is to our eyes what the Word is to our ears.

We not only get to hear the Lord's name placed on us in blessing, but we also get to see the name of Christ put on us as well. We can walk away with confidence that the Lord goes with us to our home, our work, or anywhere else that we go because we have received the blessing of His name.¹



¹ Corinthians 4:1; Matthew 28:19b; cf. John 20:19-23; Numbers 6:24-26; Luke 10:16; cf. John 13:20; Galatians 4:14; 1 Kings 8:27-30



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