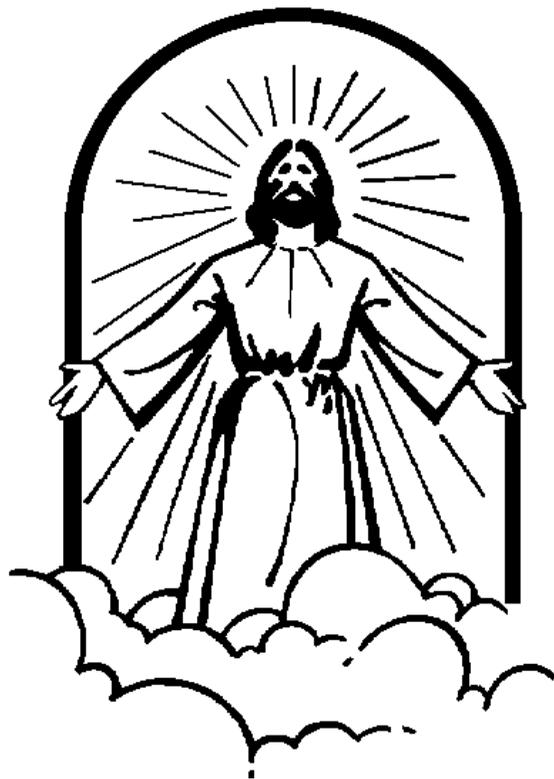


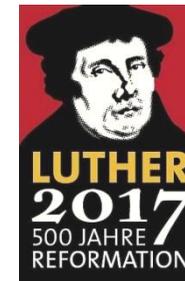
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The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

“The LORD is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.” (Isaiah 12:2b)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 28, page 129 (The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 1 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty”*

Service Of Word And Sacrament, setting 2, page 12 (Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Acts 7:54 - 8:3

⁵⁴When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth. ⁵⁵But [Stephen], being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, ⁵⁶and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; ⁵⁸and they cast *him* out of the city and stoned *him*. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” ^{8:1}Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ²And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him. ³As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 40

M: I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry.

C: HE ALSO BROUGHT ME UP OUT OF A HORRIBLE PIT, OUT OF THE MIRY CLAY, AND SET MY FEET UPON A ROCK, AND ESTABLISHED MY STEPS.

M: He has put a new song in my mouth – praise to our God; many will see it and fear, and will trust in the LORD.

C: BLESSED IS THAT MAN WHO MAKES THE LORD HIS TRUST, AND DOES NOT RESPECT THE PROUD, NOR SUCH AS TURN ASIDE TO LIES.

M: Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order;
C: IF I WOULD DECLARE AND SPEAK OF THEM, THEY ARE MORE THAN CAN BE NUMBERED.
M: I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart.
C: I HAVE PROCLAIMED THE GOOD NEWS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE GREAT ASSEMBLY; INDEED, I DO NOT RESTRAIN MY LIPS, O LORD, YOU YOURSELF KNOW.
M: Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD;
C: LET YOUR LOVINGKINDNESS AND YOUR TRUTH CONTINUALLY PRESERVE ME.

SECOND LESSON: Luke 17:1-10 rise

¹ Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to *him* through whom they do come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. ³ Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. ⁴ And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him." ⁵ And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." ⁶ So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷ And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'? ⁸ But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹ Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. ¹⁰ So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'"

The Apostles' Creed, page 15 (Worship Supplement)

HYMN 30 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices"

SERMON: Isaiah 12

THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG!

¹ And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. ² Behold, God *is* my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, *is* my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'" ³ Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this *is* known in all the earth. ⁶ Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great *is* the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

The Offertory, page 16 (Worship Supplement)

Offerings from grateful hearts

HYMN 742 (Worship Supplement) "Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven"

Prayer Of The Church

The Lord's Prayer, page 17 (Worship Supplement)

The Benediction, page 21 (Worship Supplement)

HYMN 15 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "From All That Dwell Below The Skies"

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the entryway.

TODAY our USHER is Greg Suwanski. In our BIBLE STUDY we're on Psalm 37:7. North

Aurora Care Center service: 3:00 PM; Batavia Rehab Center service: 4:00 PM.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL and BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our USHER is Tyler Louderman.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday's attendance was 12, and our offering was \$875.00.

CLC NEWS: Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has returned the call to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has called Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, to teach grades 3-5 and serve as principal. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has called Teacher Ross Kok of St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN. Pastor David Naumann will be officiating at the Ordination/Installation of his son Tom today at 4:00 PM as the new pastor of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit area), MI.

CLC Mission Helpers to Nepal: Seventeen Mission Helpers will depart on an evening flight from Chicago tomorrow (7/10) on their way to Kathmandu, Nepal where they will be met by Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti, his family, and other pastors and members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN). These seventeen individuals will divide into four teams as they spend the next three weeks proclaiming the simple Gospel message to approximately 1,500 children in Himalayan villages where HCLCN congregations are located. Pastoral training classes will also be taught among the pastors and Himalayan Bible Institute students of the HCLCN. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at: <http://2017clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com/> Your prayers are much appreciated.