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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

(Bold – Congregation speaks

Bold Italic – Congregation sings or chants

Hymns are in folder)

The Confessional Service with Holy Communion

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation – #390

“Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest”

+ The Invocation – pg. 46ff (*stand*)

+ Versicles & Responses

Introit *Ps. 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: Ps. 51:2*

*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!**

The Confessional Address or Exhortation, pg. 47

The Corporate Confession of Sins and Absolution, pg. 47-48

The Collect for the Day

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

The Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up

the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.

+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22

Hymn #369

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

Sermon – “Help from the Outside for Inner Defilement”

Mark 7:18-23

- I. Our defilement comes from the inside, from our sinful hearts.
- II. Our help comes from the outside, from Jesus Christ.

+ The Offertory – pg. 22 (*stand*)

+ The Offerings

Vocal Solo: “The Tree of Life”

+ The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei – pg. 24-28

+ Distribution Hymns

#388 - "Just as I Am, without One Plea" (*2nd tune*)

#376 - "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

#335 - "My Maker, Be Thou Nigh"

+ The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29

+ The Thanksgiving – pg. 30

+ Post-Communion Collect – pg. 31

+ The Salutation & The Benedicamus – pg. 31

+ The Benediction – pg. 31

+ Closing Hymn - #376 (7:00 p.m.)

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Silent Prayer & Postlude

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

August 29: 1 Kings 11:42–12:19; 2 Cor. 7:1–16; 30: 1 Kings 12:20–13:5, 33–34; 2 Cor. 8:1–24; 31: 1 Kings 16:29–17:24; 2 Cor. 9:1–15; September 1: 1 Kings 18:1–19; Eph. 1:1–23; 2: 1 Kings 18:20–40; Eph. 2:1–22; 3: 1 Kings 19:1–21; Eph. 3:1–21; 4: 2 Kings 2:1–18; Eph. 4:1–24.

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