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Pentecost 4

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

Greeters: Laurie White

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 13* (Hymnal p. 124)

Pre-service Prayer:

Lord, I believe were sinners more than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, for all a full atonement made.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, an everlasting ransom paid.

Amen. (TLH 371:5,7)

Order of Worship

(Worship Supplement pp. 1ff)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Welcome to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 235(1,2,4,7) – O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (spoken): **Amen**

P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a fellow believer called by Christ to serve among you and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken): **Amen.**

C (sings): **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

(WS2000 pp. 2-3)

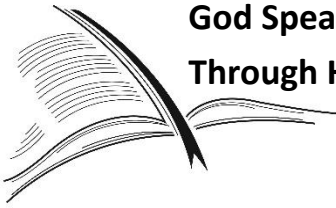
Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.

Cong: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For

you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer (Pastor)

Congregation (speaks): **Amen**



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 3:1-15

The entire population of the world plunged into sin, darkness, and condemnation when Adam and Eve sinned.

The sin and its effects which we experience have their origin in the Garden of Eden.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool[c] of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then

the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

*The Lord God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;*

*on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.*

*I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."*

Responsive Reading:

Pastor: As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me;

Cong: **heal me, for I have sinned against you!"**

P: I have trusted in your steadfast love;

C: **my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.**

P: I will sing to the Lord,

C: **because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

Psalm 41:4, Psalm 13:5-6

Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:15-23

We can be very health conscious—watching carefully what we put into our bodies and how that will affect them. Similar, or greater, attention is rightly given to what comes from within us—out of our sinful hearts. God’s Old Testament Law declared certain foods clean and unclean for worship purposes, ultimately, it is the sin within that defiles a person.

There 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." And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And 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, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and

is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it!

C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Confession of Faith: The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn: All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall (next page, cf. TLH 369)

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our

sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our

curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

The Sermon

Text: *Romans 5:12-19*

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

“We Have Inherited Sin, but We have the Inheritance of Salvation”

- I. Adam is the original sinner
- II. We are copies of the original
- III. Jesus is the original and only rescuer

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn: 376 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Prayer

Offering Prayer (Congregation sings)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

(TLH 441:1-2)

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

C (spoken): **Amen.**

Hymn: 50 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to all who have gathered for worship this morning. We especially welcome guests and visitors—please sign our guest book in the north entry. We look forward to having you worship with us again!



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church. Electronic donations may be made via our website (Spokanelutheran.com)

Prayer List: Kathy Conway;
Bertie Hein; Maggie, Miles,
and Sia Toland; Donna
Zarling; CLC pastoral vacancies





This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)

Today

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Part 2 –Discussion of the CLC Convention *Prospectus*
Church Council

Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Bible Class @ Gethsemane

Next Sunday (June 21)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service with installation of Vicar Rademacher
Potluck Lunch welcoming the Rademachers

Lawn Mowing this Week

Randy Estes



News & Notes

Welcoming Potluck for Vicar Samuel & Trinity Rademacher next Sunday after the worship service. It will be a regular potluck, but no need to bring desserts (a cake will be provided).

CLC Convention Prospectus: Copies of the *Prospectus* for the upcoming Church of the Lutheran Confession Convention (in June) are in the north entry. We will continue the discussion of the *Prospectus* following the service this morning.

Vacation Bible School at Trinity: As part of the summer's ministry and outreach, we are planning to host a Vacation Bible School at Trinity—August 3-7. It is understood that the Trinity membership may not be able to support this independently—the Rademachers will be leading/helping and members from Gethsemane will fill in as needed. Still, there are ways for the

membership of Trinity to help. Areas of helping in VBS include teaching, crafts, snacks (providing and serving), and more. A sign-up sheet is in the north entry to volunteer to help. Talk to Pastor E. for more information, questions, etc. This is an exciting opportunity!



Student registration: tinyurl.com/TrinityVBS26

Daily Rest & Lutheran Spokesman Renewals: June is the renewal month for *Daily Rest* (quarterly CLC magazine with daily devotions) and the *Lutheran Spokesman* (CLC monthly news and devotion magazine).

The congregation provides a *Lutheran Spokesman* subscription for member households and *Daily Rest* subscriptions to those households who request it. A sign-up sheet for *Daily Rest* subscriptions is in the north entry (you may also call, email, or text Pastor E). If you would like to offset the cost of these subscriptions, you may do so through your offering (*Lutheran Spokesman* \$20/year & *Daily Rest* \$15/year). A sample of the current issue for both magazines is available in the north entry for review.

The Branches Magazine renewal deadline is tomorrow.

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Gethsemane welcomes the members of Trinity to it's annual Spokane Indian's Baseball game



Gethsemane at the Ball Game!

Our annual Spokane Indians Game is July 24. The ticket site is open and ready for business. The game starts at 6:35 p.m.



<https://tinyurl.com/GetBB26>



June Cleaners

Sanctuary: Poffenroth / **North Entry:** Kenkman
Basement: Helke



News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Call News: Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI / Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has extended two one-year calls to members Marie Muehlenhaupt to serve as teacher and to Rebecca Lillo to serve as principal / Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI / Mr. Steve Sydow has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI / Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ / Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church,

Morris, MN, is considering the call to St. Luke’s Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD, and he is also considering the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN / Lori Ruthenbeck and Lydia Buck are considering part-time, one-year calls to St. John’s Lutheran School, Okabena, MN.

Pray for Laborers--Current locations that are in need of pastor-trained men:

1. Our Redeemer, Red Wing
2. Living Hope, Appleton
3. Trinity, Spokane
4. Holy Cross, Phoenix
5. St. Paul’s, Austin
6. St. Luke’s, Lemmon
7. Mt. Zion, Detroit
8. Messiah, Eau Claire (3rd pastor)
9. Gift of God, Mapleton/St. Paul, Ponsford

CLC Financial Report - May 2026

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 11 Months	Balance 5/31/2026
General Fund	0	1,047,804	1,122,053	1,159,675	(74,249)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,738,510	1,550,693	1,627,120	187,817
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	34,680	91,982		41,841
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	499,213	340		2,565,586
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	307,726	242,057		214,071
Kinship	169,472	214,538	206,250		177,760
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	991,676	1,048,231		2,447,241
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	158,626	226,991		33,324
EduK8 Fund	70,311	68,330	30,000		108,641
Reserve Fund	103,629	3,474	0		107,103
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$2,278,263	\$1,845,851		\$5,695,567

General Fund –Our deficit in the General Fund increased since last month, and now sits at almost \$75,000. We have not met our budget for the past several years and while we have been blessed to have a reserve fund that has covered our shortfall, eventually that fund will run out if this trend continues. With only the remainder of June in our fiscal year, it will be beneficial for each of us to prayerfully consider what we can do to support the General Fund now and in the future. May our Gracious Lord bless our humble efforts.

Church Extension Fund – Revenue in the Church Extension Fund was over \$300,000 this month, largely due to one congregation paying off their loan balance of almost \$240,000.

*Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees*

ANTI-CHRISTIAN VIOLENCE CONTINUES TO IMPACT THE CLC-INDIA

The following is a report of events that took place in January in the Church of the Lutheran Confession in India (CLCI). It is written, in his own words, by the indigenous pastor who is our main contact. Names of people and places are being withheld because of ongoing persecution. The report is lightly edited for clarity.

“For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:10)

One evening in mid-January I had gathered with family and church members to celebrate my birthday with a special prayer meeting. The happy occasion, however, was interrupted by a shocking telephone call from one of our CLCI pastors, reporting that he had been attacked and severely injured by a group of Hindu extremists. We immediately rushed there with a few of our church members.

The pastor had been on his way to attend a CLCI church evening service when a group of Hindu extremists came in a minivan and stopped our pastor and attacked him. They beat his legs with iron rods, breaking his right knee. It was by the grace of God that our pastor escaped death.

We lodged a police complaint. The police registered our complaint and took a few pictures of our injured pastor. Since we don't have any witnesses for this attack, there have been no arrests to this point. Our pastor is slowly recovering.

My children were disappointed that a celebratory birthday prayer meeting turned into an occasion of crisis. I told them that doing the Lord's work in the midst of affliction—whether physical, emotional or persecution-based—is a profoundly Biblical method of ministry. Rather than silencing the Gospel, suffering can act as a megaphone that validates our CLCI Gospel message by showing the hope of the victims. The New Testament clearly indicates that suffering for the sake of Christ is a primary, even necessary, setting for witnessing.

One of the biggest challenges of the church in India in recent years has been the open persecution of the church. Between 2014 and 2025, violence against Christians in India has risen 500%, and there are now restrictive anti-conversion laws in many states. Currently the CLCI has been facing much persecution during our ministry work in many places. Jesus told us, *"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you."* (John 15:18)

India is a secular democracy in theory, but not in practice. It is very challenging for Christians to do evangelism work here in India. These persecutions remind us that we are in the end times and we should expect tribulation, as our Savior Jesus reminds us in Matthew, *"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake."* (Matthew 24:9)

Our Savior Jesus also told us, *"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and innocent as doves."* (Matthew 10:16) Yes, it is a great challenge to do mission work here in India, but we are moving forward successfully with faith in the Lord.

Please pray that the Lord may use the CLCI to bring many Indians into His kingdom. Your prayer support will build the CLCI greatly here in India to do His mighty work. May the Lord bless you all. Thank you.

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We Believe & Confess

It is also taught among us that since the fall of Adam, all people who are born according to the course of nature are conceived and born in sin. That is, all people are full of evil lust and inclinations from their mothers' wombs and are unable by nature to have the true fear of God and true faith in God. Moreover, this inborn sickness and hereditary sin is truly sin and condemns to the eternal wrath of God all those who are not born again through Baptism and the Holy Spirit.

Rejected in this connection are [those] who deny that original sin is sin, for they hold that natural man is made righteous by his own powers, thus disparaging the sufferings and merit of Christ.

Augsburg Confession, Article II / Translator Theodore G. Tappert

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Additional Reading in the Confessions: *The Apology of the Augsburg Confession* Article II, Part III of *The Smalcald Articles*, *The Formula of Concord* Article I

