

Luke 18:14

I tell you this:
the one who
humbles
himself shall
be exalted.



Community Lutheran Church

October 23, 2016

Prelude

But The Lord Is Mindful of His Own arr. by Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.

(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Everyone) Amen.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

We pray to confess our sin to God and ask His forgiveness to remain humble before Him.

(Everyone) Gracious Heavenly Father, in this month of October, we rejoice in Your great goodness toward us, yet we also come before Your throne burdened by our sins of the past. We thank You for Your continued blessings and faithfulness toward us. We also realize that we have not always lived the Christian life and have often succumbed to unrighteous living. We must confess in the spirit of the publican that we have given in to temptation and have sinned in weakness. We come now in repentance, and humbly seek Your pardon and mercy, pleading only the merits of Jesus on the cross. Please forgive us, for the sake of Christ's suffering and death, and may our lives continue to serve our Savior in great joy and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

We remember the Good News that God forgives our sin because of Jesus.

(Pastor) We are encouraged by the Bible which tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God's pardon. Christ has promised to us His forgiveness because of His suffering and death at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and according to His Word and promise, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Pianist: Shirlene Everhart

Thy Loving Kindness # 69

Children's Sermonette

"Me First!"

Pastor Robert McDonald

We Worship Through Our Giving

We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus.

Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.

Offertory

You are My Hiding Place arr. by Mark Hayes

We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God

We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.

Old Testament Lesson for the Day

Genesis 2:15-24

¹⁵ The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. ¹⁶ But the LORD God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—¹⁷ except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."¹⁹ So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. ²⁰ He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. ²³ "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'" ²⁴ This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Epistle

2 Timothy 1:1-7

This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus.

² I am writing to Timothy, my dear son. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace. ³ Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you

in my prayers. ⁴ I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again. ⁵ I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. ⁶ This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign # 231

(Please stand)

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: ¹⁰ "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector!' ¹² I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.' ¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' ¹⁴ I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

We Respond to God's Word by Confessing Our Faith

As we recite together the words of the Apostles' Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith through this simple declaration.

(Everyone) I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And 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, dead, and 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 shall 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.

Sermon Hymn

Softly and Tenderly # 326

Sermon

Pastor Robert McDonald

"Humble in the Lord!"

Luke 18:14

General Prayer and Lord's Prayer

(Everyone) Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen!

Benediction

A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.

Sending Hymn

What A Friend We Have In Jesus # 435

Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

(Everyone) Thanks be to God !

Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus arr. by Cindy Berry

Message Notes:

Mark Your Calendars!

October 25, Tuesday -- Visit from AFLC World Missions--Pastor Kevin Olson and his wife, Pam, will be here to give us encouragement, hear our prayer concerns, share what God is doing in AFLC World Missions and specifically the Ambassador Institute. Potluck dinner will start at 6 pm. Everyone is welcomed to come and hear what Pastor Olson has to say.

October 27, Thursday -- "4th Thursday"--At church fixing dinner for our Preschool families. Starts at 6 pm. Come and get to know our Preschool families better. Theme and meal plan to be announced.

November 5, Saturday, Women's Bible Study -- At church from 10 am to 11:00 am. We are continuing the Women of the Bible series with the study of Mary.

November 13, Sunday, Second Sunday -- Our Preschool Kids come and sing. We'll have a potluck lunch following worship service.

November 19, Saturday -- Free Food Distribution--At the Shack from 9:30 to 10:30 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Please come and lend a hand with handing out food to those in need. If you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!

November 19, Saturday -- Women's Bible Study lead by Debbie Giles--At church following food distribution about 11 am.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Here at Community we celebrate our birthdays/anniversaries each second Sunday of the month. If your birthday is this month, and your name is not on this list, please put a note in the offering plate so we can include yours!

(PS) after the name denotes one of our Preschoolers' birthday.

Birthdays

10th—Alice Gallagher 16th—Marjie Ericson 25th—Shirlene Everhart

Anniversaries

27th—Marsha & John Leichner

Activity Items

These are available for younger children during the service. They in the cabinets at the back of the church to the left of the Prayer Room.

Things going on during the week:

Monday—Little Blessings Christian Preschool: “Theme: Fall / Autumn Letter: Hh Bible: Baby Moses; A basket boat.”

Tuesday--Kinship Group: At church from 5:30—8:00 pm. This is a support group for grandparents who are helping to raise their grandkids.

Wednesday--Choir Rehearsal: At church at 5 pm.

Wednesday--Youth Group Meeting: At “The Shack” from 6:30 - 8 pm. Please pray that we will be able to reach the youth of our community.

Thursday—Potluck Dinner & Bible Study: Potluck Dinner starts at 6:15 pm followed by Bible Study at 7:00 pm.

Prayer Chain Requests

In order for us to be sensitive to everyone’s needs regarding prayer requests, please mark the Connection Card very clearly as to whether you want our prayer chain to pray for you or if it is something you want kept private between you and Pastor. Our prayer chain encompasses a large percentage of our members. We will try calling/emailing if we are unsure how you want your request handled.

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Office Hours: (760) 722-3337
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Little Blessings Christian Preschool (760) 722-1705

Preschool Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director

Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays	10:00 am	Worship Service & Sunday School
	11:15 am	Community Fellowship Time Refreshments in the Courtyard
Second Sunday		Preschool Kids Sing during Worship, Potluck Lunch following Worship
Wednesdays	5:00 pm	Choir Practice—At church at 5 pm
Thursdays	6:15 pm	Dinner and Bible Study
Thursdays	6:00 pm	“4th Thursday”—Dinner for the Preschool Families <i>The Fourth Thursday of each month</i>
Saturdays	10:00 am	Women’s Bible Study <i>The First Saturday of each month.</i>
	10:00 am	Free Food Distribution <i>The Third Saturday of each month. from 9:30—10:30 am</i>
	11:00 am	Women’s Bible Study with Debbie Giles <i>The Third Saturday of each month.</i>

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