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Bulletin for the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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INTROIT: The one who lives under the shelter of the Most High will stay for the night in the shadow of the Almighty.

I shall say to the LORD, "My Refuge and my Fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

For He Himself will rescue you from the fowler's snare and from the destructive plague.

He will cover you with His feathers, and you will take refuge under His wings. His truth will be your Shield and Buckler.

You will not be afraid of the terror of the night, or of the arrow that flies by day, or of the plague that stalks in darkness, or of the pestilence that lays waste at midday.

A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

You will only look with your eyes and see the retribution on wicked people.

For You, O LORD, are my Refuge. You have made the Most High your Dwelling-place.

No harm will happen to you. No plague will come near your tent.

Psalm 91:1-10

COLLECT: O God, since You never disappoint those who depend on You, mercifully accept our prayers. Because we are by nature too weak to do any good without Your grace, grant that we may keep Your commandments both in our attitudes and in our actions; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

READINGS: Jeremiah 20:7-13 Jeremiah's complaint

Romans 6:12-23 Slaves to righteousness

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33 Stop being afraid! You are worth more than many sparrows

SERMON: 1 Peter 3:13-17 The Beginnings of the Lutheran Church

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

The Augsburg Confession – June 25, 1530 AD

Brief Summaries of its 21 Theological Articles

We believe, teach, and confess that...

1. **GOD**: There is one divine essence, God, and that there are three persons in this one divine essence. These persons are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
2. **MAN**: (Original Sin) All men born the natural way since the fall of Adam are conceived and born in sin. This sin condemns all who are not regenerated.
3. **CHRIST**: The Son of God became man. His two natures, human and divine, are so united that one Christ was born, suffered, died, arose, reigns on high, etc...
4. **GRACE**: (Justification) We cannot obtain forgiveness or salvation by our merits. We receive forgiveness by grace alone, for Christ's sake, through faith.
5. **MINISTRY**: The ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the sacraments was given by God so men could be given the Holy Spirit and faith.
6. **GOOD WORKS**: Confidence that Christ forgives us and gives us His righteousness apart from our works, produces good works in us, fruits of faith.
7. **THE CHURCH**: The church is the assembly of believers among whom the Gospel is purely preached and the sacraments are administered in accord with it.
8. **HYPOCRITE PASTORS**: "The sacraments are efficacious even if the priests who administer them are wicked men." Such men "sit in Moses' seat."

(Mt. 23:2)

9. HOLY BAPTISM: “Baptism is necessary” and “grace is offered through it. Children, too, should be baptised.” By baptism they become acceptable to God.

10. HOLY COMMUNION: “The true body and blood of Christ are really present in the Supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine.”

11. HOLY ABSOLUTION: “Private absolution should be retained and not allowed to fall into disuse.” In confession it is not necessary to enumerate all sins.

12. REPENTANCE: Repentance is simply to be terrified because of your sin, yet trust the absolution. The changed life follows. The process repeats often.

13. SACRAMENTS: Sacraments are not just ways of making your public testimony. They are ways God makes His testimony to us, ways He brings us forgiveness.

14. CALLED AND ORDAINED ONLY: “No one should publicly teach or preach or administer the sacraments in the church without a regular call.”

15. TRADITIONS: Other than traditions that are said to win you salvation, we happily practice all the old traditions, interpreting them in an evangelical way.

16. CIVIL GOVERNMENT: God instituted All government and law for good order. Christians can hold office, fight wars, judge & execute criminals, etc.

17. CHRIST’S RETURN: Christ will return on the last day will raise up all the dead, giving life and joy to believers but eternal punishment to ungodly men & demons.

18. FREE WILL? Fallen man possesses the kind of free will it takes to function in society, but not the kind it takes to fear, love, or trust in God with his whole heart.

19. THE CAUSE OF SIN: Although God has created and preserves nature, sin is caused by the wicked will of the devil and of all ungodly men.

Supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine.”

20. FAITH AND WORKS: Good works do nothing to save us. Only faith produces genuine good works like calling on God, enduring suffering, loving neighbour, etc.

21. THE SAINTS: “Saints should be kept in remembrance...However it cannot be proved from Scripture that we are to invoke saints or seek help from them.”

Welcome to all with us today! May God bless our worship of Him by His serving of us!

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Please notify pastor of anyone who is unwell or in need of a visit.

COMING SERVICES

2 July 4 Pentecost	9 July 5 Pentecost	16 July 6 Pentecost
8.30am TMBA PR JZ 8.30am OAK LR 10.00am Minden HC AELC Mission Day Service	8.30am TMBA HC 8.30am OAK LR 9.00am GRN LR 10.30am AUB HC	8.00am TMBA PR JZ and 9.00am Bible Study 8.30am OAK HC 10.00am GRN HC 10.30am AUB PR JZ
Sunday, 2 July		
READINGS: Jeremiah 28:5-9;	Romans 7:1-13;	Matthew 10:34-42
HYMNS: 323 324 329 258		
Sunday, 9 July		
READINGS: Zechariah 9:9-12;	Romans 7:14-25a;	Matthew 11:25-30
HYMNS:12 306 335 (368 372) 219		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family BUSHDANCE, Greenwood Church Hall, Friday 7th July at 7pm. You are welcome to invite friends as well. Please bring a plate for supper. Phone Jane Sippel for more information 0488722074

Saturday, 8 July, 10.00am. Seminary Committee Meeting at Troys Road.

Pastor is taking holidays from June 19 to July 3.