

V: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and I will walk in Your truth.
R: Give me an undivided heart that I may fear Your name.
V: I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart.
R: I will glorify Your name forever.
V: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
R: May those who love Your salvation always say, Let God be exalted.
V: Save Your people and bless Your inheritance.
R: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
V: Hear my prayer, O Lord.
R: Listen to my cry for mercy.

The Collect

O God, the Strength of all those who put their trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us the help of Your grace that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

In our prayers: Pastor, Sheila Cornelius, Jack Kyser, Jeff Houston, Kimberly Simone, Herel Borders family

Luther's Evening Prayer (prayed together)

I thank you my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

V: Let us bless the Lord.
R: Thanks be to God.
V: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, + and bring us to everlasting life.
R: Amen.

Looking Forward to Next Week

2nd Sunday after Trinity- 1 June 2008

OT Lesson: Proverbs 9: 1- 10

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 3: 3- 18

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14: 15- 24

Sermon: The Gracious Invitation to Feast

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The week of The 1st Sunday After Trinity

May 25-31 2008

The Church Calendar

May 31 – The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

After the angel Gabriel had announced to Mary that she was to become the mother of Our Lord, Mary went from Galilee to Judea to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth, soon to be the mother of John the Baptist. This visit is recorded in Luke 1:39-56. Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary burst forth with the song of praise which we call the Magnificat, beginning, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." We are told that even John the Baptist, still unborn, leaped for joy in his mother's womb. Thus we are shown, side by side, the two women, one seemingly too old to have a child, but destined to bear the last prophet of the Old Covenant, of the age that was passing away; and the other woman, seemingly not ready to have a child, but destined to bear the One Who was Himself the beginning of the New Covenant, the age that would not pass away.

It is this meeting that we celebrate today.

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Psalm 113 or

Canticle 9 (First Song of Isaiah): Isaiah 12:2-6

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17

The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-49 (or 1:39-56)

Collect: Father in heaven, by whose grace the virgin mother of thine incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping thy word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to thy will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Taken from James Kiefer's Christian Biographies)

The Daily Office

V: O Lord, open my lips;

R: and my mouth will declare your praise

V: Make haste, O God, to + deliver me;

R: make haste to help me, O Lord.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

Daily Psalms: (Use either or both)

Su-67/46; Mo-51/85; Tu-54/28; We-65/125; Th-143/81;

Fri-86/6; Sa-122/141

The Readings (Sunday-Saturday)

	Old Testament	New Testament	Optional
Sun	Eccl. 2:1-26	John 7:1-13	Apoc. parts of Esther
Mon	Eccl. 3:1-22	John 7:14-31	1 Maccabees 4:1-33
Tue	Eccl. 4:1-16	John 7:32-53	1 Maccabees 4:34-61
Wed	Eccl. 5:1-20	John 8:1-20	1 Maccabees 5:1-36
Thu	Eccl. 6:1-7:10	John 8:21-38	1 Maccabees 5:37-68
Fri	Eccl. 7:11-29	John 8:39-59	1 Maccabees 6:1-31
Sat	Eccl. 8:1-17	John 9:1-23	1 Maccabees 6:32-63

The Catechism – Confession

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Hymn: LW # 280 Jesus, Your Boundless Love So True

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer (prayed together)

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.

The Creed (confessed by all)

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

The Litany

V: O Lord, hear my prayer.

R: And let my cry come to You.

V: In the day of my trouble I call to you

R: For You answer me.

V: Hide Your face from my sins.

R: And blot out all my iniquity.

V: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

R: And renew a right spirit within me.

V: Do not cast me away from Your presence.

R: And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

V: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

R: And uphold me with a willing Spirit.

V: Because Your lovingkindness is better than life.

R: My lips shall praise You

V: Because You have been my help.

R: Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.