

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

Grant, O Lord, we implore You, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance, that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; 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, Doug Thomas, family of Frank Weed, Frances Riddle, Jason Jenkins, Barb Rech, Maureen Stuckman, Cecil Borders, Pete Knapp, Jack Kyser, Jackie Caudill, Kimberly Simone

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

22 June- 5th Sunday after Trinity (Friendship Sunday)

OT Lesson: 1 Kings 19: 11- 21

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 3: 8- 15

Gospel Lesson: Luke 5: 1- 11

Sermon: Christ Calls and Comforts the Sinner

The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The week of The 4th Sunday After Trinity

June 15-21, 2008

The Church Calendar

June 21 – Onesimos Nesib, Translator and Missionary

Onesimos, was born in about 1855, in western Ethiopia. He was captured by slave traders and brought to the coast. There Swedish missionaries bought him, freed him, educated him, and converted him. He belonged to the Galla people, the largest linguistic group in Ethiopia, and he proceeded to translate the Bible into Galla, and returned to his homeland to minister to the Galla people. He died there on 21 June 1931.

It should be noted that the country of Ethiopia was already officially Christian. In the fourth century, the great theologian and bishop Athanasius of Alexandria in Egypt consecrated the Syrian Frumentius (dates approximately 300-380) as Bishop of Ethiopia, and he established the Christian Church in that land. (His commemoration is 1 August in Ethiopia, and 27 October in the West.) By this century, however, because of changes of language, there was no longer any translation of the Scriptures in a language understood by the people, and the religious education of the people (not through any conspiracy) was very sketchy. If my memory is correct, a modern translation was produced around 1950 by order of the Emperor Haile Selassie, which had to be printed from photocopies of an original written by the Emperor in his own hand, since otherwise the people refused to accept it.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank thee for thy servant Frumentius, by whom thy Church was first planted in Ethiopia, and for thy servant Onesimos Nesib, whom thou didst call to minister to the Galla people of Ethiopia, and to furnish them with the Scriptures in their own tongue. Raise up, we beseech thee, in this and every land evangelists and heralds of thy kingdom, that thy Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, 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-19/113; Mo-136/112; Tu-123/86; We-15/4; Th-36/27;

Fri-130/139; Sa-56/62

The Readings (Sunday-Saturday)

	Old Testament	New Testament	Optional
Sun	Proverbs 15:1-29	John 15:12-27	1 Maccabees 13:31-53
Mon	Proverbs 16:1-24	John 16:1-16	1 Maccabees 14:1-16
Tue	Proverbs 17:1-28	John 16:17-33	Proverbs 18:1-20:4
Wed	Proverbs 20:5-25	John 17:1-26	Proverbs 21:1-31
Thu	Proverbs 22:1-21	John 18:1-14	1 Maccabees 14:27b-49
Fri	Prov. 22:22-23:12	John 18:15-40	1 Maccabees 15:1-24
Sat	Proverbs 24:1-22	John 19:1-22	1 Maccabees 15:25-41

The Catechism – The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

Who receives this sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Hymn: LW # 300 Do Not Despair, O Little Flock

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.