

Sunday Morning Divine Worship

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2010

Biblical Figure #5: Daniel - Courage

MISSION STATEMENT: *Inspired by the grace of God, Christ Lutheran Church seeks to make Christ known and to exemplify God's compassionate love through worship, fellowship, and service.*

NOTICE: As a courtesy to other worshipers, and out of respect for The Lord, please silence all cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices, including children's toys. Thank you.

LISTENING ROOM: A speaker has been installed in the Rainbow Room downstairs for parents who feel they need to attend to their children's anxious needs, but would still like to hear the worship service. Free child care is now available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert and inside back cover for details)

WORSHIP THEME: The Pentecost season focuses on our life in the community of believers we know as the Church.

Today's historical account of Daniel in the Lions' Den illustrates faith in practice as Daniel trusted in the Lord to deliver him from danger and death. As we hear about Daniel think about ways you are like the Old Testament prophet and how is God calling you to a stronger, more courageous faith.

PRELUDE

GREETING

P: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures forever. Amen.

P: God's blessings on your worship of Him.

CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy"LW 168

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS based on Psalm 51 *(adapted from the book Psalms for Teens)*

P: Lord, have mercy!

C: I admit I do wrong things. *(Please take a moment to reflect on your sins of thought, word, and deed you have not yet brought before the Lord.)*

P: Father, have mercy!

C: I can't forget my sins.

P: Christ, have mercy!

C: I have sinned against You, only against You, by sinning against others.

P: Spirit, give us mercy!

C: I have done what You told me not to do.

P: Lord, have mercy!

C: You would be right if You condemn me to eternal death.

P: Father, have mercy!

C: Sin is a part of who I am

P: Christ, have mercy!

C: Sin is a part of who I am. It has been with me since I was conceived.

P: Spirit, give us mercy!

C: Because Your love has no limits!!!

P: Father, have mercy!

C: Wipe away my sins of thoughts, words, and deeds, both the sins I've committed and the times where I failed to do good works.

P: Lord, have mercy!

C: And make me clean again. Amen.

FORGIVENESS PRONOUNCEMENT

P: God the Father showed us His mercy by sacrificing His perfect Son. From the Cross, when Christ said, "It is finished," He completed the sacrifice atoning for our sins. When Jesus rose from the dead in the flesh, He confirmed His victory over death and now your victory over death is given to you by faith through His Word, which you received at your baptism. If this was your sincere confession of sins, then as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto you and in the place and only by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY/THE COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with you, His servant.

P: Let us pray. *(Brief silence to reflect on the worship theme for the day)* Almighty God, Your Son showed the ultimate courage by dying on the Cross to eliminate our sins and gives us life everlasting.

C: Teach us this day to follow the example of Your child, Daniel. Let us exhibit a faith of courage.

P: So that we can offer a witness of hope to those who have lose hope.

C: We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Daniel 6 NIV

This passage recounts Daniel in the Lions' Den. The Jews are in Babylonian exile, but Daniel is well respected among the King Darius.

¹ It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. ³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ⁵ Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

⁶ So the administrators and the satraps went as a group to the king and said: "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or man during the next thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the lions' den. ⁸ Now, O king, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." ⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem.

Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

¹³ Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day." ¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

¹⁵ Then the men went as a group to the king and said to him, "Remember, O king, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed."

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

²¹ Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."

23 The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

24 At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

25 Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations and men of every language throughout the land:

"May you prosper greatly!

26 "I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

"For he is the living God
and he endures forever;
his kingdom will not be destroyed,
his dominion will never end.

27 He rescues and he saves;
he performs signs and wonders
in the heavens and on the earth.
He has rescued Daniel
from the power of the lions."

28 So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
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THE GOSPEL READING.....Luke 12: 22-31 NIV

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²²Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷"Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S LESSON: "What is worrying?" Text: Luke 12: 22-31

SERMON HYMN..... "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".....LW297

THE SERMON: "Courage" Text: Daniel 6

THE SECOND ARTICLE TO THE APOSTLES' CREED with Luther's Explanation

**ALL: 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 sits at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: What does this mean?

Men: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

Women: who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;

Men: not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

Women: that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

P: This is most certainly true.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

MOMENT OF EXAMINATION

Preparation questions to reflect on silently before coming to Holy Communion: (Based on 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, which you may review using your pew Bibles)

1. **Do you believe that you are a sinner?** If you say, **"yes,"** then you realize why our Heavenly Father had to send His Son to suffer and die on the cross for you, and now gives you Christ's true body and real blood in this sacrament.
2. **How do you know you are a sinner?** If you say, **"From the 10 Commandments, which I have not kept,"** then you understand through the Holy Bible our Lord's basis for determining your sins and the reason why we have the Lord's Supper.
3. **Are you sorry for your sins?** If you say, **"Yes I am sorry that I have sinned against God,"** then you accept that Holy Communion is for the assurance of God's gracious and merciful forgiveness to you in Christ Jesus.

(Adapted from "Christian Questions and Their Answers," a part of a 1551 version of Luther's Small Catechism)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Bidding Prayer format)

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs:

P: Let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.
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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WHILE THE SERVERS ARE BEING COMMUNED PLEASE LINE UP FOR COMMUNION

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN.....“Just as I am without one plea”....LW359
(Please bring your bulletin and sing in line while waiting for Communion)**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord makes His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with His favor and gives you His peace, both now
and forevermore.

C: Amen

THE SENDING HYMN..... “Onward, Christian Soldiers”LW518

P: Go in peace with the courage to serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders: Rev. Dan Eddy
Organist: George Olson
Soloists: Sara Hendrickson & Kayla McDermott
Greeters: The Zimonja Family
Ushers: Jason Stout, Peter Crest & Brent DuBois
Lector: Charlie MacPherson
Comm Asst: Cheryl Foote &
Altar Guild: Karen Kelley & Cheryl Sullivan
Acolyte: Will Gravel
Hostess: Greg & Liz Gravel
Flower Guild: Laura Mahn
Child Care: Jennifer Penney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Welcome to all who are visiting today.** We are glad to have you with us. Please sign the guest register located in the Narthex. May your worship here be a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing to us.

***We invite all baptized Christians** who trust in Christ's forgiving presence in the Sacrament to join us at the Altar for Holy Communion. Children not yet communing may come for a blessing.

***Please join us downstairs** in the fellowship hall for coffee and conversation after the service. The congregation has set up a rotation for hosting this event. Today's hostess is Renee Wilkins.

***RECYCLE** your Sunday Bulletin! If you are not planning to keep your copy of today's bulletin, please deposit it in the recycling bin in the Narthex.

***Audio copies of the Worship Services, Sermons, and Adult Bible Studies** are now available on C.D. in the Narthex or request your copy from Pastor Dan today.

***Prayer Request:** If you would like to add a person or concern to the prayer list, please call Pastor Dan at (314) 775-7371 by Thursday noon for prayers Thursday evening and to include in the Sunday Bulletin.

* Offerings July 4-18, 2010	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Total month to date:	\$ 8,073	\$ 9,000
Weekly average:	2,691	3,000
Total year to date	\$75,581	\$89,000
Weekly average	2,699	3,000

***Ladies Brown Bag Bible/Book Study** is doing THE ARTIST'S WAY through the summer each Thursday, noon - 2PM at Janet Schmitz'. July 1 we will be covering Chapter 2. Each week we will read the next chapter prior to meeting, journal 3 pages daily and go on a solitary 'Artist's Date'. The Artist's way is a spiritual journey to free up your mind to be able to reach the creative gift that God, our Creator, has uniquely given to each of us. If you would like to join the 'Artist's Circle' you can get a book at Buttonwood Books. Mention you are part of a book club and you will get a 15% discount. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Herth.

*** Inquirer's Class** - Saturdays, September 18 and 25 from 8am – Noon at the church. There will be food, fun, and fellowship. Before the class, you read a short book, *I have Good News for You*, which has thought-provoking study questions at the end of each chapter. These questions form the basis for our exciting discussions. The cost is only \$25 a person which covers the costs of the book and meals. The class is open to anyone, but is limited to 15 people. So sign up now by contacting Pastor Dan at dan.eddy@verizon.net or call 314-775-7371.

THIS WEEK AT CLC

Today: July	25 Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am
Monday:	26
Tuesday:	27
Wednesday:	28
Thursday:	29 Women's Book Group 12-2 pm Prayer Service 7pm
Friday:	30 Men's Book Group 6 am
Saturday:	31
Sunday: August	1 Worship 9 am Fellowship 10 am



July 25th – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Colossians 2:6-15: We became God's stewards when the Holy Spirit called us to be God's children through the washing of Holy Baptism and the word of salvation in Christ Jesus. In Christ God made us alive and gives us the power to use all that we are and have [time, life, relationships, skills and money] for His purposes. There is no greater calling in life than being a child of God in thoughts, words and actions!