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Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."
Luke 10:36-37*

July 11, 2010

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

All are welcome in this church! The Good News of God's grace is for all, regardless of age, abilities, physical & mental health, race, sexual orientation, education, income or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done or will do that can separate us from the love of God. God makes no exceptions, nor do we. Come join us in praise, prayer and the work of our Lord!

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**"Our mission is to make the love of Christ known to
all as we worship, serve and grow together."**

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*Welcome, visitors! We hope your time with us is a blessing, and that you will
come back soon. Please ask ushers for directions or any needed information.*

PLEASE USE THE PEW CARDS TODAY. *Please fill them out whenever you
receive Holy Communion. In addition, use them for prayer requests, hymn
requests, to get the newsletter, to give us address changes, or for any com-
munication with the office or pastor. Put them in the offering plate, hand
them to an usher, leave them on the office desk, or give them to the pastor
as you leave any worship. Feel free to list more than one name per card.*

**If you need hearing assistance,
ask the Ushers for our special devices.**

FOR OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Altar Flowers

In memory of my mom, Florence Olson, by Myra Smaby.

Order of Worship-Service of the Word p. 210

PRELUDE & PERSONAL PRAYER

*To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind
is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy
found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to
you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That
gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and
from the pulpit. It is very near to you.*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG #853 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE (Sung) p. 213

P *Kyrie eleison:* **C Lord, have mercy.**

P *Christe eleison:* **C Christ, have mercy.**

P *Kyrie eleison:* **C Lord, have mercy.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Sung) p. 213

Refrain: *Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.*

Verse 1: *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

Refrain

Verse 2: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

Refrain

Verse 3: *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Final Refrain: *Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. **O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Reader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scripture.

C Our hearts and minds are open.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's own hearts.

. . .and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in

all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Colossians 1:1-14*

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage from Paul.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased pray-

ing for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sung) p. 216

C Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on

the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Gary Wees

HYMN OF THE DAY #754 "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

P Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each petition ends with the response:

P Hear us, O God.

C *Your mercy is great.*

THE PRAYERS CONCLUDE

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.

OFFERING/SECOND OFFERING FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.

HYMN SUNG DURING OFFERING

#686

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

(Sung) p. 219

Refrain: *Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.*

Verse 1: *Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?*

Refrain

Verse 2: *For you alone are the Holy One, and blessed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All praise and thanks to you, holy God!*

Refrain

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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P Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and

glory forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG #534 "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Organist: Kaye Lehrman

Reader: Myra Smaby

Greeters: Jean Lange & Myra Smaby

Ushers: Bruce Kwosek, Darrell Dahl & Sue Brobeck

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PLEASE LEAVE LIQUIDS OUTSIDE OUR SANCTUARY. We ask that all beverages be consumed before entering the worship area, with the exception of water and infant liquids. Please help us all to honor worship and keep our seating spaces clean. Thanks.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE TODAY

Coffee Fellowship:

Please join us for coffee (regular, decaf and tea) and treats following Worship.

SIGN UP on the bulletin board by the pastor's office door for the following:

- Worship Assistant as:
 - * Usher
 - * Lay Reader
 - * Communion Deacon
- Serving coffee during fellowship hour
- Lawn mowing

APPLES, ORANGES, BANANAS, grapes and milk are just a few things that are needed every week for **Come For Supper**. The **yellow sign-up sheets** for donating these items are located in the Narthex near the 6th Street coat rack. Thank you for your support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL THIS ON THE WEB!

The Bulletin and the Messenger are now available on the web at www.oursaviorslutheranchurch.net.

PASTOR JOLIVETTE IS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF LUTHERAN CONCERNS OF NORTH AMERICA. He is rejoicing in all the efforts of the ELCA and the ELCIC (our counterpart in Canada) to make congregational life and ministry more open to persons within the LGBT community.

THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will be meeting today @ 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAY FOR OUR PERU DELEGATION AS THEY RETURN THIS WEEK.

Remember Dan Lintin and Andy Stutesman in your prayers, and their families as well. **See where they are right now!** The delegation arrived in Lima, Peru, right on schedule - late Thu. evening, July 1. To view regular updates and photos, visit our website's home page at www.lacrosseareasyod.org.

JOIN US FOR FAMILY CHOIR! Come sing with us on Sunday, July 18th. Kaye will start rehearsal at 8:15 and end at 8:45 in the choir room. Juice will be provided.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY IS COMING UP. We will receive new members

into our fellowship on Sunday July 25th. Please let Pastor Jolivette and the church office know of your desire to join with our community of faith. The office will get transfer requests as appropriate from your previous congregation and take care of all the paperwork. We give a special invitation to fiancés, partners and spouses of members to join us in ministry. We look for a large group. Feel free to use the pew card to pass along any intentions or information.

THE SUGAR CREEK STEER POSTER IS UP. Please sign as many squares as you wish to donate. Although we will gladly take any funds to support our Bible Camp, the suggested price per square has been \$15 for almost 20 years. We are raising the suggestion this year to \$25 per square. You can make a check out to Our Savior's with Sugar Creek Steer on the memo line, or you can use the "other" line on your envelope to designate your gifts to this and other projects.

The "**Share the Bounty**" Program is recruiting volunteers to collect fresh produce at the local farmers markets this summer. OSLC will be helping out on the first two weekends in June (the hours are 8am to noon). If you would like to help your local neighbors and participate in this program, please contact Sonja Simonson Schrag or Rod Tisthammer.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO MOW? The green sign-up sheet is by the pastor's office. Sign up for a week. Mowing includes the front church lawn, boulevards, and around the Red House. Check with the office for access to the church mower if you do not want to use your own.

Quillins and Festival receipts for April, May and June are needing to be tabulated. Please turn them before July 12th. They can be put in the boxes on the library table across from the office. The Youth Group thanks you for your support.

OSLC Book Club—All are welcome to join us to read our July book, *Travels with Charley: in Search of America* by John Steinbeck. This book should appeal to all of us armchair travelers. It was written in the 1960's and is a memoir of Steinbeck's three month road trip around the country with his dog, Charley, to 'rediscover' America. Lots of copies of *Travels with Charley* are available at the public library. **The discussion will be held on Thursday, July 29th at 6:30 p.m.**

PLAN NOW on attending the fabulous Women's Clothes Closet fashion show fundraiser "Fashion Cornucopia" taking place on **Saturday October 30th**. There will be two shows with the doors opening at 11:00 am and

5:00 pm for the luncheon and dinner shows respectively. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the church office or any committee member.

THE LAZARUS EFFECT. Have you seen "The Lazarus Effect?" Find out how 40 cents a day can save someone's life. Watch it on [YouTube](#) (30 min long, but very informational) - then you may make a donation online at www.elca.org/aids to support life-saving HIV and AIDS ministry around the world.

PROFESSORS SOUGHT FOR MANY COUNTRIES. Professors are requested to teach a variety of academic subjects at seminaries in Egypt, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Singapore, and Taiwan. Short-term (3 to 9 months) volunteer opportunities. See www.elca.org/globalserve and click Global Service Opportunities to search the database at the bottom.

LSS SEEKING ADOPTIVE FAMILIES. Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. (LSS) is actively seeking Adoptive Families for Children. To learn more about the full range of adoption services and programs offered by LSS, you are invited to attend an adoption orientation meeting. Adoption social workers will describe each of the programs including eligibility requirements and fees, and will be available to answer your questions. There is no charge for attending this meeting. If you cannot attend a meeting please call our office for an individual appointment. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month, Time: 12 pm, Place: 2307 South Ave, La Crosse You may also call 608-788-5090, 866-787-1899 or e-mail michelle.russell@lsswis.org.

SUGAR CREEK FAMILY EVENTS

Blend—an a capella Music Concert... Temple Theatre, Viroqua WI July 23rd, 7 pm. Join us for a special evening of music and fellowship—a fundraiser supporting ministries of Sugar Creek. Blend is a men's quartet with a wonderful sound. They specialize in 50's doo-wop with a touch of gospel and a "twist of fun". Enjoy excellent music and fun fellowship. Families, church groups, and all others are welcome! Check Blend out at <http://blend-acappella.com/>. **Cost: Adults \$10, Children 6-16 \$5, Children under 5 free**

Summer's End Event with Peder Eide... August 8th. Join us as we celebrate another wonderful summer at Sugar Creek. Peder Eide offers family friendly music—he has a passion for ministry with young people. 1 to 3 pm: Sugar Creek fun! Swimming pool, pony rides, canoeing, hiking,

games, more! 3 pm Peder Eide Concert. **Cost \$10 adults, \$5 ages 12-17, age 11 and under Free for entire event. Youth Groups—\$100 is you register and pay by August 1st. Bring an many youth from your church as you want 1 adult free with every 10 youth.**

Family Camp—August 8-11 and August 12-15; **Grandparent/Grandchild**—August 15-18; **Mother/Daughter Weekend**—August 20-22; **Father/Son Weekend**—August 20-22; **Parent/Child Horse Ranch**—August 27-29, for more details contact Sugar Creek at 608-734-3113 or go to website at sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

There are still a few **Lutheran World Relief Layette Kits** available in the Narthex in the black cart. This is a great summer project that could include your kids and/or grandkids. Each kit contains a sweater along with a list of items that are needed to complete the kit. Please remember, items can be used as long as they are clean and in good repair. All kits are due back on **Rally Sunday September 12th**.

PLEASE help support the local area farmers and help your neighbor at the same time by buying fresh produce at the farmers market and donating it to the Share the Bounty Program. The Share the Bounty tent will be at the **Saturday** morning farmers market at the county parking lot (downtown) and at the Festival Foods market on **Sundays**. You may also donate you own grown produce anytime to the Share the Bounty program. The appreciation will far exceed your expectation!

IN AUGUST, Our Savior's will be one of the exhibitors at the 9th Annual La Crosse Pride Festival held at the Southside Oktoberfest Grounds. If you would like to volunteer at the OSLC table and share the pride of being an RIC congregation, please contact Rod Tisthammer.

COME FOR SUPPER! Last week we served 239 meals! OSLC & our guests, Prince of Peace (La Crescent) and First Presbyterian (La Crosse) will be assisting with the meal this week. The main entrée will be chicken tetrazzini. As always, anyone can be a part of this out-reach program on any given Tuesday. Prep work starts at 1:00 pm and lasts about two hours. Serving begins at 5:00, so we ask volunteers to come at 4:30 and we are usually done by 6:30. You will bless others, and they will bless you right back!

OUR SAVIORS THIS WEEK

POST ON A FRIG, NEAR A PHONE, ON AN ALTAR AND ANY OTHER SACRED PLACE

CALENDAR

July 11th through July 18th

Today

10:15 am Coffee Fellowship/Arts & Crafts

10:30 am 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Monday

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tuesday

9:00 am Quilters

5:00 pm Come For Supper/OSLC, Prince of Peace/1st Presbyterian

Wednesday

Noon Worship

Thursday

7:00 pm Art & Faith

Friday

Saturday

Sunday July 18th

8:15 am Choir

9:00 am Worship/HC

10:15 am Coffee Fellowship

HC= Holy Communion
CF= Coffee Fellowship
SS= Sunday School

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND PEACE:

Mike Cravens (son of Marvin & Theresa), **Pamela Petty** (daughter of Brian & Ruth West), **Therese Freit** (niece of Bev Sanborn), **Judy Viner** (friend of Gretchen Crary), **Todd Moser** (friend of Chuck & Linda Rudrud), **Lois Zumberge** (sister of Linda Rudrud), **Edward Lord** (son of Nancy Lord), **Emma Zellmer** (niece of Mark Zellmer), **Ruby Meiller** (mother of Karen Geier), **Alfred Nissen** (father of Rick Nissen), **Jessie, Lois Weeks** (friend of the Krueger family), **Sally Jenks, Myrtle Erickson** (sister of Viola Miller), **Dennis Brigham** (brother-in-law of Renee Hesper), **Mary Anderson, Mike Schadauer** (cousin of Kevin Crary), **Don Crary** (brother of Kevin Crary), **Lucille Furlong** (friend of Janice Krick), **Howard Gardner, Paul Nowland, Linda Nelson** (friend of Debbie Dukatz), **Diane Hanson** (friend of Nancy Lord), **Jean Marck, Anne Jolivet Schularick, David Oslun** (grandson of former member), **Cal Niemeier** (friend of Cheryl & Cindy Vieth)

GRIEVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF: Tom Brieske (son of Marie Brieske), **Chris Funk** (friend of Stef Van Zee)

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES:

Members & Friends in the Armed Forces: **Gene & Gary & Greg** Phillips (sons of Gene and Sonia Phillips), **Gabriel** W. Kleven (grandson of Patricia Kleven, great-grandson of Iva Mercier), **Sally** O'Brien & **Nathan** Schlesner (cousin of Sherry Taylor), **Amber & Shane** Dwyer (Pearl Campbell's great-niece and husband), **Douglas** Smits (nephew of Linda & Chuck Rudrud), **Ian** Vanlin (grandson of Marjorie Mattie), **Robert** Lieder (son of Renee Lieder), **Nick** Grimslid (great-nephew of Myra Smaby), **Brandon** Masingille (husband of Mollie Dereszynski), **Mike** Chambers (paternal uncle of Zinnel children), **Luke** Van Donsel (brother of Sherry Van Lishout), **Christopher** Beckhoff (cousin of Hanson family), **Becky** Leitzow (friend of the Rudruds)

Please provide our office with regular updates. Unless we've heard otherwise, a name will be retired from the worship remembrance after one month. The Armed Forces list is for active duty personnel and guard or reserve who are currently activated. Email: oslcoffice@centurytel.net Call: 782-3468