

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pentecost 2

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Greetings in our risen and ascended Savior! Beginning with this Second Sunday after Pentecost, we enter into the non-festival half of the church year. During this season, the Scripture lessons point to examples of the believer's life in Christ, and of the Holy Spirit's power as He brings people to faith and strengthens them in their faith to live for Jesus.

As we have mentioned several times, the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) focus on the acts of Jesus to build His Church during His earthly ministry. The book of Acts (as well as the other epistles) reveals the acts of Jesus to build His Church after His ascension into heaven. Just as we recently read from the book of Revelation for a number of consecutive Sundays, this Sunday we begin reading from the book of Galatians for several Sundays.

Therefore, we will read how Jesus keeps His promise to build His Church through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit works through the word and sacraments, the Means of Grace, which faithful followers of Jesus administer in a God-pleasing way. In summary, then, this non-festival season of Sundays after Pentecost emphasizes the growth of God's Church as the Holy Spirit calls and gathers believers.

Order of Worship: ELH Page 60, THE DIVINE SERVICE "Rite Two" with communion.

Hymns: 24, 364 (1-5), 327 (2), 364 (6)

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament: **1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43.** As Solomon dedicates the temple and prays to the covenant-keeping LORD, he asks that all people would come to know and praise God who keeps His promises.

Psalms of the Day: **Psalms 100.** The LORD's faithfulness "through all generations" gives every Christian reason to "shout for joy" and "serve the LORD with gladness." (*Supplement*).

Epistle: **Galatians 1:1-10.** Paul warns the Galatians not to put their trust in things which contradict the clear gospel and are, therefore, "no gospel at all."

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia. (Psalm 119:105, EHV)

Gospel: **Luke 7:1-10.** Luke records how Jesus miraculously healed the centurion's servant. The faith of this centurion amazed Jesus, a faith humble about its own strength, yet confident in the strength of its object, Jesus.

Sermon: **Luke 7:1-10**

Theme - "Oh, For A Faith That Jesus Calls Great..."

Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: For what occasion did King Solomon write these words?
- Old Testament: In this prayer, what are some of the things Solomon says that make the LORD unique?
- Old Testament: Sometimes, people incorrectly draw the conclusion from the Old Testament that the LORD was only interested in saving the Jewish race. How does Solomon's prayer demonstrate differently as outlined in verses 41-43?
- Epistle: After his customary opening, what point does Paul stress as he begins this epistle letter to the Galatians (vv.6-10)?
- Epistle: What is an "anathema" and why does Paul pronounce one in v. 8?
- Gospel: What was special about this "foreigner?"
- Gospel: What reason did the elders coming to Jesus give, that suggested that this centurion deserved to be helped by the Savior?
- Gospel: How did this centurion demonstrate "great faith?"

Announcements:

+ Please join us for Bible class on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

+ Confirmation class: ? at the church on ?

Holy Communion - We celebrate the Lord's Supper because Jesus instructed us to do so, and God offers us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation through it (Matthew 26:28). We believe the Bible's teaching that receiving the Sacrament together is a way of expressing unity in our beliefs as one body (1 Corinthians 10:17). We therefore respectfully ask that guests who are not members of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or our sister synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, refrain from communing here until becoming familiar with our beliefs and express agreement. We in no way imply that you are not a Christian or are not "good enough" for us. God's Word teaches us to regard communion as an outward expression of unity in all areas of faith. In communion we publicly confess that we agree in all that we teach and confess on the basis of the Bible (Matthew 28:20, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Romans 16:17, 1 Corinthians 10:17). We pray that you understand and will respect this practice of Close Communion. We encourage you to seek more information about the confession that unites us and would love to meet with you if you have questions regarding Close Communion.

1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 – Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven and said: "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way...as for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name—for men will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—when he comes and prays toward this temple, then

hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.”
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Galatians 1:1-10 - Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—and all the brothers with me, To the churches in Galatia: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned! Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ. (EHV™)

Luke 7:1-10 - When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion’s servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, “This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.” So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.” Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. (EHV™)