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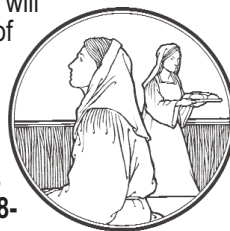
The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

18 July 2010

8 & 10:30 a.m.

*Your word is a
lamp to my feet
and a light to
my path.*

What do you reach for when the power goes off? Many will remember the great power outage of 2009 when, because of the ice storm, many of us were without power for days (weeks?) on end. When we realized that the power was off and was going to remain off for some time, you probably started checking your flashlight. The first and last words of today's Introit teach the Christian the importance of God's



Word. May God bless you today as Pastor preaches on **PSALM 119:105 & LUKE 10:38-42** on the theme: "When the Lights Go Out!" ✠

✠ **Pre-Service Music**

✠ **The Ringing of the Bells & Lighting of the Candles**

✠ **Pastoral Welcome & Announcements**

✠ **The Call to Worship**

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are delighted to have you join us for worship this morning. Please avail yourself of the chance to "sign in" on our attendance pad. The people around you, and Pastor, look forward to meeting you! Please come worship with us again — and often!

P "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." So speaks the Psalmist in today's Introit.

C God's Word created the world and all that is in it. God's Word recreated us when it brought us to faith. God's Word feeds our weak faith.

P Jesus is the word of God in the flesh. John the evangelist was inspired by the Holy Spirit to teach us: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

C "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. . . . And from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." (John 1:14, 16)

We are:
"A Family of God's People Dedicated to Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Everyone!"

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sunday School & Bible Classes: **Sundays, 9:10 a.m.**

DIVINE WORSHIP: Sundays, 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Many other worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

Worship Services **BROADCAST LIVE: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR — Sundays, 8:00 a.m. on Radio KSIM AM 1400

✠ **The Hymn** — “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” — LSB 545

✠ **The Divine Service, Setting One** — LSB 151 ✠

✠ **The Invocation, Confession, and Absolution** — LSB 151

✠ **The Introit** — (Ps. 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: Ps. 119:105)

P *Your word is a lamp to my feet* **C** **and a light to my path.**

P *The Lord is my portion;* **C** **I promise to keep Your words.**

P *I entreat Your favor with all my heart;* **C** **be gracious to me according to Your promise.**

P *When I think on my ways,* **C** **I turn my feet to Your testimonies;**

P *I hasten and do not delay* **C** **to keep Your commandments.**

P *The earth, O Lord, is full of Your steadfast love;* **C** **teach me Your statutes!**

A L L **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. AMEN.**

P *Your word is a lamp to my feet* **C** **and a light to my path.**

✠ **The Kyrie** — LSB 152-153

✠ **The Hymn of Praise** — “This is the Feast” — LSB 155

✠ **The Salutation and Collect of the Day** — LSB 156

A L L (spoken) **O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (sing) Amen.** (Here all may be seated.)

✠ **The Old Testament Reading** — **Genesis 18:1-14** — God promises aging Abraham & Sarah that He will still keep His promise.

¹ The Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash Your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the

tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰ The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had

ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall

I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

P This is the Word of the Lord. 

C Thanks be to God!

† **The Gradual**

P How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

C who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

P Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

C and their words to the ends of the world. (Rom. 10:15b, 18b; Is. 52:7b, alt.)

† **The Epistle Reading — Colossians 1:21-29** — *Paul rejoices that the Colossians do hope in Christ, and reminds them that the Word has revealed the mystery of God's salvation.*

²¹ You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is,

the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.

P This is the Word of the Lord. 

C Thanks be to God!

† **The Verse and Alleluia — LSB 156** (At Pastor's invitation, please stand.)

P Alleluia. As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him. Alleluia. (Colossians 2:7)

C (sing - PAGE 156) Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia. (Please remain standing.)

† **The Holy Gospel — Luke 10:38-42** — *Poor Martha thought that life with God meant serving Him; Jesus reveals that He came to serve us (a truth which, later, she affirms).*

P The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter:

C (sing) Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was dis-

tracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²

but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen from her.”
the good portion, which will not be taken away

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  **C** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.** (Here all may be seated.)

✝ **The Hymn of the Day** — “For All the Faithful Women” — LSB 855 (NOTE: Please sing v. 9 as the 2nd verse, and then conclude the hymn with verses 3 & 4.) (Please stand for v. 4, a verse of praise to the Holy Trinity.)

✝ **The Sermon** — Text: **PSALM 119:105 & LUKE 10:38-42**
THEME: “When the Lights Go Out!”

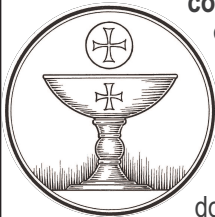
✝ **The Creed** — **The Nicene Creed** — LSB 158

✝ **The Prayers** — after each petition: **P** Lord, in Your mercy . . .
C Hear our prayer.

✝ **THE OFFERING** — DURING THE OFFERING, WE INVITE ALL OUR WORSHIPERS TO PLEASE PASS AND AFFIX THEIR NAMES TO THE ATTENDANCE PAD (located at the center aisle end of each pew), passing it down the pew for others to sign, and then returning it to the center aisle end again. Be sure to note those who are worshipping with you and greet them in the Lord! **Those who will attend the Lord’s Supper at this worship service are invited to please mark the appropriate column/space for that.** Visitors, we especially delight in your presence with us here — if you will kindly include your full mailing address, Pastor will send you a personal note. Do you desire a pastoral visit? Kindly check the appropriate column and include your telephone number, and Pastor will contact you. Members, please use this as a way to update your mailing address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address. Thanks to all for their help and cooperation!

✝ **The Offertory Verse** — As the ushers return the offerings plates to the altar, please stand to sing the verse on p. 159-160 of LSB.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE is that we ordinarily offer the Lord’s Supper only to those who are communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in altar & pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is to be a confession of a common faith (1 Cor. 10:17; Acts 2:42) and that those who are unprepared may do themselves spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:23-32). We do not thereby presume to question another’s faith in Christ, but hold this historic position out of love for God’s Word and in care for souls. Inviting all Christians to Communion would imply a oneness which does not yet exist but for which we must all pray. Even as we try to respect the practices of other Christian denominations, so we ask others to please respect our practice. If there are some whom we do not commune who would like to come forward, they may do, crossing their arms over their chests — then the elders who distribute Communion will pass them by, but our Pastor will speak a blessing over those persons. Any who would like to discuss this practice at more length may make an appointment with our pastor to do so. †



✝ **The Communion Distribution** — Both the individual cups and the common cup are offered to our communicants. One of our elders will distribute the bread; he will be followed by another elder with the individual cups; those who desire the common cup may simply let the elder with the individual cups pass by, and Pastor will follow with the chalice.

✚ **The Distribution Hymns** — Some or both of the hymns will be sung as time and the number of communicants present permit.

✚ **HYMN:** “*Thy Strong Word*” — LSB 578

✚ **HYMN:** “*How Firm a Foundation*” — LSB 728

✚ **The Post-Communion Service** — p. 164ff. “*Thank the Lord,*” etc.

✚ **The Sending Hymn** — “*Almighty Father, Bless the Word*” — LSB 923

✚ **A Time for Prayer** — Here worshipers may take a moment for quiet reflection upon God’s Word and how to apply the Word heard today to their individual lives. Then, as Pastor leaves, worshipers may remain to visit or exit on their own.

✚ **The Postlude/Recessional**



Soli Deo Gloria!



(To God Alone Be Glory!)

✚ I.N.I. ✚

A Sermon Outline

INTRO.: When the power went out, what was the first thing you did? _____

When the light of faith grows dim, what do you do? _____

I. Some of the things which conspire against faith:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. Their “sermon” is . . . _____

F. Note what happened to Sarah . . . _____

G. What happened with Martha . . . _____

H. Are these “bad” persons? _____

II. God’s help for you:

A. Today’s Introit . . . _____

B. What God gave to Sarah . . . _____

C. How Mary was “vindicated” . . . _____

D. That for which Paul commends the Colossians . . . _____

E. Where you find that help today:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

✚ I.N.I. ✚