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Quasimodo Geniti

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Today's Hymns: 462; 490; 458:1, 5-7; 483

Catechism

- P** The Sacrament of the Altar: Who, then, receives this Sacrament worthily?
- C** **Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a fine outward discipline; but that person truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and ill-prepared; for the words "For you" require nothing but believing hearts.**

Turn to the Introit on the laminated card.

Volunteer Rota

Today: Music: David—Sunday School: Barbara & Rachel—Teas: Sarah
Next week: Music: ??—Sunday School: Sarah & Erin—Teas: Averil

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THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS

READINGS FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

"I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners (excommunication) from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better (Holy Absolution), this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our death Lord dealt with us Himself" (Luther's Small Catechism)

Today's Gospel teaches us two things. First, Christ treats His disciples so tenderly, does not reproach them for their unbelief, sin, or weakness, but comforts, strengthens, and lifts them up. This was done for our good and comfort. The devil assaults us without letup. Therefore, we need to keep this example of Christ's

kindness and love to us well in mind, so that we know how to take comfort and stand fast against the enemy. Second, Christ sends His disciples just as He is sent by His Father. It is our great comfort and joy to hear Christ's words through the word and mouth of the apostles and through those who received the word from them. If you or I are frightened and are afflicted by sins, you and I should listen to the one who comes to us to comfort us with God's Word, and believe his words, as if God Himself were speaking to us. (Martin Luther)

The devil will not allow a Christian to have peace. Therefore Christ must bestow peace differently than the world. He quiets the heart and removes fear and terror, although contention and misfortune remain all around. So, in today's Gospel, Our Lord Jesus enters while the apostles are in fear and terror. He quiets their hearts and brings them peace, not by removing the danger but by speaking His "Peace." The wickedness of the Jews is neither removed nor changed by this. But the disciples are changed. At the Lord's Word, they become courageous and bold, and the hatred of the Jews now concerns them little. This is true peace. It is able to calm the heart, not in time of good fortune, but in the midst of misfortune. (Martin Luther)

In today's Gospel, Christ entrusts to his disciples the office of proclaiming the gospel. For if the suffering and resurrection of Christ is simply narrative or history apart from the office of preaching, it is an exercise in futility, of no use to anyone. So the Lord ensures that the Gospel will be proclaimed when He says, "I send you as my Father has sent me." In other words, "What I preached, I entrust to you to preach. I have completed my ministry; as I have preached, so you now preach also. Just as I was sent to preach to the poor and to comfort the captives, I send you to proclaim the very same word, the gospel which I taught." So by this command Jesus commissions His disciples to preach and proclaim as He had. (Martin Luther)

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina

Family of members

Mason (road accident); Alex, Sarah & family; Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health); Shirley Thomas (breast cancer); Jack & Joan Fast (dementia & lung cancer); Doug & Myra (health); Barry (old age)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Jim Ferguson (stroke); Dell (spinal injury); Becky Varsogea (brain tumour); Claire & Phil

(health); Helen Kriewaldt (stroke, breast cancer); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Charlotte (cancer); John (cancer); Brian (cancer); Gina & family; Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch (Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Miriam (tumour); David, Michael, Fiona & family (health); Joan & her brother (health); Sally (operation); Sandra (sepsis)

Local Community

Tina (depression); Treacher family

ELCE

St. Columba Lutheran Church, Pr. Ehlers; ELCE Retreat; Pr. Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

The Church of God

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Fareha Community Church; Ilahi family, Jawid (persecution)

New Service Setting

We will begin learning a new musical setting of the service next Sunday. It will take no more than 5 minutes at the end of the service. Beginning with the Kyrie, we will learn one section at a time. As soon as we have learned one part confidently, it will be incorporated into the main service.

Reminder to Members: Loan Repayment

The congregation has now started to repay the loan to the ELCE, which was taken to pay for the Parsonage garage conversion.

Members who pledged additional giving to cover the cost of the loan repayments are asked to start making those payments immediately so that we are able to meet our obligations.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Mon	7 pm	Divine Service (The Annunciation)
Tue	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
Wed	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club

Further Ahead

17 Apr	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
18 Apr	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
22 Apr	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3 pm	Congregational meeting at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
24 Apr	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
25 Apr	<i>St. Mark</i>	
	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Willow Tree Lodge & Wisteria Lodge
	7 pm	Divine Service (St. Mark)
29 Apr	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
1 May	<i>St. Philip & St. James</i>	
	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7.30 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
2 May	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	7 pm	Divine Service (St. Philip & St. James observed)
5 May	5.30 pm	Community Fun Night (Scout Hall)

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Exodus 20:1–24	Luke 4:1–15	Formula of Concord	Solid Declaration VII:35–41
Mon:	Ex 22:20–23:13	Luke 4:16–30	FC SD VII:42–47	
Tue:	Ex 23:14–33	Luke 4:31–44	FC SD VII:48–51	
Wed:	Ex 24:1–18	Luke 5:1–16	FC SD VII:52–58	
Thu:	Ex 25:1–22	Ex 25:23–30:38	Luke 5:17–39	FC SD VII:59–61
Fri:	Ex 31:1–18	Luke 6:1–19	FC SD VII:62–68	
Sat:	Ex 32:1–14	Luke 6:20–38	FC SD VII:69–72	
Sun:	Ex 32:15–35	Luke 6:39–49	FC SD VII:73–76	