



## A Word from Pastor Schielke

### Lutheran Worship Part 4: The Kyrie

King David, Jeremiah, the ten lepers, blind Bartimaeus, the father of a boy with seizures, the Canaanite woman, the two blind men: all these cried out to the Lord with the words, “Lord, have mercy.” It is a simple prayer. A prayer for deliverance from affliction, disaster, difficulty, or need. It is the prayer we pray together in the Kyrie, “Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us,” as in Setting 3 of the Divine Service. Simply, “Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy” in Matins, Vespers, and Setting 4 of the Divine Service or the even more prayerlike form in Settings 1 and 2 of the Divine Service, “For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy, *etc.*”

The word “kyrie” comes from the Greek for “Lord.” The full name of this prayer is “Kyrie Eleison,”

which means simply, “Lord, have mercy.” This is not a penitential prayer, per se. That is, its use in the service is not as another confession of sins. We already confessed our sins at the beginning of the service and received absolution. Rather, the Kyrie is a coming before God as His people, knowing that He is merciful, and pleading for His continued merciful presence in our lives. It is a prayer “coming boldly to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Heb. 4:16). The Kyrie should be sung in confidence knowing we have a strong and loving God who does indeed come to the aid of His people!

“In this world of sin and death, we Christians have plenty of opportunities to join in the brief, yet all-encompassing prayer of the Kyrie: “Lord, have mercy.” All around us we see the results of hatred, envy, lust, and greed. Surely, the world is in need of God’s mercy. It’s no wonder that

the church, in her worship, pleads before God on behalf of the whole world. It’s a prayer that no one else is going pray. Yet, when we cry out, “Lord, have mercy,” there is confidence in our voices because we know that God is indeed merciful. He desires to bring relief to the suffering that is all around us. Our prayer may not always bring an immediate response — at least, not the response that we are seeking — but even then, we commend ourselves and the whole world to a merciful God.” (<https://www.lcms.org/worship/liturgy-parts>)



**The Augsburg Confession** - Below is the continuation of the twentieth article of the Augsburg Confession. These are what we believe and confess as a Lutheran congregation. When they say “they teach,” they mean our churches teach.

### **Article XX - Of Good Works - Part 2**

<sup>11</sup>This doctrine concerning faith is everywhere treated by Paul, Eph. 2:8: By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, etc.

<sup>12</sup>And lest any one should craftily say that a new interpretation of Paul has been devised by us, this entire matter is supported by the testimonies of the Fathers. For

<sup>13</sup>Augustine, in many volumes, defends grace and the righteousness of faith, over against the merits of works.

<sup>14</sup>And Ambrose, in his *De Vocatione Gentium*, and elsewhere, teaches to like effect. For in his *De Vocatione Gentium* he says as follows: Redemption by the blood of Christ would become of little value, neither would the preeminence of man’s works be superseded by the mercy of God, if justification, which is wrought through grace, were due to the merits going before, so as to be, not the free gift of a donor, but the reward due to the laborer.

<sup>15</sup>But, although this doctrine is despised by the inexperienced, nevertheless God-fearing and anxious consciences find by experience that it brings the greatest consolation, because consciences cannot be set at rest through any works, but only by faith, when they take the sure ground that for Christ’s sake they have a reconciled God. As Paul teaches Rom. 5:1:

<sup>16</sup>Being justified by faith, we have peace with God.

<sup>17</sup>This whole doctrine is to be referred to that conflict of the terrified conscience, neither can it be understood apart from that conflict. Therefore

<sup>18</sup>inexperienced and profane men judge ill concerning this matter, who dream that Christian righteousness is nothing but civil and philosophical righteousness.

<sup>19</sup>Heretofore consciences were plagued with the doctrine of works, they did not hear the consolation from the Gospel.

<sup>20</sup>Some persons were driven by conscience into the desert, into monasteries hoping there to merit grace by a monastic life.

<sup>21</sup>Some also devised other works whereby to merit grace and make satisfaction for sins.

<sup>22</sup>Hence there was very great need to treat of, and renew, this doctrine of faith in Christ, to the end that anxious consciences should not be without consolation but that they might know that grace and forgiveness of sins and justification are apprehended by faith in Christ.

<sup>23</sup>Men are also admonished that here the term “faith” does not signify merely the knowledge of the history, such as is in the ungodly and in the devil, but signifies a faith which believes, not merely the history, but also the effect of the history — namely, this article: the forgiveness of sins, to wit, that we have grace, righteousness, and forgiveness of sins through Christ.

<sup>24</sup>Now he that knows that he has a Father gracious to him through Christ, truly knows God; he knows also that God cares for him, and calls upon God; in a word, he is not

<sup>25</sup>without God, as the heathen. For devils and the ungodly are not able to believe this article: the forgiveness of sins. Hence, they hate God as an enemy, call not upon Him,

<sup>26</sup>and expect no good from Him.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Trustee Workday 8:00 a.m.
3 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	4	5 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	6	7	8	9 Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
10 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	11	12 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	18	19 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	20	21	22	23 Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
24 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	25	26 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	27	28	29	30 Fall Festival 3:00 - 5:00 p.m Trunk or Treat 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
31 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon Voters' Meeting						

**Answers to September's Bible Questions:**

1. Daniel, Daniel 6:16
2. Ezekiel 37
3. Jezreel, No Mercy, and Not My People, Hosea 1:4, 1:6, and 1:9
4. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Daniel 3:23
5. Shepherd and dresser of sycamore figs, Amos 7:14
6. Forty days, Jonah 3:4
7. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Daniel 1:7
8. Haggai
9. Habakkuk, Habakkuk 1:2 and 1:12
10. Hosea's wife, Hosea 1:3
11. Daniel, Daniel 1:7
12. Jonah and Nahum
13. Zephaniah, four generations from King Hezekiah, Zephaniah 1:1

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1. Where is it prophesized that "I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me?"
2. Which book records the wise men?
3. The devil brings Jesus to this city during his temptation.
4. Peter confesses that Jesus "is the Christ" at this location.
5. How many people does Jesus raise from the dead?
6. Where is the Sermon on the Mount recorded?
7. Where does Jesus heal the Roman centurion's servant?
8. Where does it decribe Jesus and his disciples singing a hymn?
9. Who witnesses Christ's tranfiguration?
10. In what city does Jesus heal Bartimaeus of his blindness?
11. What miracle does Jesus perform on the Sabbath that angered the Pharisees?
12. Which books record the Parable of the Sower?
13. Who eats locusts and wild honey?
14. Who tells Jesus "depart from me for I am a sinful man?"
15. Which books record the feeding of a crowd of 4,000?
16. How many beatitudes are listed?
17. Who is emperor when Jesus is born?
18. What does Jesus tell Peter to take from a fish's mouth and what is it for?



**October Birthdays:**

- 2 Gretchen Gallo
- 27 Darin Mitchell



**October Anniversaries:**

- 31 Marty Groves and Linda Watson

**For 2021, I would like to challenge every member of this congregation to read through the Bible in one year. The Bible readings for October and part of November are listed below, and above are questions over the readings to see how well you are reading. List the chapter and verse with your answers.**

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|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Oct. 1: Malachi        | Oct. 15: Mark 1-3   | Oct. 29: Luke 12-13 |
| Oct. 2: Matthew 1-4    | Oct. 16: Mark 4-5   | Oct. 30: Luke 14-16 |
| Oct. 3: Matthew 5-6    | Oct. 17: Mark 6-7   | Oct. 31: Luke 17-18 |
| Oct. 4: Matthew 7-8    | Oct. 18: Mark 8-9   | Nov. 1: Luke 19-20  |
| Oct. 5: Matthew 9-10   | Oct. 19: Mark 10-11 | Nov. 2: Luke 21-22  |
| Oct. 6: Matthew 11-12  | Oct. 20: Mark 12-13 | Nov. 3: Luke 23-24  |
| Oct. 7: Matthew 13-14  | Oct. 21: Mark 14    | Nov. 4: John 1-2    |
| Oct. 8: Matthew 15-17  | Oct. 22: Mark 15-16 | Nov. 5: John 3-4    |
| Oct. 9: Matthew 18-19  | Oct. 23: Luke 1     | Nov. 6: John 5-6    |
| Oct. 10: Matthew 20-21 | Oct. 24: Luke 2-3   | Nov. 7: John 7-8    |
| Oct. 11: Matthew 22-23 | Oct. 25: Luke 4-5   | Nov. 8: John 9-10   |
| Oct. 12: Matthew 24-25 | Oct. 26: Luke 6-7   | Nov. 9: John 11-12  |
| Oct. 13: Matthew 26    | Oct. 27: Luke 8-9   | Nov. 10: John 13-15 |
| Oct. 14: Matthew 27-28 | Oct. 28: Luke 10-11 | Nov. 11: John 16-18 |

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## VIC Happenings



Fall Festival

**Annual Fall Festival 10/30** - The Fall Festival is coming Saturday October 30 starting at 3:00. We need people to help make this a success and be the face of VIC. We're hoping to make our presence more well known in the community!

**Reformation Sunday 10/31** - The annual Festival of the Reformation is Sunday October 31. It's a day when we remember the rediscovery of the Gospel during the 16th century. We are saved by grace alone through faith alone, in Christ alone as declared in Scripture alone.

**Voter's Meeting 10/31.** After our lunch on Sunday the 31, we will have our quarterly voters' meeting. Congregational officers for 2022 will be voted on at this meeting. It is important for all voters to attend to be informed about the congregation and to lend your voice to the decision making process.



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