



Victory in Christ Lutheran Church

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## A Word from Pastor Schielke

### Lutheran Worship Part 3: Confession and Absolution

In Genesis 3 after Adam and Eve sinned by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, God finds them hiding, and Adam says to God, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." In Isaiah chapter 6, when Isaiah sees God sitting in His temple, he cries out, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" When St. Peter realizes that Jesus has granted him a miraculous catch of fish He says to Jesus, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." These people realized that when we come into the presence of almighty God as sinful human beings, we cannot stand. Sinful people cannot exist in the presence of a holy God. And this

realization should cause us to repent, to confess unto God that we are poor miserable sinners, that we have sinned against God in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. There is nothing else we can do but to plead for God's mercy.

Thus it is when we come into the presence of God during the Divine Service. We have invoked God's triune name, and God has promised to be with us and is with us, which causes a problem for us. We are sinful. So, immediately we confess our sins. Then, the pastor assures us that for the sake of Jesus' death and resurrection, our sins are forgiven. But even more than that, God actually uses the pastor to forgive our sins, right there in the words of the absolution. The forgiveness that Christ won for us on the cross is delivered to us in the words, "I therefore forgive

you all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The pastor again makes the sign of the cross upon the congregation to remind us that in our baptisms we were buried with Christ and raised to new life with Him. Because of Jesus, we can come into the presence of our Holy God without fear, knowing that He has put away our sin. To which the people respond with a grateful, "Amen." We are now ready to continue in God's presence, receiving His gifts and offering to Him our thanks and praise.

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**The Augsburg Confession** - Below are the seventeenth and eighteenth articles 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 XVII - Of Christ’s Return to Judgment**

<sup>1</sup>Also they teach that at the Consummation of the World Christ will appear for judgment, and

<sup>2</sup>will raise up all the dead; He will give to the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys,

<sup>3</sup>but ungodly men and the devils He will condemn to be tormented without end.

<sup>4</sup>They condemn the Anabaptists, who think that there will be an end to the punishments of condemned men and devils.

<sup>5</sup>They condemn also others who are now spreading certain Jewish opinions, that before the resurrection of the dead the godly shall take possession of the kingdom of the world, the ungodly being everywhere suppressed.

### **Article XVIII - Of Free Will**

<sup>1</sup>Of Free Will they teach that man’s will has some liberty to choose civil righteousness, and to work

<sup>2</sup>things subject to reason. But it has no power, without the Holy Ghost, to work the righteousness of God, that is, spiritual righteousness; since the natural man

<sup>3</sup>receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, 1 Cor. 2:14; but this righteousness is wrought in the heart when the Holy Ghost is received

<sup>4</sup>through the Word. These things are said in as many words by Augustine in his Hypognosticon, Book III: We grant that all men have a free will, free, inasmuch as it has the judgment of reason; not that it is thereby capable, without God, either to begin, or, at least, to complete aught in things pertaining to God, but only in works of this life, whether good

<sup>5</sup>or evil. “Good” I call those works which spring from the good in nature, such as, willing to labor in the field, to eat and drink, to have a friend, to clothe oneself, to build a house, to marry a wife, to raise cattle, to learn diverse useful arts, or whatsoever good

<sup>6</sup>pertains to this life. For all of these things are not without dependence on the providence of God; yea, of Him and through Him they are and have their being. “Evil”

<sup>7</sup>I call such works as willing to worship an idol, to commit murder, etc.

<sup>8</sup>They condemn the Pelagians and others, who teach that without the Holy Ghost, by the power of nature alone, we are able to love God above all things; also to do the commandments of God as touching “the substance of the act.” For, although nature is able in a manner to do the outward work

<sup>9</sup>(for it is able to keep the hands from theft and murder,) yet it cannot produce the inward motions, such as the fear of God, trust in God, chastity, patience, etc.

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

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

1. Ecclesiastes 3
2. Knowledge, Proverbs 1:7; Wisdom, Proverbs 9:10
3. Maher-shalal-hash-baz, Isaiah 8:1
4. Jerusalem
5. A seraphim with burning coal, Isaiah 6:6
6. Proverbs 13:24
7. Isaiah 6:3
8. In a vision, Isaiah 6
9. Solomon, Ecclesiastes 1:1
10. Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, Isaiah 1:1

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1. What Gentile ruler is prophesized by name in Isaiah?
2. What was Jeremiah's excuse when he was called?
3. Where is the prophecy of Christ being stricken, smitten, and afflicted located?
4. Who rescued Jeremiah from a cistern?
5. In the prophecy of the root of Jesse, what animals will dwell together?
6. Which king wanted Jeremiah to tell him what was going to happen but requested Jeremiah to tell no one?
7. What king will Jerusalem fall to?
8. What sign does Hezekiah receive to prove he would recover from his sickness?
9. Who is Jeremiah's secretary?
10. Who was called by God before he was born?
11. Where is Christ description of as "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God" located?



**August Birthdays:**

- 1 Aaron Rohloff
- 11 Philip Schielke
- 11 Johnny Schober
- 20 James Richardson
- 24 Doug Rohloff
- 30 Kyle Rohloff

**August Anniversaries:**

- 7 Brad and Lori Rohloff
- 18 Doug and Ruth Rohloff
- 21 Johnny and Donna Schober

**For 2021, I would like to challenge every member of this congregation to read through the Bible in one year. The Bible readings for August and part of September 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.**

- Aug. 1: Isa. 18-22
- Aug. 2: Isa. 23-27
- Aug. 3: Isa. 28-30
- Aug. 4: Isa. 31-35
- Aug. 5: Isa. 36-41
- Aug. 6: Isa. 42-44
- Aug. 7: Isa. 45-48
- Aug. 8: Isa. 49-53
- Aug. 9: Isa. 54-58
- Aug. 10: Isa. 59-63
- Aug. 11: Isa. 64-66
- Aug. 12: Jer. 1-3
- Aug. 13: Jer. 4-6
- Aug. 14: Jer. 7-9

- Aug. 15: Jer. 10-13
- Aug. 16: Jer. 14-17
- Aug. 17: Jer. 18-22
- Aug. 18: Jer. 23-25
- Aug. 19: Jer. 26-29
- Aug. 20: Jer. 30-31
- Aug. 21: Jer. 32-34
- Aug. 22: Jer. 35-37
- Aug. 23: Jer. 38-41
- Aug. 24: Jer. 42-45
- Aug. 25: Jer. 46-48
- Aug. 26: Jer. 49-50
- Aug. 27: Jer. 51-52
- Aug. 28: Lam. 1-2

- Aug. 29: Lam. 3-5
- Aug. 30: Ezek. 1-4
- Aug. 31: Ezek. 5-8
- Sept. 1: Ezek. 9-12
- Sept. 2: Ezek. 13-15
- Sept. 3: Ezek. 16-17
- Sept. 4: Ezek. 18-20
- Sept. 5: Ezek. 21-22
- Sept. 6: Ezek. 23-24
- Sept. 7: Ezek. 25-27
- Sept. 8: Ezek. 28-30
- Sept. 9: Ezek. 31-33
- Sept. 10: Ezek. 34-36
- Sept. 11: Ezek. 37-39

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