

The Service Of Worship

10:45 a.m.

October 28, 2007

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is noteworthy that what the devil says to Luther, and then speaking only in minor difficulties, is only what one says to oneself. In all the major encounters, God himself was the assailant. By comparison, Luther's devil was something of a relief, the personification of his enemy in a form whom he could bait without danger of blasphemy. Luther says with gusto: 'When I go to bed, the devil is always waiting for me. When he begins to plague me, I answer, "Devil, I must sleep. God commands, WORK BY DAY, SLEEP BY NIGHT. So go away."' If that doesn't work, and he brings out a catalog of sins, I say, "Yes, old fellow, I know all about it. And I know some more you have overlooked! Here are a few extra. Put them down." If he still won't quit, and presses me hard and accuses me as a sinner, I scorn him and say, "St. Satan, pray for me. Of course you have never done anything wrong in your life. You alone are holy. Go to God and get grace for yourself. If you want to get me all straightened out, I say, 'Physician, heal thyself.'"

Ronald H. Bainton, "Here I Stand, A Life of Martin Luther", Abingdon Press, New York and Nashville

Gathering

WORDS OF GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

O God of our salvation, You are the hope of the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains.

You silence the roaring of the seas, and the tumult of the peoples.

You make the gateways of the morning and the evening sing for joy.

You water the earth, and give grain to the people.

You water the furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, blessing its growth.

Announcements...

- **Community Cafe**, Friday November 2, 5:30-7pm. On the menu: Roast Pork, Sweet Potatoes, Vegetable Salad, Rolls, and Macadamia Nut Fudge Tort by Esther.
- Did you ever wonder:
How Doris Frazier cooked her popular barbecue brisket?
How Mae Leech made her hot cross buns?
The secret to Molly Ball's Yummy Slaw?
These and 347 other recipes are revealed in the First Church Cookbook, coming soon. **Order your cookbook today.** Order forms are now available at each entrance. Each book is \$15.
- The **Prayer Chain** is available for any concerns. Contact Mary Janet Douglass at (913) 299-3138.

• Scriptures:

Nov. 4: Ephesians 1:11-14

Luke 6:20-31

Nov. 11: Hag. 1:15b-2:9; Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98;

2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 18: Isa. 65:17-25; Isa. 12:2; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 25: Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

• Upcoming Pulpit Supply:

November 4 — The Rev. Eric Garbison

November 11 — The Rev. Larry Satorius

November 18 — The Rev. Elbert Darden

November 25 — The Rev. C. Davis Young

December — The Rev. Carol VanSchenk Hof

A **Partnership of Prayer** for Heartland Presbytery
New Summit Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit, MO

The Rev. David C. Moore, Pastor

Mr. Pete Moroz, Clerk of Session

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, MO

The Rev. John Swisher, Temporary Supply

Mr. James Ahrens, Clerk of Session

First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, MO

The Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Pastor

Ms. Anna McGuire, Clerk of Session

***RESPONSE #596 REFRAIN** “May the Lord, Mighty God”

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May the Lord, mighty God,
bless and keep you forever;
Grant you peace, perfect peace
courage in every endeavor.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Peace be with you.

POSTLUDE

Preacher & Children’s Sermon

The Rev. Don Sears

Lector

Susan Claflin

Keyboard

Joleen Welker

Ushers

Maria Coyle

Ed Fields

Our Prayers are, With...

- **Ann Keeling**, who is having surgery on Wednesday, October 31.
- **Lee Kelley**, who is recovering at home.
- **Levi Bobbitt**, our webmaster; as he goes through radiation therapy.
- **The Task Force for the Future, the Session, and the congregation**, as we move forward in planning for the future of our church.

You crown the year with Your bounty.

The hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks and the
valleys deck themselves with grain ...

they shout and sing together for joy!
Let us worship God.

***HYMN #445** “GREAT DAY!”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Lord of the past, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, we confess to being narrow historians, sharp in a very limited scope, blurry about big pictures, and often oblivious to the good or bad we are a part of now. Even when You lead us to a time when we have to take stock of ourselves and shape up, we’re too ready with denial, defensiveness, or attempts to change the subject. Lord of the present, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, we pray for Your gifts: realism and freedom, so we can deal with vivid forces inside us and outside us, with the very courage of Jesus. Lord of the future, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, empower Your church with the Spirit which welcomes surprises, for we believe You’ll have hold of us in the heap of humanity ... in the processes of history. We need not to be on the top of the heap! But daily we need Your hold on our life, our death, our destiny, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent Confession)

Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*RESPONSE #455 v. 6 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

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All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Word

CHILDREN’S SERMON “WISDOM ACCORDING TO THE
SAND-BLASTERS!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS

Joel 2:23-32

pg. 848 OT, pew Bible

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Better Is One Day” Matt Redman

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14

pg. 81 NT, pew Bible

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “Make A 16th Century Neighborly Call With
Me - at Martin and Katherine’s House!”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* All who are able may stand.

Lord’s Prayer (“debts” and “debtors”)

*HYMN #207 “How Lovely, Lord”

OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory

*Response #557 v. 3 “O What Shall I Render?”

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I ne’er can repay Thee With gold or with silver
For all Thou didst suffer, Dear Savior, for me;
There’s nought I can give Thee

For Thy love so boundless.

For joy I am singing, My gratitude bringing
An offering to Thee. For joy I am singing,
My gratitude bringing An offering to Thee.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

*HYMN #260 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*AFFIRMATION

What is effectual calling?

Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, whereby,
convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds
in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth
persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely
offered to us in the gospel.

from Q&A #31, Westminster Shorter Catechism, 1642-48

*BENEDICTION

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