



Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church

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*As the Father hath loved me,
so have I loved you ...*

John 15:9



Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 4

The Invocation

People:  Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People:  Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People:  And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that, by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Pastor: The Absolution

People:  Amen.

The Introit

From Psalm 116

Pastor: I love the Lord, for He heard my voice;

People: He heard my cry for mercy.

Pastor: Because He turned His ear to me,

People: I will call on Him as long as I live.

Pastor: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me.

People: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

Pastor: Then I called on the name of the Lord:

People: "O Lord, save me!"


Pastor: The Lord is gracious and righteous;

People: Our God is full of compassion.


Pastor: Be at rest once more, O my soul,

People: For the Lord has been good to you.


The Gloria Patri

All:  Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Kyrie


All:  Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis

All:  (Hymn #237, v.1): All glory be to God on high who hath our race befriended. To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men and peace shall reign on earth again Oh thank Him for His goodness.

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People:  And with thy spirit.

The Collect for the Day

Pastor: ..ever One God, for ever and ever.


People:  Amen.

The First Lesson—Psalm 119:169-176


Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your word! 170. Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your word. 171. My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes. 172. My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right. 173. Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. 174. I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight. 175. Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me. 176. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

The Gradual


Pastor: Halleluia, Halleluia! Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Halleluia!

People:  Halleluia, halleluia, halleluia!

The Second Lesson—Luke 15:1-10

People:  Glory be to Thee, O Lord

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." 3. So he told them this parable: 4. "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5. And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7. Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. 8. "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9. And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10. Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

People:  Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

The Apostles' Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of

God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 743

The Sermon – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, (2) and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. (3) But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. (4) And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. (5) Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.


The Love of God, the Patience of Christ

these Gospel truths leads us to

1. Pray confidently

2. Act confidently

The Offertory


All:  Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Hymn 254:1-7

The Offering is Gathered

Prayer

The Benediction

People:  Amen, Amen, Amen.

Hymn 254:8

Announcements

WELCOME We warmly welcome any visitors who might be with us this morning and invite you to join us every Sunday at this time. Our Savior's is a congregation in fellowship with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) – a confessional Lutheran synod with churches and missions throughout the United States, as well as Canada, India, and Africa. We are glad you are here. Thank you for let us share the Word of God with you. Please record your visit in our guest book, and come again!

Wednesday Confirmation begins Wednesday at 3:30 and goes until 5 pm.

Coolers and other equipment loaned to the Outreach Group for the block party may be found in the school hallway.

Shirts A sample of the OSLC shirts worn by the Outreach Group at the block party can be found on the back table. You may sign up for a shirt of your own.

Printed Sermons Copies of the sermon are usually made available in the lower left mailbox. This may prove useful to the hearing impaired.

Offerings and Attendance at Our Savior's	
Fund	9-8-13
Regular	740.00
Loose	74.90
CLC Budget	50.00
Sunday School	3.00
Memorial: Pastor Larson	20.00
Total	917.90
Attendance (ss/bc/ch)	8/9/52



Project KINSHIP Committee Update - August, 2013

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble...

- James 1:27.

CLCI Graduation 2013 - Fifteen years ago an event took place in southern India that caused much joy and thanksgiving, as well as some anxiety and stress. Would the newly founded CLCI Bible Institute prosper? Would and how should it be supported? Would pastors and students continue to trust God?

On June 15th past, the CLCI Seminary at Nidubrolu celebrated its 15th commencement, answering some of the former questions with a resounding 'Yes!' Graduated were another twelve men committed to God's word and dedicated to the Lord's service. They proceeded with the confidence of St. Paul: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

We rejoice with them and thank our stateside sponsors for supporting these students; and pray that the Lord bless these men as they labor in the fields white unto the harvest. So also Seminary Principle Jyothi Benjamin writes: "We thank and praise God for the wonderful assistance we have received from the respected CLC Mission Bd., KINSHIP Committee, Missionaries, CLC members and volunteers."

Widows in India - Widowhood is not a comfortable state of life in India. It can be more of a living death! In India society and culture most women have no status outside that of mother, daughter and wife. Because of religious superstitions, a widow is deemed a bad omen and forced to live a lonely and depressed life. She is often regarded as the cause of her husband's death.

Remarriage is rare for widows, and they are often abandoned by their very children. Most receive no inheritance, may be forced to wear a white sari (white being the color of death in India), and often live on charity and by begging. Health can be greatly affected due to malnutrition, poverty and lack of proper medical care. And that's just in the cities! Conditions in rural areas are worse.

Certainly the words of James apply very well to 21st century India when he wrote that *"pure religion and undefiled before God... is to visit the orphans and widows in their affliction."*

God's grace was surely operational in the life of the widowed Naomi. God's grace transformed the pagan widow Ruth. And by God's grace, widows of deceased pastors receive support for their daily needs from CLC members through

Project KINSHIP. God in His mercy and through His people has not and will not leave them alone or desolate, for *“He sets the solitary in families.”*

Vignette - Sister Samrajyam Pule, age 39. “I have lost my husband. I have nothing to feed my two children.” So lamented this CLCI widow when Pastor Ramesh Puli died suddenly due to an electrical accident. [Pastor Puli had been sort of a pioneer in evangelizing Muslims in the Cheetipalem area of S. India.]

At the time of her husband’s death, Samrajyam felt like she was lost in the wilderness. She could not support herself, much less her children. The future looked bleak, the world turned upside down and backwards. She had choices: cry all the time, stay in bed, and despair.

Samrajyam prayed. When God is our Refuge, even in the midst of despair and sorrow... there is hope and peace. The Lord heard her prayer and moved her CLC brothers and sisters “to visit” this poor widow with Christian love, prayers and monthly support. Samrajyam has regained a purpose in life. Her two daughters are doing well in school, attending 10th and 8th grades. Proverbs 3:5,6 has become this mother’s favorite Bible verse: *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart... and He shall direct your ways.”*

Samrajyam talked about her life as a widow. ‘At first I suffered with scary dreams. But now I know that Jesus is with me. He continues walking ahead of me leaving footprints for me to follow. He is wiping away my tears. During the lonely times I sing Christian songs, which help break the pattern of unwanted thoughts and self-pity. I am teaching my children to sing. My son used to ask about his Daddy. But now he understands that his father has been delivered from the cares of this world and is in a magnificent cloud of saints worshiping at Jesus’ feet. Thank you so much for your support and prayers.’

Vignette – Sister Merikanthan – age 56. This widow lost her husband in the flash flood of 2009. Pastor Anandarao had worked with Rev. V.S. Benjamin in the CLCI from its beginning.

Losing her beloved husband was a great blow to Sister Merikanthan. Anxiety, depression and fear translated into severe health problems. With CLC support, she is receiving medical treatment and is enjoying good health.

Merikanthan now spends much time engaged in women’s fellowship activities, being a godly example for the younger women. An adopted son, Anandababu, has graduated from the CLCI seminary and is serving his congregation at Seethanagaram. Sister Merikanthan is also faithful in service and prayer. She comments: “The Lord is helping me. I have been spending more time in Bible reading and praying hours.” We pray that our sister remain faithful and prayerful till her earthly end – by God’s grace, for His glory.

Again, we thank our CLC brethren for their prayers and support of KINSHIP. We thank God for the opportunity to visit and help not a few orphans and widows in their need.

Rev. David Fuerstenau, CLC Project KINSHIP Committee