



JOSHUA 4 -
THE MEMORIAL STONES:
“WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?”

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Pre-service Meditation

Psalm 102, pg. 145

Welcome Worshipers! “Those who forget history are doomed to repeat it.” Whoever coined this clever phrase recognized a truth of life – among the things we forget are the lessons of the past. And why is that? Why do we so often forget the lessons of the past? Isn’t it because we weren’t there – we didn’t personally experience it so, in a way, it doesn’t seem real? Those of us who were old enough to remember the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 will not soon repeat it. But we already have grade schoolers who were either not alive in 2001 or were very young, for whom September 11 is only the day after September 10.

It’s hard to imagine any of the Children of Israel who crossed the Jordan River on dry ground ever forgetting what God did for them on that day. But what about their children and grandchildren? Would they remember? To help teach the coming generations about the might of the LORD and the fear of the LORD, He had them build a memorial to mark that event. It would be a teaching tool to instruct their children about the might of the LORD and the fear (awe) of the LORD. So today we will consider the “memorial stones” that we have to help teach our children about the might and fear of the LORD.

A special welcome to our Visitors! Please record your visit with us by signing our guest register. Feel free to speak with the Pastor or an Usher if you have any questions about the service or our church. We hope you will join us again!

Opening Hymn

#798 - “God, We Praise You” (Hymn of the Month)

Our Order of Worship:
 LUTHERAN HYMNAL PG. 5



PSALM OF THE DAY:

(from Psalm 78)

- P:** Give ear, O my people, to my law;
C: Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- P:** I will open my mouth in a parable;
C: I will utter dark sayings of old,
P: Which we have heard and known,
C: And our fathers have told us.
- P:** We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,
C: And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.
- P:** For He established a testimony in Jacob,
C: And appointed a law in Israel,
P: Which He commanded our fathers,
C: That they should make them known to their children;
- P:** That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born,
C: That they may arise and declare them to their children,
- P:** That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God,
C: But keep His commandments;
- P:** Glory be to God!
ALL: ♪ "Glory be to the Father..." (Liturgy continues on hymnal pg 6)

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

(With the angels at Christ's birth, we glorify God for all He has done to save us - TLH 237:1 adapted)

**"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 with us again;
Oh thank Him for His goodness! Amen."**

- THE COLLECT -

(A prayer based on the service theme)

- P:** Let us pray - God our Father, Your Son grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men. Bless, guide, and govern the children and young people of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Your Word. Grant that they may serve You well and usefully, developing their talents not for their own sakes but for the glory of God and the welfare of their neighbor. Protect and defend them from all danger and harm, giving Your holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ALL:** ♪ "A - - men"

The Scripture Lessons

"The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever." (Is 40:8)



NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

2 Timothy 3:10-17 - But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, 11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

THE GRADUAL:

(The verse for the day which ties together the Scripture passages and service theme)

- P:** Hallelujah, Hallelujah! "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God." Hallelujah! (Mark 10:14)
ALL: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

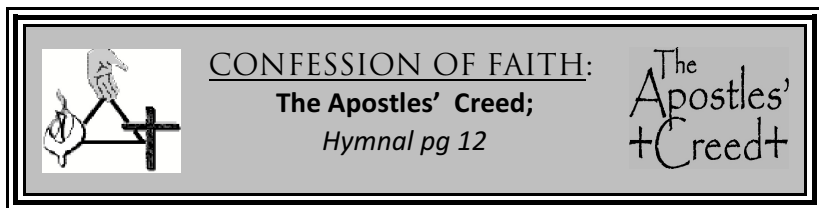
- P:** Our Gospel lesson for today is from the gospel according to Luke, chapter eighteen, beginning with the fifteenth verse.
C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Luke 18:15-27 - And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. 17 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein. 18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. 20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. 21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. 22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. 24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly

shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 26 And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved? 27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

P: So far our Gospel lesson. "Blessed are those that hear the word of God, and keep it!" (Lk 11:28)

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!



Pre-Sermon Hymn:

(A hymn that prepares us to hear God's Word)

#628 - "Shepherd of Tender Youth"



THE SERMON:

(Sixth in a series from Joshua)

Joshua 4 - And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying: 2 "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe, 3 "and command them, saying, 'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.' " 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; 5 and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, 6 "that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' 7 "Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever." 8 And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the LORD had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. 9 Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day. 10 So the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan until everything was finished that the LORD had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; and the people hurried and crossed over. 11 Then it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over, that the ark of the LORD and the

priests crossed over in the presence of the people. 12 And the men of Reuben, the men of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them. 13 About forty thousand prepared for war crossed over before the LORD for battle, to the plains of Jericho. 14 On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life. 15 Then the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, 16 "Command the priests who bear the ark of the Testimony to come up from the Jordan." 17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, "Come up from the Jordan." 18 And it came to pass, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come from the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and overflowed all its banks as before. 19 Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho. 20 And those twelve stones which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in Gilgal. 21 Then he spoke to the children of Israel, saying: "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?' 22 "then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land'; 23 "for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, 24 "that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

Sermon Theme and Notes:

"Memorial Stones"

1) Remind us of the gracious work of God

2) Used to teach our children

3) Require strong shoulders

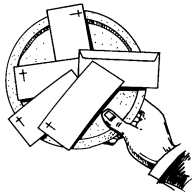
THE OFFERTORY:

(We pray that God would bless us by His Word)

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God . . . (Hymnal pg 12)

Post-Sermon Hymn:

#629 - "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"



~ Offering of Thankful Hearts ~
 In support of the Gospel ministry
 here at Prince of Peace and throughout the CLC
 ~ Prayers and Lord's Prayer ~
 ~ Benediction ~

The Closing Hymn:

#631 - "Savior, Who Thy Flock art Feeding"



Announcements for 7-24-11

"If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." (James 4:15)

CALL MEETING ON MONDAY A meeting is scheduled tomorrow at 1:00 pm with Conference Visitor Roehl, with the purpose of calling our next pastor. Please keep this meeting in your prayers asking the Lord to grant our voters wisdom and that He would guide them to call the man He has chosen to shepherd this congregation!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED! As July draws to a close our attention begins to turn to a new school year - and with that the continuing education of our little ones in the Word. The blessed task of training children in the Word is the primary responsibility of Christian parents. As a Christian congregation we want to do all we can to support and help our parents to this end. One way which we seek to help them is through our Sunday School program. This year's schedule will be Old Testament lessons beginning in Genesis and run through the life of Moses. We are looking for teachers to teach three different levels: **Level 1 (Pre-1)**, **Level 2 (3rd Grade)**, **Level 3 (5th-7th)**, and a **Music Leader**.

If the Lord has given you a heart to teach our young ones and would like to serve Him, our parents and our congregation in this way, please speak with Pastor or Superintendent Scott. The Sunday School year is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 11 (Sunday after Labor Day) with installation on Sunday, August 28.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE If you do not feel that you can serve the congregation by teaching Sunday School, there are many other opportunities to serve the Lord. Here are some examples in the coming months:

- **Fellowship Hour Server** - in May the Voters decided to have a Fellowship Hour on Communion Sundays during the summer. We are looking for one or multiple servers for our August (14th) and September (4th) fellowship hour. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.
- **Cleaners** - Church cleaners are needed during the months of September and November. If you can help keep the Lord's house clean during these months, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the entryway.

HARVEST FESTIVAL NEXT SUNDAY Please remember our schedule for next Sunday. Our Harvest Festival service at the Marvin and Gweneth Hansen farm will be at 4pm followed by a potluck turkey dinner. Because of this afternoon service, NO morning worship service is schedule for next Sunday.

ILC REGENTS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran College invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created on the ILC faculty by the retirement of Professor Michael Buck at the end of the 2011-'12 school year. The man (men) nominated must be able to teach biology, physical science, and health at both the high school and college levels. Duties will commence with the 2012-'13 school year. Those placing nominations are encouraged to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching experience. They may also indicate how their nominee(s) might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Please send your nominations, postmarked or e-mailed no later than August 20, 2011, to: **Mr. Craig Ryan, secretary ILC Board of Regents 499 Country Lane Fulda, MN 56131 cryan@page1printers.com**

This week at Prince of Peace...

Today -

- 10:15 Bible Class (Bible Translations) and Sunday School Video
- 11:00 Harvest Festival Choir Practice

Monday

- 1:00 Call Meeting
- 6:30 Softball in Aberdeen

Sunday, August 7 - Harvest Festival Sunday

NO morning worship service

- 4:00 Harvest Festival Service
- 5:30 Potluck Turkey Dinner

Sunday, August 14 - 8th Sunday after Trinity

- 9:00 Communion Service
- 10:30 Fellowship Hour (Servers needed)

SERVING IN AUGUST:
 Cleaners - KIPPLEY
 Ushers - MARVIN AND MICK

August 2011						
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"The Bread of Life"

Daily Bible readings for home devotions.

		<u>Scripture:</u>	<u>Hymn:</u>
Mon	-- 1	<u>Genesis 11</u> A nationalist social agenda vs. God Almighty.	581
Tues	-- 2	<u>Genesis 12:1-9</u> Courage arises from trust in God's promises.	417
Wed	-- 3	<u>Matthew 6:22-25</u> The world enslaves, but the Lord liberates.	141
Thur	-- 4	<u>John 8:31-36</u> Out of jail via the Word of the Lord Jesus.	350
Fri	-- 6	<u>Acts 5:34-42</u> Fence-sitters are in an awkward position.	278
Sat	-- 7	<u>Hebrews 13:11-17</u> Our daily living IS living in His Word.	262