



## JOSHUA 6 -

# THE DESTRUCTION OF JERICHO

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

August 14 2011

Pre-service Meditation

*Psalm 51; pg. 134-135*

### Morning Prayer for a Communicant:

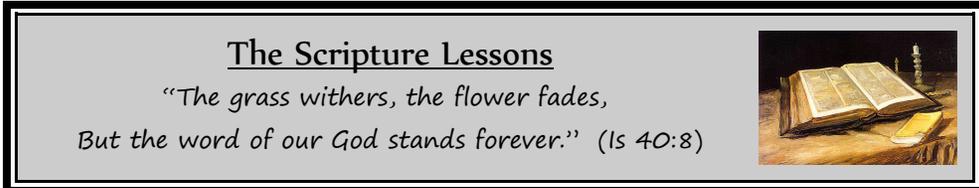
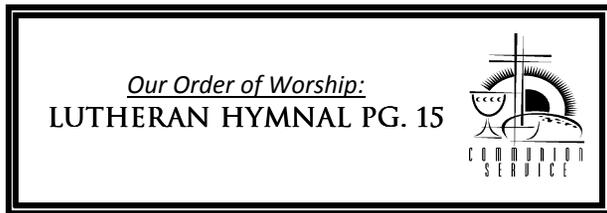
O Lord Jesus, because of Your great goodness, this morning I rejoice in being privileged to go to your house together with my fellow Christians, there to partake of Your body and blood in, with, and under the consecrated bread and wine. Oh, how my soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord and His altar! *"As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You,"* My Redeemer. You are my Shepherd; I shall not want. O Lord Jesus, even as You have begun the good work of salvation in me, a poor wretched sinner, so also mercifully perform it, by the gracious aid of Your Holy Spirit, to Your honor and the welfare and salvation of my soul. O dearest Redeemer, *"I am not worthy that You should come under my roof."* May Your grace which is able to do all things render me worthy and well prepared, so that the priceless nourishment of Your true body and blood may refresh my soul in this heavenly feast of love and joy. Array me in the robes of salvation and in the garments of righteousness of faith. Thus I may not be found among the guests without wedding garments, but may be a worthy guest at Your Table and partake of all the treasures of grace you have provided. May Your grace, O Lord Jesus, be and remain with me; even as my hope is continually in You. May Your providence preserve my spirit, my life, and my being. And do bestow, O faithful God, whatever else I may be in need of in this world and the next.

***Thou, who feedest us below!***

***Source of all we have or know!***

***Grant that with Thy saints above***

***We may share Thy feast of love. Amen.***



**PSALM OF THE DAY:**

*(from Psalm 90)*

- P:** LORD,  
**C:** You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- P:** Before the mountains were brought forth,  
**C:** Or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
- P:** Even from everlasting to everlasting,  
**C:** You are God.
- P:** A thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past,  
**C:** And like a watch in the night.
- P:** The days of our lives are seventy years;  
**C:** And if by reason of strength they are eighty years,
- P:** Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow;  
**C:** For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- P:** So teach us to number our days,  
**C:** That we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- P:** Return, O LORD! How long?  
**C:** And have compassion on Your servants.
- P:** Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,  
**C:** That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!
- P:** Glory be to God!  
**ALL:** *♬* "Glory be to the Father..."

**- THE COLLECT -**

- P:** Let us pray - Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. God, now and forever.  
**ALL:** *♬* "A- - men"

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 2 PETER 3:8-18**

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15 And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in *all his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

- P:** Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (Jesus) is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Hallelujah! (Heb 7:25)  
**ALL:** *♬* Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
**P:** Our Gospel lesson for today is from the gospel according to Matthew, chapter twenty-five, beginning with the thirty-first verse.  
**C:** *♬* Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

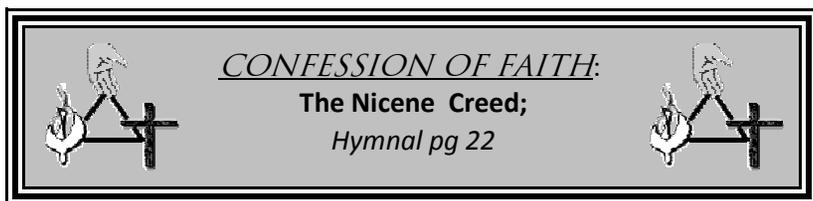
**GOSPEL LESSON ~ MATTHEW 25:31-46**

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee

a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

**P:** *So far the Word. Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.*

**C:** 🎵 **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**



Hymn 604

*“Great God, What do I See and Hear”*

**THE SERMON:**

*(Seventh in a series from Joshua)*

**JOSHUA 6** Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. 2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. 3 "You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4 "And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 "It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him." 6 Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD." 7 And he said to the people, "Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD." 8 So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. 9 The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. 10 Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout." 11 So he had the ark of the

LORD circle the city, going around it once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp. 12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. 13 Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. 14 And the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days. 15 But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. 16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city! 17 "Now the city shall be doomed by the LORD to destruction, it and all who are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18 "And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. 19 "But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD." 20 So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. 21 And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword. 22 But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, "Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her." 23 And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel. 24 But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. 25 And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. 26 Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying, "Cursed be the man before the LORD who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates." 27 So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country.

***“Jericho: A Preview of the End”***

*- God’s “foolish” plan of victory*

*- Utter destruction*

*- Salvation of God’s precious possessions*

~ THE OFFERTORY ~

♪ *“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me...”*

Hymn 610

*“And will the Judge Descend”*

~ Offering of Thankful Hearts and Prayers ~

Communion Preparation Hymn 755

*“What Is This Bread”*

**A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR VISITORS:** We practice **“Close(d) Communion”** in accord with the practice of the Apostolic and Ancient Christian Church of the first four centuries, as well as the confessional Lutheran Churches since the Reformation.

The Lord’s Supper is no ordinary meal, and requires true understanding and faith in order for the communicant to receive its blessing and not bring judgment upon himself (I Cor. 11:27 ff.).

Therefore, in loving concern for those visitors, who are not members of the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession), and as a testimony of the closeness of our own faith and confession, we limit participation in Supper. If you are looking for an altar at which to commune, please speak with the pastor. Our practice is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but a confession of our own before God and before the world.

~ COMMUNION LITURGY CONTINUES ON HYMNAL PAGE 24 ~



*Communion Prayers can be found on pp 118-119  
Distribution of the Lord’s Supper*

~ LITURGY CONCLUDES ON HYMNAL PAGE 29 ~

Closing Hymn 314:4-5

*“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”*

**WELCOME TO YOU ALL!** We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the glorious Son of God, our Savior from sin, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today’s service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

**PASTOR OUT OF TOWN** The Pfeiffers will be out of town until Tuesday afternoon. If you need to reach Pastor, you may do so at his cell phone number.

**SOFTBALL YEAR END REVIEW** Yesterday we completed our fifth season of having a Prince of Peace softball team playing in the Aberdeen Church League. We completed the regular season with a 5-5 record, with two of those losses due to forfeiture (not enough players). We were thankful to have had the Kippleys, Woods, Pfeiffers, Wietgrefes, Jon, Shelly, and other friends play with us throughout the summer. We did pretty well in the tournament yesterday - finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a 3-2 record. Thanks to everyone who was able to participate!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!** Can you help serve our congregation, parents, and Jesus’ little lambs by serving as a Sunday School teacher this year? Our lessons will be taken mainly from Genesis and Exodus, with timely lessons at Christmas and Easter time. We are looking for a teacher for our **Pre-school and Kindergarten** aged kids (Mac, Noah, with Titus and Monty making an appearance from time to time) and a teacher for our **3<sup>rd</sup> Graders** (Steele and Sadie). As servants of the Word, it does require preparation time as our teachers will want to teach the Word of God faithfully to Jesus’ little lambs! But the benefits are countless as you have the opportunity to grow in the Word yourself through lesson preparation and then lead these little ones to the Triune God who loved them and saved them!

Please speak with Pastor or Scott if you are able to fill one of these positions. Installation will be on August 28 and Sunday School begins on September 11.

**MOVING SCHEDULE** There have been several inquiries about the Pfeiffer’s moving plans. One of the members from Trinity is scheduled to fly into Fargo at about 1 pm on Tuesday, Aug 30. He will then pick up the rental truck and drive it here to load it. We would not expect the truck before 3:30. We hope to have most of the loading done Tuesday evening. The truck will leave Wed, Aug 31 as soon as it is ready to go, with the Pfeiffers pulling out once things are finished up at the parsonage (hopefully before noon).

**This week at Prince of Peace...**

**Today -**

10:25 Fellowship Hour

**Sunday, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity -**

9:00 Worship Service

10:15 Bible Class and Sunday School Video

**Sunday, August 28**

9:00 Worship Service w/ Installation of Sunday School teachers

10:15 Bible Class and Sunday School Video

11:30 Pfeiffer Farewell Potluck

**“The Bread of Life”**

*Daily Bible readings for home devotions.*

	<b>Scripture:</b>	<b>Hymn:</b>
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