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Pentecost 8

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS MY LORD...

Today's Focus:

The Conception and Birth of Jesus

Pre-service meditation:

John 1:1-18 (In Pew Bible)

OPENING HYMN 108 v. 1-4 (Red Hymnal)

We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – Tan Worship Supplement, Page 12

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Amos 7:10-15 (on back) The Old Testament Lesson tells of the Prophet being forbidden to prophesy because his words were unpopular. He, however, points out that He speaks from God, not his own opinions.

PSALMODY

Tan Worship Supplement, Page 26

“Sing to the LORD”



MARTIN LUTHER.

Ephesians 1:3-14 (on back) In the Epistle, Paul praises God Who has so richly blessed us by His grace in Christ. Now we share a glorious destiny which cannot be taken from us.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Worship Supplement, Page 15 – Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

HYMN 709 (Worship Supplement)

God Loves Me Dearly

SERMON – NIV Matthew 1:18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give

him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.



THEME – **YOUR GOD INTERVENES!**

1. With the **WORD** He gave you
2. In the **CHOICES** that face you
3. Because of the **NAME** which saves you

HYMN 108 v. 5-8 (Red Hymnal)

We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD – Sing 400 v. 1, 6 (Red Hymnal)

*Take my life and let it be; Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour; At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be; Ever, only, all, for Thee.*

**SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER
BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN 78 (Red Hymnal)

Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book. If you have questions about our church and school please ask!

-TODAY: Refreshments/continuation of our study of comparative world religions. Tonight, **5pm VBS teachers** (Phil, Mitch, Nora) meeting here at church (teachers aides do not need to come).

-TVBS and VBS Donations: The CLC TVBS program this summer was an aggressive one sending both flier and teaching teams as far as Texas, Washington, and California. We are appreciative for these helpers and would like to show our thankfulness also in helping with any donations possible from the congregation. The Lord has also already blessed us with over 30 VBS campers signed up for this week. If anyone would like to help or donate any further time, talents, or treasure it would certainly be helpful.

-CHURCH PICNIC: August 9th after the service. Sign up sheet on the table in entryway!

-CAMPING: August 4th and 5th at Pinecrest Lake up near Sacramento has been reserved. Sign up in entry!

-EWASTE: Fliers for our Ewaste date on August 1st are on entryway table. Please take some to pass along.

-CALL NEWS: Paul Gurgel has returned the call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, and they have called the Rev. Michael Roehl, from Bismarck ND.

