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Pentecost 21

Today's Focus:

FOLLOW THE LEADER & LEAD WHILE YOU FOLLOW!

OPENING HYMN 387 v. 1, 2, 7 (Red Hymnal)

Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice

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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Amos 5:6-7; 10-15 (on back) In the Old Testament Lesson, Israel is called to hate evil and love good, repenting of its concentration on this world's treasures that led it into disregard of God's Word.

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 119:73-80

The Psalmist leads us by putting his trust in God's Word and not being intimidated by those who do not.

Leader: Your hands made me and formed me;

Congregation: Give me understanding to learn your commands.

L: May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word. I know, O LORD, that your laws are righteous, and in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

C: May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

L: May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me without cause; but I will meditate on your precepts.

C: May those who fear you turn to me, those who understand your statutes.

L: May my heart be blameless toward your decrees,

ALL: That I may not be put to shame. Amen.

Hebrews 3:1-6 (on back) In the Epistle, we have the example of Jesus Himself Who in all things was faithful to His Father. Similarly, Moses was faithful in a lesser way. So we are to remain faithful to our hope.

CONFESSION OF FAITH – Tan 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 784 (Tan Worship Supplement)

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

SERMON – NKJ Mark 10:17 Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" 18 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. 19 "You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' " 20 And

he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." 21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." 22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! 25 "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a



needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." 26 And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" 27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

What is the Cost of Following Jesus?

1. Everything.
2. Nothing.

HYMN 421 (Red Hymnal)

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD – Sing 30 v. 1, 5 (Red Hymnal)

(To the tune of TLH 30)

1. Oh that I had a thousand voices, To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God hath done for me.

(To the tune of TLH 243)

5. Lord, I will tell, while I am living, Thy goodness forth with every breath
And greet each morning with thanksgiving, Until my heart is still in death;
Yea, when at last my lips grow cold, Thy praise shall in my sighs be told.



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

CLOSING HYMN 387 v. 4, 9 (Red Hymnal)

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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 in the entryway. If you have questions about our church and school please ask us!

-Today: Refreshments in classroom/Bible class will be watching a video on Luther and the Reformation.

-Tuesday: 10am Bible Study this week continues our study of the Gospel of John.

-St. Stephen Men's Retreat: Oct. 30, 31 - Nov.1 The Retreat ends with our Sunday Reformation service with Communion at 10am, and potluck lunch to follow immediately after that.

-Special Offering Envelopes for the CLC "Jubilee Thank Offering" are on the entryway table and are being used for the ILC Student Aid Fund and for anniversary materials. Please help yourself.

-Call News: Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, has called Stephen Sydow, Eau Claire WI, to be its pastor and Prof. John Ude to serve in the interim. The Rev. Todd Ohlmann, Manchester MO, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI.

Scripture Lessons for next week: (Series B) Psalm 91:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 4:9-16; Mark 10:35-45