

Littleton United Methodist Church
June 21, 2009
The Third Sunday After Pentecost
Service of the Word

Prelude *Allegro" from Sonata in C Major* GRAUN
During the prelude, please silently prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

The Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Members and guests please sign the friendship pad located at the end of the pew.

+Introit *He Is Exalted* Page 2070

+Greeting

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: The Spirit drifts over the face of the deep, and though the wind rises and the sea swells, the Spirit is at rest.

People: **Let us worship the Spirit in silence, for a voice upon the water whispers, "Be still, and know that I am God."**

Pastor: The Spirit leads us from chaos to calm, and though we fear the wind and dread the sea, the Spirit restores our souls.

People: **Let us worship the Spirit in strength, for a voice upon the water speaks, "Be not afraid; it is I."**

+Entrance Hymn #110 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

Prayer of the Day

O Christ our teacher, whose word rebuked the wind and stilled the sea, whose trust in all that is eternal transcended the betrayal of friends and the cruelty of enemies, speak to us here in the midst of our own particular needs, and let that word abide in us with a transforming sense of peace that we can share with others. AMEN.

The First Reading *1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49* Darla Angel, Lay Reader

Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Socoh in Judah. A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him. Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will

become our subjects and serve us." Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines." Early in the morning David left the flock with a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and greeted his brothers. As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you." Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine. Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands." As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

Reader: This is the word of God for us, the people of God.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalm 9:9-20



The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in time of trouble.

**Those who know your name will put their trust in you,
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.**

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion!

Tell among the peoples God's deeds!

The Lord who avenges blood is mindful of them,
and does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Be gracious to me, O Lord!

See what I suffer from those who hate me;

**You are the One who lifts me up from the gates of death,
that I may recount all your praises,
and, in the gates of the daughter of Zion,
rejoice in your deliverance.**

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The nations have sunk in the pit which they made;

their own foot has been caught in the net which they hid.

The Lord is made known! The Lord has executed judgment!

The wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

The wicked shall depart to Sheol,

all the nations that forget God.

**For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.**

Arise, O Lord! Let not mortals prevail;

let the nations be judged before you!

Put them in fear, O Lord;

let the nations know that they are mortal!

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The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

Reader: This is the word of God for us, the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

They Shall Soar Like Eagles

+Gospel Acclamation #2043

Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

+The Holy Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord, the word of God for us, the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"In the Same Boat"

Rev. Rob Licht

+Hymn #2191

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

+The Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of Confession

O God, help us for we do not have the wisdom to help ourselves. When the good we have known crumbles beneath our feet and we are mired down in hopelessness and self-pity, we need you. When we cannot hide from the evil that is all around us because some of it is also in us, we cry out for your saving mercy. We confess that it is easier to see the problems than the promise. We have been more ready to complain than to accept your help. O God, we open our hearts to you. We want to be healed. **AMEN.**

A Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet Sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

The Offertory

"Cantabile" from Concerto in D Major

VIVALDI

+The Doxology #94

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+The Prayer of Dedication

The Prayers

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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+Closing Hymn #368

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

+Dismissal with Blessing

+Congregational Response

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

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+Taking God's Light Into The World

+Chiming of the Trinity

+Postlude

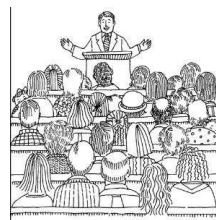
Faith Of Our Fathers

YOUNG

+The congregation will stand as you are able

*** Printed copies of the sermon are available after the service in each narthex*

Our Presence



Today: 8:45 AM Early Casual Service
10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
6:00 PM Fellowship Supper at Merchant's home

Monday - Friday: 9am - 12:30 Vacation Bible School at Lakeside Lutheran

Wednesday: 6:00 PM Bible Study
No choir practice this week

Our Gifts

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| Offerings last week: | \$2,648.00 |
| Offerings 6/7/09 | \$2,814.25 |



The flowers today were given
In honor of
Bill and Lois Weaver's 56th Wedding Anniversary

Our Mission Statement

Littleton United Methodist Church strives to provide all-inclusive worship of God through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are committed to deepening our spiritual growth.

We are to minister in Christ's name to the needy, the sick, the dying, the unchurched, and to each other.

We are to be active Christians, spreading the Good News.

We are to strive to witness for Jesus in our daily lives, in our community and throughout the world.



Our Service

Serving in Worship:

Choir Director / Organist: Tom Parker
Organist emeritus: Trudi May
Acolyte: Martha Sherman
Greeters: Barbara Reinhardt (west)
 Connie Henry (east)
Ushers: Al Prescott (west)
 Bob Workman (west)
 Ed Angel (east)
Nursery: Susannah Sherman
 Martha Hayes
Sound: Dick O'Sullivan
 Ed Angel

2009 Committee Chairpersons:

Administrative Council: Richard Sherman
Congregational Care: Jean Houston
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Age Level: TBA
Outreach: Helen Burtchell
Missions: Richard Sherman
Finance: Mike Herman
Pastor-Parish: Sherman Merchant
Lay Leadership: Rob Licht
Trustees: Shirley Anschutz
Kitchen: Marie Fields
Membership: Marj Prescott
Scholarship: Marvin Newsom III
Memorials: Matt Johnston
Newsletter: Susan Merchant
Sunday School Superintendent: Jean Jarvis

Serving in our Church, Community and World

If you are interested in knowing more about our mission projects, our church, or becoming a member, please call Pastor Rob at 252 586-5385.

Today we welcome **Janet Weaver**, daughter of Bill and Lois Weaver, as our **guest flutist**. Janet, thank you for sharing your gift of music with us today.

This evening, at 6:00 PM, there will be a **Fellowship Supper** at the **home of Sherm & Susan Merchant**. Everyone is invited. Please bring a dish to pass. There are printed copies of directions to the Merchant home in each narthex.

Vacation Bible School will be at the Lakeside Lutheran Church Monday through Friday from 9:00 - 12:30. If you have children or grandchildren that would like to attend, please be there by 8:30am on Monday for sign-up. If you would like to help, please see Helen Burtchell.

The Missions Committee will be sponsoring a fund-raising **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on July 4th** from 8 - 10am in our fellowship hall (before the Littleton parade). The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Profits from the event will **benefit the LUMC General Fund**. If you would like to help or donate any supplies, please contact Richard Sherman.

*****Note—the side door will be locked during the worship service.**