



“...Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”.

—Matthew 15:28

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Larimore, ND *~*~* August 20, 2023
12th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

Assembly: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: We praise and thank you for your amazing grace & life-giving power!

ALL: Let us worship and give praise to God!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on me. I confess that I have turned from you and given myself into the power of sin. I am truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive me of my sins, known and unknown, things I have done and things I have failed to do. Turn me again to you, and uphold me by your Spirit, so that I may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"All Are Welcome" ELW 641 vs.1&5

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56 PB

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ² Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning [*pro-fane-ing*] it, and refrains from doing any evil. ³ Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people," and do not let the eunuch [*you-nuck*] say, "I am just a dry tree." ⁴ For thus says the LORD: To the eunuchs [*you-nucks*] who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold

fast my covenant, ⁵I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.^[a] **WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 67 PB (*We will read it responsively, verse by verse*)

¹God be merciful to us and bless us, *And* cause His face to shine upon us, *Selah* ²**That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.** ³Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. ⁴**Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth. *Selah*** ⁵Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. ⁶**Then the earth shall ^[b]yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.** ⁷God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-8, 29-36 PB

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, ³“LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”? ⁴But what does the divine response say to him? “I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” ⁵Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. ⁶And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. ^[a]But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. ⁷What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. ⁸Just as it is written: “God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day.” **~~NOW TO VERSE 29~~** ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God *are* irrevocable [*ear-ree-voe-caw-bull*]. ³⁰For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, ³¹even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. ³²For God has ^[b]committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all. ³³Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?” ³⁶For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen. **WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Amazing Grace...” ELW 779 vs.1

L:The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL *Matthew 15:10-28* PB 797

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind.^[e] And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’^[f] table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*” ELW 759 vs.1&2

SERMON

HYMN “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*” ELW 759 vs.3&4

***APOSTLE’S CREED** pg.105

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

***OFFERING** “*We Give Thee but Thine Own*” vs.1

We give Thee but thine own, what e’er thy gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SING: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev’rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear—all because we do not carry ev’rything to God in prayer!

***THE LORD’S PRAYER** pg.112

Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR

Today, 8/20/2023—12th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am—Worship—Thank you to Pr. Jacobson for leading service today!

10:00am—Fellowship

Next Sunday, 8/27/2023—13th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00am—Worship

10:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: Jul-Aug:** Kids Closet
- **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Missing:** Our church is missing all of the Home Communion Kits. If you have one, please bring it to church at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS continued:

- **Red Willow Bible Camp's 36th Annual Quilt Auction:** Saturday, August 26th starting @ 10:00am
- **Sunday, September 10th:**
 - **Rally Sunday** – Sunday School Starts @ 9:00am
 - **Blessing of the Backpacks** – Bring your backpack to church!
 - **God's Work Our Hands** – Come prepared to do God's work!
 - **Church Service starts @ 10:00am**

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN** “*Rise, Shine, You People!*” ELW 665 vs.1,3,4

***DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ, be a warrior of prayer and a light of hope to all the world! **We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

“~~Excited~~ **by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to teach, **we are our Savior's!**”

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Lois Jemtrud, Mark Sletten, Ron Petsinger, Betty Olson, Pr. Rena Peterson, OSLC Call Committee, Cindy Olson, Bonnie Olson, Marv Jemtrud, David Barnett (relative of Robert Stover), Arlene Lilja, Donna Willoughby (daughter of Gordon Peterson), LaVonne Jacobson, David Sletten (cousin to Camilla Stover), Robbie Leake, Call Committee: Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Nancy Smith, Wayne Knudson (non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: volunteer(s) welcome

Reader: Andrew Trosen

Prayer: volunteer welcome

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: T. Welder & J. & A. Trosen

Serving Next Sunday (8/27/23)

Ushers:??—sign up on the clipboard

Reader: ??—sign up on the clipboard

Prayer:??—sign up on the clipboard

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: M. & S. Johnson (coffee only)