

"Come to  
me, all you  
who are  
weary and  
burdened,  
and I will  
give you  
rest."

Matthew 11:28



Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Larimore, ND  
July 9, 2023  
*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*PRELUDE*

**GREETING**

**\*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...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...that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** “*Day By Day*” #790



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray, You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# WORD

**The FIRST READING for today is Zechariah 9:9 –12. Found on page 773 in the Pew Bible.**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He<sup>[c]</sup> will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

**The PSALM for today is Psalm 145:1-21. Found on page 506 in the Pew Bible. We will read it responsively, verse by verse**

<sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. <sup>2</sup> **Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.** <sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. <sup>4</sup> **One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.** <sup>5</sup> They will recount the glorious<sup>[a]</sup> splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works I will meditate. <sup>6</sup> **They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.** <sup>7</sup> They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. <sup>8</sup> **The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.** <sup>9</sup> The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. <sup>10</sup> **All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.** <sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, <sup>12</sup> **to make known to all people your<sup>[b]</sup> mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your<sup>[c]</sup> kingdom.** <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>14</sup> **The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.** <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. <sup>16</sup> **You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.** <sup>17</sup> The LORD is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings. <sup>18</sup> **The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.** <sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them. <sup>20</sup> **The LORD watches over all who love him, but**

**all the wicked he will destroy.** <sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

**The SECOND READING for today is Romans 7:14-25. Found on page 918 in the Pew Bible.**

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God<sup>[b]</sup> through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “Softly & Tenderly” #608 vs.3



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,



watch - ing for you and for me.  
mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!”  
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

**P:** The Gospel according to Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter

**A:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 11:7-30* PB 792

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What, then, did you go out to see? Someone<sup>[c]</sup> dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet?<sup>[d]</sup> Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ <sup>11</sup> “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John

the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup> From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence,<sup>[e]</sup> and violent people take it by force. <sup>13</sup> For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John came, <sup>14</sup> and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup> Let anyone with ears<sup>[f]</sup> listen! <sup>16</sup> “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”<sup>[g]</sup> <sup>20</sup> Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. “For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.” <sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank<sup>[h]</sup> you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.<sup>[i]</sup> <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord.

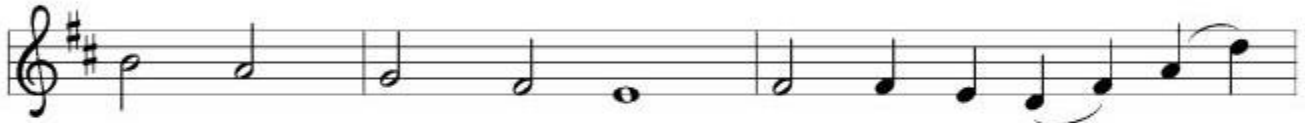
**A:** Praise to you, O Christ.



**HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Jesus Shall Reign*” #434 vs.1-2



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



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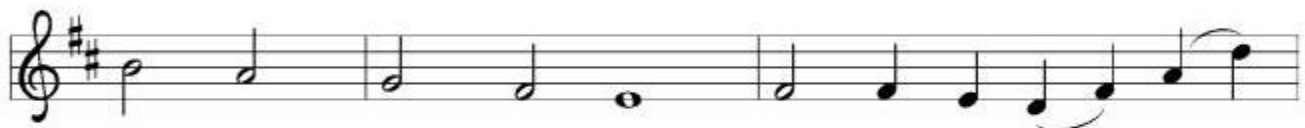
**SERMON**



**HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Jesus Shall Reign*” #434 vs.3-5



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**\*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**

**All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**SING:** “*Just As I am*” **Just as I am, though tossed about with many-a conflict, many-a doubt, fightings and fears within, without,**

**REFRAIN:** **O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Let us join hands as we say the Lord's Prayer together... **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BLESSING**

May the God of all comfort surround you with His tender mercies and strength. May He breathe fresh life into your soul and put a new song in your heart. May He broaden the path beneath your feet and make your footsteps firm. And may He lead you to a spacious place and answer your heartfelt prayers. Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN** “What a Fellowship” #774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
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lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

**\*DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ, be a warrior of prayer and a light of hope in a darkened 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!"**

### Serving this Sunday

*Ushers: ??* —sign up on the clipboard

*Reader: ??* —sign up on the clipboard

*Prayer: ??* —sign up on the clipboard

*Communion: N/A*

*Fellowship: J. Knudsons & G. Rankins*

### Serving Next Sunday (7/16/23)

*Ushers:??*—sign up on the clipboard

*Reader:??*—sign up on the clipboard

*Prayer:??*—sign up on the clipboard

*Communion: N/A*

*Fellowship: R. Johnsons & R. Stovers*

## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty Olson, Family of Sandy Lein, Dillon Norman (USM), Family of Rita Carew (Julie Mutch's mom), Ashley Johnson (daughter in-law to Mike & Stephanie Johnson), 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

### Today, 7/9/2023

9:00am—Worship

10:00am—Fellowship

### Monday-Sunday, 7/10-7/16

Larimore Days Activities

### Wednesday, 7/12/2023

7:00pm—Church Council Meeting

### Saturday, 7/15/2023

11:00am—Larimore Days Parade

### Next Sunday, 7/16/2023—7<sup>th</sup> Sun of Pent.

9:00am—Worship

10:00am—Fellowship

2:00pm-4:00pm—Polka Music & Ice Cream Social on the Museum lawn

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Mission of the Month for: July-June:** Kids Closet
- **Noisy offering:**  
Collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Larimore Days:**  
Mon., July 10<sup>th</sup> – Sun., July 16<sup>th</sup>
- **OSLC VBS (*Vacation Bible School*):** July 18-20.