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MATTHEW 21:23-32**

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Larimore, ND  
October 1, 2023

*18th 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...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** “*God is Here*” ELW 526 vs.1,2,4

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

## WORD

**FIRST READING** *Ezekial 18:1-4,19-32* PB 685

*WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

**PSALM:** *Psalm 25:1-10* PB 436 (read responsively, verse by verse)

<sup>1</sup>In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. <sup>2</sup>**I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.** <sup>3</sup>No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. <sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.** <sup>5</sup>Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. <sup>6</sup>**Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.** <sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. <sup>8</sup>**Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.** <sup>9</sup>He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. <sup>10</sup>**All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

**SECOND READING:** *Philippians 2:1-18* PB 954

*WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “*Be Thou My Vision*” vs.4

**Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**L:**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

**\*GOSPEL** *Matthew 21:23-32* PB 802-803

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

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “*How Firm a Foundation*” ELW 796 vs.1-3

**\*OFFERING** “*We Give Thee But Thine Own*”

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.

**\*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.

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** “*Lord, Listen to Your Children...*”

**SING:** Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

## **MEAL**

### **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**L:** The Lord be with you. **A:** And also with you. **L:** Lift up your hearts.

**A:** We lift them to the Lord. **L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A:** It is right to give our thanks and praise. **L:** It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:

**ALL:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

### **INVITATION/DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMNS TO SING DURING COMMUNION:** 592, 471

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray: We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with tender care, and feeding us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BLESSING

\*SENDING HYMN “We All Are One in Mission” ELW 576

### \*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.

#### Serving this Sunday

*Ushers:* Ray Johnson

*Reader:* Stacie Williams

*Prayer:* UNKNOWN

*Communion:* K. & K. Nelson

*Fellowship:* Belyeas & Williams

#### Serving Next Sunday (10/8/23)

*Ushers:??—sign up on the clipboard*

*Reader:??—sign up on the clipboard*

*Prayer:??—sign up on the clipboard*

*Communion:* N/A

*Fellowship:* K. & K. Nelson

#### 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!”**

## **CALENDAR**

**Today, 10/1/2023**

**9:00am**—Sunday School

**10:00am**—Worship—with Holy Communion

**11:00am**—Fellowship

**Wednesday, 10/4/2023**

**3:20pm**—Confirmation Class

**Next Sunday, 10/8/2023**

**9:00am**—Sunday School

**10:00am**—Worship

**11:00am**—Fellowship

**Every day:**

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Mission of the Month for: Sept-Oct:** 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).
- **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!
- **WELCA Meeting:** Monday, October 9, 2023 @ 2:00pm— all women of the church are welcome!
- **Reformation Sunday:** October 29, 2023

# **PRAYER LIST**

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email: [oslclarimorerooffice@gmail.com](mailto:oslclarimorerooffice@gmail.com) or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

## **We pray for those in need:**

Gloria Temple      Kari (Fisher) Sundberg      Family of Steven Drown  
Lois Jemtrud      Mark Sletten      Ron Petsinger  
Betty Olson      Pr. Rena Peterson      Cindy Olson  
Bonnie Olson      David Barnett (relative of Robert Stover)  
Donna Willoughby (daughter of Gordon Peterson)  
David Sletten (cousin to Camilla Stover)  
Robbie Leake      Island of Maui  
All those affected by the Hatton-Northwood VB Team Bus Accident  
Earthquake victims of Morocco  
OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Nancy Smith, Wayne Knudson (non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)*

## **Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:**

Viola Lee      LaVonne Jacobson      Vicki Sweeney  
Dolores Mutch      Marv Jemtrud      Arlene Lilja

## **Prayers for Armed Service Members:**

Robert Norman      Dillon Norman