



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Larimore, ND

October 15, 2023

20th 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, 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** “*Gather Us In*” ELW 532 vs.1,2,4

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HANNAH JUNCTION

WORD

FIRST READING for today is Isaiah 25:1-9.

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all

peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

PSALM: *Psalm 23* (read together)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The SECOND READING for today is *Philippians 4:1-9*.

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion,^[a] help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice^[b] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.^[c] ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about^[d] these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “*Oh, For a Thousand...*” ELW 886 vs.2

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *Matthew 22:1-14*

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the

wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

HANNAH JUNCTION

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “O God, Our Help...” ELW632 vs.1,4,6

***OFFERING** “We Give Thee But Thine Own” ELW 686 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. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a great blessing to many. In Jesus’ name we pray, 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

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.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER** pg.112

Let us pray together the prayer Our Lord taught us: **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

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” ELW 547 vs.1&2

***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: Ethan, Garrett & Ryan
Reader: Ethan, Garrett & Ryan
Prayer: Mike Johnson
Communion: N/A
Fellowship: T.&N. Smith & P.&M. Landis

Serving Next Sunday (10/22/23)

Ushers:??—sign up on the clipboard
Reader:??—sign up on the clipboard
Prayer:??—sign up on the clipboard
Communion: N/A
Fellowship: P. & J. Mutch

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, 10/15/2023

9:00am—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

Following Worship—Meeting/Vote

Wednesday, 10/18/2023

3:30pm—Confirmation Class

Thursday, 10/19/2023

9:30am—Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, 10/22/2023

9:00am—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

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 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Sunday, October 29th:** Reformation Sunday—Marty Party Youth Fundraiser
Lunch: 11:00am – 1:00pm
- **Sunday, November 12th:** Bible Distribution and Clavinova Blessing

PRAYER LIST

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email: oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Country of Israel Viola Lee 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 Earthquake victims of Morocco
All those affected by the Hatton-Northwood VB Team Bus Accident
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:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch
Marv Jemtrud Arlene Lilja

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman