



*The Stone which the builders
rejected has become the chief
cornerstone. -Matthew 21:42a*

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Larimore, ND *~*~* October 8, 2023
19th 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** “When I Survey...” ELW 803 vs.1,2,4

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING for today is *Isaiah 5:1-7. Found on page 552 in the Pew Bible.*

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ²He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³“Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” ⁷The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

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

The PSALM for today is *Psalm 80:7-19. Found on page 471 in the Pew Bible. We will read it responsively, verse by verse.*

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. ¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; ¹¹it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. ²Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? ¹³The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. ¹⁴Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, ¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted.^[b] ¹⁶It has been burned with fire; it has been cut down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance. ¹⁷But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. ¹⁸Then we will never turn back from you; give us

life, and we will call on your name. ¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

The SECOND READING for today is *Philippians 3:1-16*. Found on page 954-955 in the Pew Bible.

Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a source of steadfastness. ² Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh!^[a] ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God^[b] and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ,^[c] the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ^[d] and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal,^[e] but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ^[f] has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold^[g] of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly^[h] call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us, then, who are mature^[i] think this way, and if you think differently about anything, this, too, God will reveal to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “*Oh, For a Thousand...*” ELW 886 vs.1

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *Matthew 21:33-46* PB 803

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ^[f] this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ^[g] ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “*In the Garden*”

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses. *REFRAIN*

REFRAIN: And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing, And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing.

REFRAIN

I'd stay in the garden with Him Though the night around me be falling, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.

REFRAIN

***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**

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** “*On Our Way Rejoicing*” ELW 537

***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: ??

Reader: Confirmation Students

Prayer: UNKNOWN

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: K. & K. Nelson

Serving Next Sunday (10/15/23)

Ushers: Ryan Estvold & Garrett Eggl

Reader: Confirmation Students

Prayer:??—sign up on the clipboard

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: T.&N. Smith & P.&M. Landis

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, 10/8/2023

9:00am—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Wednesday, 10/11/2023

1:30pm—Confirmation Class

Next Sunday, 10/15/2023

9:00am—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship

Following Worship—Meeting and Vote

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).
- **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: oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

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
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:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch
Marv Jemtrud Arlene Lilja

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman