



So the LAST
will be
FIRST
and the FIRST
LAST.

Matthew 20:1-16

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Larimore, ND

September 24, 2023

17th 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 *“This is the Day That the Lord Has Made”*

NORTH: This is the day,

SOUTH: This is the day,

NORTH: That the Lord has made,

SOUTH: That the Lord has made.

NORTH: I will rejoice,

SOUTH: I will rejoice,

NORTH: And be glad in it,

SOUTH: And be glad in it,

ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made, We will rejoice and be glad in it.

NORTH: This is the day,

SOUTH: This is the day,

ALL: That the Lord has made.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRS READING: *Jonah 3:10-4:11*

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant^[a] and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.” ⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” “It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.” ¹⁰ But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty

thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?” *WORD OF GOD WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8 (read responsively, verse by verse)

¹I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.² **Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.⁴ **One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.**⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.^[b]⁶ **They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds.**⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.⁸ **The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:15-30

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. ¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God’s provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.^[d] ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. ²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the

gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,^[e] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “*Be Thou My Vision*” vs.3

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16**

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius^[a] for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ⁷ ““Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ ⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ ⁹ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only

one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' ¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"My Life is in You, Lord"*

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You, Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life,

I will praise You with all of my strength,

With all of my life, with all of my strength.

All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You Lord;

My hope is in You Lord; in You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord; my strength is in You , Lord;

My hope is in You, Lord; in You, it's in You, in You

***OFFERING** *"Give Thanks"*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give
thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son**

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thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son**

**And now let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what The Lord has done for us**

**And now let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what The Lord has done for us. Give thanks.**

***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**

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 "Sanctuary"**

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You. Repeat.**

***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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN “What a Mighty God We Serve”

What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve. Angels bow before Him, heav’n and earth adore Him; What a mighty God we Serve.

– Repeat

*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: Paul Sandstrom

Reader: S. Aamodt & K. Aamodt

Prayer: UNKNOWN

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: T. & N. Smith (coffee only)

Serving Next Sunday (10/1/23)

Ushers:??—sign up on the clipboard

Reader:??—sign up on the clipboard

Prayer:??—sign up on the clipboard

Communion: K. & K. Nelson

Fellowship: Belyeas & Williams

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, 9/24/2023

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Wednesday, 9/27/2023

3:20pm—Confirmation Class

Next Sunday, 10/1/2023

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship—with Holy Communion

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).
- **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!

PRAYER LIST

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

We pray for those in need:

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 Gloria Temple LaVonne Jacobson
Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch Marv Jemtrud
Arlene Lilja

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman