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Pastor Daniel Tabor**

Organists: Jennifer Parris and Janet Galvano

Choir Director: Ann Clingersmith

Worship Director: Lianda Waugaman

Worship is Sunday 8:15, 10:45, and 6:00

**OUR MISSION: We are called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus
through worship, witness, and ministry to our members
and community**

WELCOME: *Welcome to worship in the name of Jesus.
Please greet those near you with a sign of peace.*

*If you are visiting and you have no church of your own, we invite
you to make this your church home, but above all, we invite you to
come and worship with us at any time.*

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 27, 2020

ReClaim Lutheran Hymnal – Setting 3 (pg.73)

Prelude *(please stand when indicated by *)*

Choir (10:45) “The New 23rd”

Confession & Absolution p. 73

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Time for silent reflection)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and, for his sake, forgives you all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN #263: We Plow the Fields and Scatter

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Kyrie p. 74

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪C: Lord, Have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

♪C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪C: Lord, Have mercy upon us.

* Gloria in Excelsis (*“Glory be to God on high...”*) p. 75-76

♪ Glory be to God on High! And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of the father, have mercy on us. For you are holy; you only are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

* Salutation p.77

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with your spirit.**

Prayer of the Day

O Almighty and most Merciful God, through your bountiful goodness, keep us from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully

accomplish those things that you would have us do. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**²Let none who look to you be put to shame;*
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

³Show me your ways, O Lord,*
and teach me your paths.

**⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me,*
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted
all the day long.**

⁵Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,*
for they are from everlasting.

**⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my
transgressions;* remember me according to your love and
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

⁷Gracious and upright is the Lord;*
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**⁸He guides the humble in doing right*
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

⁹All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-18

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,
²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the

point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Gospel Acclamation

p. 78-79

♪ **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

*** Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32**

♪ **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

²³When {Jesus} entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all

hold that John was a prophet.”²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”²⁸ What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went.³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go.³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.”³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

♪ C: Praise be to you, Christ

Children’s Message

Sermon by: Pastor Dan Tabor

Hymn #34: This is My Father’s World

*Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please be seated)

* Offering and offering Song

♪ **Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give 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. Give thanks.**

* Prayer of the Church p. 82-83

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory. **Amen**

* Lord's Prayer p. 90

C: 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

HYMN #261: Come, You Thankful People Come

Choir (8:15) "The New 23rd"

Benediction

P: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom and whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:12-17) **C: Amen.**

P: Go in peace serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Enter to Worship – Exit to Serve

Next Week's Scriptures: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Attendance Last Week: Early-33, Late-38, Night-19, Online-16

Announcements

Altar Flowers are placed by Judy DeVantier

Congregations Meeting on Sunday October 11th at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. Contact Ted Washburn with any agenda items

General Fund: \$11,710

Benevolence: \$1,720

Capital Improvements: \$995

Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ at American Legion Wheatfield Post 1451 on Sunday October 4th from 11:30 am until 3:30pm. \$11 per dinner that includes half a chicken, pasta salad, baked beans, and a roll with butter. Tickets sold in advance by officers of the Post, Auxiliary, Son's, Riders or in Lounge.

Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ at St. Peter's Church in Sanborn on Thursday, October 8th from 4-6pm. Drive Thru only. \$12 per dinner that includes chicken, potato salad, Macaroni salad, roll and brownie. For tickets call Wendy 628-4083 or Derek 628-0661.

Serving in God's House Today:

TRUSTEE: Brian Milleville
READER: Early: Gelene Tabor - Late: Danielle Nemi
ACOLYTE: Early: Volunteer - Late: David Nemi
ORGANIST: Janet Galvano

Serving in God's House Next Week:

TRUSTEE: Justin DeVantier
READER: E-Donna Driess L-George Brown
ALTAR CARE: Laurie and Margaret Schmidt
COMM. ASSISTANTS: E- Duane DeVantier, L-John Schultz
ACOLYTE: Volunteer Needed
ORGANIST: Janet Galvano



Altar Flowers

One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4

Flowers on altar given to the glory of God in honor of Elaine DeVantier on her 94th birthday today from her loving family.