# ST. LUKE'S EVANGELCIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

LAY – READER SERVICE

MR. CHUCK CHRISTMAN

June 22, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Autumn Wiechmann

Organist

#### **WELCOME!**

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord!

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN 237** All Glory Be to God on High!

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS: 1 John 1:7---2:2

- P: The blood of Jesus Christ His Son
- C: Cleanses us from all sin.
- P: If we say that we have no sin,
- C: We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- P: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,
- C: And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P: If we say that we have not sinned,
- C: We make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.
- P: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [spokesman] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous,
- C: And He is the propitiation [payment] for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

HYMN 279 Today Thy Mercy Calls Us

**EPISTLE: 1 John 4:16-21** (Introductory words): God's love for us is demonstrated in the sacrifice of His Son. God's love for us instills love in our hearts, love and trust in Him. Through Jesus we have confidence to stand before God without fear. Let us love our brothers also.

GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31 (Introductory words): In Jesus' parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the rich man had no love and trust in God; nor did he love the beggar Lazarus. In hell, the rich man saw that a life of ease does not make one an heir of heaven. It is trust in God's promise of mercy and forgiveness in Christ—as Lazarus had—that makes one a true child of "Abraham." Life is our time to cling by faith to Christ, who comes through the Scriptures--no other way!

# The Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen!

HYMN 442 Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us!

**SERMON: JOB 33-37**, selected verses

Job 33:1, 6-7 34:5, 17, 35-37 36:26-29 37:1-2, 5, 11, 13,23-24

# TO CRITICIZE GOD MEANS NOT TO UNDERSTAND

# All the following are words of Elihu to Job:

Job, hear my speech, and listen to all my words. Truly I am as your spokesman before God; I also have been formed out of clay. Surely no fear of me will terrify you, nor will my hand be heavy on you.

Job has said [Job, you have said], "I am righteous, but God has taken away my justice" Will you condemn Him who is most just? Job speaks without knowledge, his words are without wisdom. Oh, that Job were tried to the utmost, because his answers are like those of wicked men! For he adds rebellion to his sin; he claps his hands among us, and multiplies his words against God.

Behold, God is great, and we do not know Him; nor can the number of His years be discovered. For He draws up drops of water, which distill as rain from the mist, which the clouds drop down and pour abundantly on man. Indeed, can anyone understand the spreading of clouds, the thunder from His canopy? At this also my heart trembles, and leaps from its place. Hear attentively the thunder of His voice, and the rumbling that comes from His mouth. God

thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things which we cannot comprehend. Also with moisture He saturates the thick clouds. He causes it to come, whether for correction, or for His land, or for mercy.

As for the Almighty, we cannot find Him. He is excellent in power, in judgment, and abundant justice. He does not oppress. Therefore, men fear Him. He shows no partiality to any who are wise of heart.

HYMN 514 God Moves in a Mysterious Way!

Offering and Offering Prayer

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 533 Nearer, My God, to Thee!

#### **BENEDICTION:**

**HYMN 655** I Pray Thee, Dear Lord Jesus!

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THANK YOU: To Chuck Christman for conducting our service today!

**CONTACTING THE PASTOR:** "Tuesday-Thursday I was at the General Pastors Conference in Eau Claire. Yesterday I was in Onalaska, WI, for Peace with God's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service. Today I am in Fairchild, WI, for Morning Star's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service. I plan to return on Monday/Tuesday. Please feel free to contact me by my **cell phone 605 413 2292.** Or Judy is home and can reach me. Thank you!" ----Pastor Kanzenbach

## **SCHEDULE:**

6/29 **10:30** Worship

7/4 National Independence Day

7/6 **10:30** Worship with COMMUNION

7/13 **10:30** Worship

## THANK YOU CHURCH CLEANERS!

June Donell P. and Diana H.
July Autumn W. and Ericka W.

## "LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN" and "DAILY REST" SUBSCRIPTIONS:

St. Luke's bulk subscriptions to both the CLC's *Lutheran Spokesman* and *Daily Rest* are due June 30. Please see the sheets in the entry area. Thank you.

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