

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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22ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY FESTIVAL

November 8, 2020

WELCOME!

"If you continue in My Word, then are you My disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." -- John 8:31-32

ORDER OF SERVICE:

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Hymn 430 vv. 1-4 What Is the World to Me?

EPISTLE: Philippians 1:3-11. Paul was in prison for preaching Christ. There he found great joy in remembering the believers at Philippi—who were his partners in preaching the Gospel! He prayed that their love for Christ would grow, and that they would be found “blameless” when Christ returns. Every pastor’s prayer!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

How can it be that we, who have been forgiven so much by our God, do not always readily forgive those who sin against us? Consider the two debts and debtors in Jesus’ parable. One man owed **100 denarius** coins (a denarius was a silver coin in the amount of a day’s wages). The other man owed **10,000 talents** of silver (a talent was a measure of silver by weight—one talent was enough to make about 6,000 denarius coins). The actual physical difference of these two amounts is striking. If 100 denarius coins make a stack **ten inches** high, then 10,000 talents-worth of denarius coins make a stack—get this!—**ninety-four miles** high! Dumbfounding!

The big stack is the debt of sin we owe to God, which God forgives for Jesus’ sake. The little stack is the debt of sin others owe to us, which we struggle to forgive. Get the point? To be sure, the New Man of faith in our hearts who is a creation of the Holy Spirit and of Christ our crucified and risen Savior, easily and willingly forgives those who sin against us. But the sinful, proud, arrogant Old Adam, the inborn sinful nature in us, fights forgiveness for others every step of the way.

Hymn 464 Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love!

SERMON: John 15:16-27

FRUITS OF FAITH IN THE FACE OF HATE

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another.

If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, “They hated Me without a cause.”

But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Prayers

Hymn 423 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Benediction

Hymn 430 vv. 7-8 What Is the World to Me?

NOVEMBER 10, LUTHER’S BIRTH, A WORLD OF CHANGE:

On November 10, 1483, Martin Luther was born to Hans and Margareta Luther in Eisleben, Saxony, Germany. He was baptized on November 11 at St. Peter and Paul Church. Baby Luther was named “Martin” in honor of St. Martin’s Day, November 11.

Looking at a bigger world view, in about 1450 Johannes Gutenberg developed movable type for printing presses, which meant easy and quick printing. Christopher Columbus was already alive. He would “discover America” in 1492. Ferdinand Magellan was born about the same time as Luther. He would lead a sailing expedition around the world, taking three years from 1519 to 1522. (Of his five ships, only one returned. Magellan himself was killed in the Philippines.)

Martin Luther lived and labored during a time of great change in the world! The Lord used Martin Luther to bring an even greater and more precious change—a return in the church to the preaching of forgiveness of sins and eternal life through faith in Christ alone, our crucified and risen Savior, Son of God and Son of Man.

Indeed, we thank the Lord for His direction of all human events for the sake of the preaching of the Gospel to souls everywhere. We are confident He continues to hold world events in His hand today.

NOVEMBER 11, VETERANS DAY:

On November 11 we honor those who have served in our armed forces, defending our nation and allies, protecting us from those seeking to bring us harm. Truly, we thank our Lord! We likewise thank the Lord for our nation itself. May our leaders provide peace and security which allows the Gospel of forgiveness in Christ to be proclaimed. Let us as Christian citizens honor and respect those whom God has placed over us.

NOVEMBER 22, END OF CHURCH YEAR:

Sunday, November 22, will be the last Sunday of the church worship year. At the close of the Church Year, we think about The Last Things—Christ’s return at the End, the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment, the destruction of this world by fire, the pangs of hell for those despising Christ, the bliss of heaven for those trusting in Christ. A new church year begins with the first Sunday of Advent on November 29, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of the Savior.

NOVEMBER 26, THANKSGIVING SERVICE:

Thursday, November 26, is Thanksgiving Day. Our worship service is at 10:00. “Oh, give thanks to the Lord!” His blessings and care have been abundant for another year!

IN OUR PRAYERS: This past week, Jodi Larson's father, Albert Leier, of Rugby, North Dakota, was called from this life. May the Lord comfort the family.

CHURCH CLEANING: With hearts of thanks for the labors of our church cleaners, the cleaners for the five Sundays of November are:

J. Goldsmith, L. Schoon, D. Wenner, C. Hourigan

SCHEDULE:

11/15	10:30	Worship with COMMUNION	9:30	Bible Class & Sun. Sch.
11/22	10:30	Worship END OF CHURCH YEAR	9:30	Bible Class & Sun. Sch.
11/26	Thursday	10:00 THANKSGIVING WORSHIP		
11/29	10:30	Worship 1 ST SUNDAY ADVENT	9:30	Bible Class & Sun.Sch.

SYNOD FINANCES: Similar to the case last fall, except not as severe, the CLC general fund has slipped to a negative balance - \$70,000. A year ago the Lord opened the hearts of our people so that the deficit was erased and a surplus supplied. "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ--though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich!" (II Corinthians 8:9O). We entrust our church to His care.

CALL NEWS:

Johnathan Schnose, recently colloquized into the CLC ministry (having left the WELS) returned the call to serve as vacancy-pastor-in-residence at Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich. He has accepted the call to serve as vacancy-pastor-in-residence at Bethel, Morris, MN.

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