# ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 10:30 a.m.

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We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) Richard Kanzenbach Pastor

## 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

August 6, 2023

#### WELCOME!

"Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. ---- John 17:5.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is a personal comfort for each. The crucified and risen Savior comes to each, sharing the very means of salvation for the world—His body and blood given on the cross and raised to life on the third day. By the Lord's miracle, each communicant receives Christ's redeeming body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Take heart! You are forgiven.

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Hymnal, page 15

Hymn 657 Beautiful Savior . . . Son of God and Son of Man!

On page 17: **Th Kyrie** is read by the pastor.

Hymn 37 v. 3 "Praise the God of All Creation," for the Gloria

**EPISTLE:** I Corinthians 10:6-13. The many accounts of God disciplining His Old Testament people were not written for <u>their</u> sake, but for <u>ours!</u> --- Beware of likewise turning from the Lord! No temptation is so overwhelming that it must be followed. The Lord provides a way out. When sin does overtake, run to Jesus for forgiveness. His precious forgiveness gives new strength and new will to do better each day.

GOSPEL Luke 16:1-9 The Parable of the Dishonest Steward. The steward or manager in this parable was as dishonest, as he was shrewd. When he saw that he would be fired for his dishonesty, he further abused his position and made friends with his master's debtors by cutting their bills! These "friends" would naturally welcome him after he lost his job. ---- Jesus wants us to be like that steward. He does <u>not</u> want us to be dishonest! But to be "shrewd" in using our earthly wealth to spread the Good news of God's forgiveness to others. Then when we leave this world, they will welcome us into heaven!

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**Hymn 764** God of Grace and God of Glory!

# SERMON: I Timothy 6:6-10 WHEN LESS IS MORE

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

### OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER:

#### **PRAYERS**

Hymn 423:1-5 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken All to Leave and Follow Thee

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

VISITORS, please note that our congregation does not practice "open" communion. Communion is an expression of oneness with the Lord and also oneness in faith and teaching with each other. Differences in Bible doctrine do separate. Therefore, we have a "close-knit" communion practice. Respectfully we ask that only members of St. Luke's and sister CLC congregations come forward. Be assured, we are not judging your heart or your faith in Jesus. God knows the heart. For questions, please visit with the pastor. Thank you.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

Distribution Hymn 315 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

#### Benediction

Hymn 423 v. 6 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken All to Leave and Follow Thee

#### THE COMING WEEK:

08/10 Thursday 9:30--3:35 One-Day VBS

08/13 Sunday 9:30 Worship

VBS: THURSDAY, 8/10. Guests are welcome! (phone ahead if possible — 605-413-2292 or 374-5104). Students are asked to bring their own sack lunch. Thank you. VBS Helpers are needed. A sheet is in the entry.

AUGUST CHURCH CLEANING: Rhonda Tomac. A sincere Thank You!

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Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified.

2 Thessalonians 3:1

#### SOUTHEAST ASIA

Myanmar – Recently after 8 days of ground combat between the Military Junta and the People's Defense Force (PDF), the Junta sent bombers against villages. Many CLC-Myanmar members' homes have been burned, damaged, or destroyed. The families have left in search of safety and shelter. There are tensions between tribes as they blame each other for the harsh treatment from the Junta. The Junta has dissolved all political parties and postponed August 2023 elections, which they have been promising since their takeover by force in February of 2021. Continue to pray for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar, but especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ and that our Savior will give them strength, comfort, and courage, providing for all their needs. Thank the Lord for moving the hearts of His children to give generously to the needs of others through their offerings and prayers.

**CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal** -- The Mission Helpers returned home safely on July 14<sup>th</sup> after working alongside pastors and leaders of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN) teaching the Good News of Jesus to nearly 1,500 children. **Thank the Lord** for the abilities given to the Mission Helpers. **Pray** for the pastors and church leaders of the HCLCN as they shepherd the sheep of our Savior in Nepal.

The Philippines – Typhoon Doksuri recently hit the Philippines. Pastor Palangyos reports that those he serves are safe as they continue to assess and repair damaged homes and property. Pastor Andrew Schaller (CLC Bd of Doctrine Secretary) continues the colloquy process with Pastor Jordan Palangyos and the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP) via email correspondence. Thank the Lord for keeping the sheep of His LAMP flock safe, and ask for His love, provision, and mercy as they rebuild. Pray that the Lord will bless the colloquy process.

**Pakistan** – Pastor Tim Daub continues to teach online video Bible lessons to two groups of Christians who are eager to start a Lutheran church in Pakistan. Missionary Ohlmann and he plan to visit Pakistan in early 2024. **Thank our Savior** for this opportunity and the technology to proclaim the Truth.

India – Immanuel Lutheran Seminary of the Church of the Lutheran Confession India (CLCI) graduated seventeen men in June. Kinship sponsorship allows these men to support their families while at the seminary. Thank the Lord for these new, faithful, and well-trained pastors, and ask the Lord to bless their preaching and teaching of His saving Word.

# **EAST AFRICA**

**Uganda**— Through individual sponsors, Kinship is providing support for the orphans and children-in-need cared for by Pastor Daniel Mugeni and his wife Ida. **Pray** that these children continue to be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Kenya – The CLC Bd of Missions recently sent MDF Grant funds to assist with much-needed repairs and new building construction at the Kinship-supported schools in Etago and Moi's Bridge. Construction is almost complete, and the buildings are already being put to good use. Pastors Mike Gurath and Del Maas, along with Ted Quade (Kinship Christian School Instructor Supervisor and Kinship Chairman) are planning visits to Kenya. Give thanks to the Lord for the privilege of assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ in training so many young souls through the two schools. Ask the Lord to bless trip preparations for Pastors Gurath and Maas.

Missionary Bruce Naumann, Tanzania -- has been on furlough in the U.S. His wife Paula will accompany him on the return. Keep updated at: clc-tz.blogspot.com Ask for the Lord's blessings and safe travels for the Naumanns and that the Lord will bless Missionary Naumann's work of training pastors, teachers, and leaders in Tanzania.

### **WEST AFRICA**

Missionary Peter Evensen, Togo – has returned from his furlough in the States. He is coordinating a visit to the D.R. Congo with Missionary Ohlmann in early 2024. **Thank the Lord** for Missionary Evensen's safe travel back to Togo. Ask for our Savior's blessings on his work of helping to train faithful preachers, teachers, and leaders for the Gospel work in Togo and other French-speaking African nations.

#### **OTHER**

Missionary Ohlmann – is scheduled to be overseas most of October, November, and December for visits to Africa, Thailand, and Laos. **Pray for** these trips. **Ask the Lord** to keep his wife Beth and their family safe while he is away. **Pray for** the Lord's love, wisdom, patience, and zeal during these visits that His name be glorified as the truth of His saving Word is proclaimed, and pastors are trained. Read more at: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com

Ongoing Opportunities – please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, who, by God's grace, are dedicated to proclaiming the truth of salvation in Christ.

--- CLC Pastor and Traveling Missionary, Todd Ohlmann