

**ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

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**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

October 8, 2023

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10:30 am

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LAY – READER SERVICE

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN 2** To Thy Temple I Repair [“RETURN”]

**INVOCATION**

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS:**

*I John 1:7---2:2 (KJV)*

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: I Corinthians 1:4-9.** Through His Word, God has blessed us with His grace (His undeserved love and pardon) in Christ. During this life, we eagerly await Jesus' return on that Last Day, when we will be found blameless! God, who has called us to faith, is faithful. He will keep us safe in Christ.

**GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-46.** Jesus' enemies with their shallow wisdom tried to trap Jesus in His words. They asked Him which commandment was the greatest. Jesus answered: "Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind." Jesus then asked *them* a question: "Whose son is the Messiah?" They said, "The son of David," saying nothing about "Son of God." Jesus directed them to the Old Testament passage which states that the Messiah, David's "son," would also be David's Lord! The enemies did not respond. They did not want to admit that the Promised Messiah would be in fact both Son of God and son of man. That description fit Jesus and His miraculous power perfectly-- which they did not want to acknowledge. They were not so wise.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**HYMN 291** Lamp of Our Feet Whereby We Trace

**SERMON: II Chronicles 34:14-28 (selected verses)**

### HOW COULD IT BE LOST ???

*Then Hilkiyah [the Priest] answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord." And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan. So Shaphan carried the book to the king [King Josiah], bringing the king word, saying, . . . "Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king.*

*Thus it happened, when the king heard the words of the Law, that he tore his clothes. Then the king commanded Hilkiyah, . . . "Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for those who are left in Israel and Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the Word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book."*

*So Hilkiyah and those the king had appointed went to Huldah the prophetess, . . . Then she answered them, Thus says the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man who sent you to Me, Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah, because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place, and not be quenched."*

*But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, in this manner you shall speak to him, Thus says the Lord God of Israel: "Concerning the words which you have heard— because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you, says the Lord. Surely I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place and its inhabitants."*

**HYMN 285** (*No Create in Me*) How Precious Is the Book Divine!

**Offering** and Offering Prayer

**PRAYER** and LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN 352** O Savior, Precious Savior!

**Closing Prayer**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 283** God's Word Is Our Great Heritage!

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LAY READER: We thank Anthony Larson for leading the service today!

CONTACTING THE PASTOR: Pastor Kanzenbach and Judy are in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, for a niece's wedding (yesterday). They will be traveling back by way of Bayfield and the Apostle Islands on the Lake Superior shore in northern Wisconsin. They plan to return on Thursday. If need arises, please feel free to contact the pastor by cell phone 605 413 2292. Thank you!

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

10/15 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION  
9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class

10/22 10:30 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class  
12:00 Meal  
1:00 Quarterly Voters Meeting

10/29 REFORMATION SUNDAY  
10:30 Worship  
9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class  
6:00 (Central Time) Joint Area Reformation Service, Jamestown, ND,  
Meal to follow.

OCTOBER CHURCH CLEANING: Katie S. Krista S. Kelly S. Thank you!

**ST. LUKE'S ON THE WEB:**

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<https://www.facebook.com/lemmonlutheran>

For St. Luke's webpage, go to <https://lemmon.clclutheran.org/>. Bulletins, sermons, and videos of services are available there.. Also available are St. Luke's contact info., location, schedule, beliefs, etc.

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