

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 11th Street East, Lemmon, SD 57638

Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

Richard Kanzenbach, Pastor

16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 24, 2023

Autumn Wiechmann

10:30 am

Organist

LAY – READER SERVICE

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 16 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word!

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS:

1 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 323 With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 3:13-21 Paul was concerned that his imprisonment and personal suffering for Christ might discourage the Ephesians. He prayed that the Holy Spirit would open the Ephesians' hearts to grasp the vastness of Christ's love for them. Sufferings in the lives of Christians are for a glorious benefit. Be strong and rooted in Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-17 When Jesus was entering the city of Nain, He met a burial procession coming out. The dead man was the only son of his mother, a widow. She was truly alone. She wept. In His compassion, Jesus encouraged her not to weep. In love and power, Jesus restored the young man to life! --- When days seem darkest, Jesus is there to help.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

HYMN 32 Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven! I Am at Peace with God.

SERMON: Luke 15:11-32, particularly 25-32.

NOT FAIR!

Verses 11-24

Then He [Jesus] said: A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."

And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son."

But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.!" And they began to be merry.

Verses 25-32

Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come! And because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf." But he was angry and would not go in.

Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, "Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him."

And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found!"

HYMN 324 vv. 1-6 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive!

Offering and Offering Prayer

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 640 God the Father, Son, and Spirit!

Closing Prayer

BENEDICTION

HYMN 324 vv. 7-8 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive!

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LAY READER: We thank Jonathan Wiechmann for leading the service today!

CONTACTING THE PASTOR: Pastor Kanzenbach is in Watertown today, serving as guest speaker at Zion's and Trinity's Mission Festivals. If need arises, please feel free to contact his cell phone 605 413 2292. Thank you!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

10/01 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION
9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class
10/08 10:30 Worship
9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class
10/15 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION
9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class

IN OUR PRAYERS: Edward Larson 2 years old, hospitalized –Hettinger, Fargo, Bismarck, ND.

CHURCH CLEANING OCTOBER: Katie S., Krista S. Kelly S.
Your labors are sincerely appreciated.

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