

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

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17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 22, , 2024

Katie Wiechmann

10:30 am

Organist

LAY – READER SERVICE

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 4 God Himself Is Present!

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 652 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:1-6. By God's grace, believers have been called to faith and forgiveness in Christ. Walk worthy of that great calling! Live in humility, gentleness, and love. Endeavor to be at one, for God is the Father of all who believe.

GOSPEL Luke 14:1-11. The Jewish Sabbath Day (Rest Day) was not intended by God to be a day for promoting self. It was intended to be a day for sinners to receive comfort and rest through the message of God's mercy and forgiveness in the Savior to come. At Jesus' time, the self-righteous Pharisees observed the Sabbath Day in terms of self-accomplishment--"No work by us!" Theirs was an outward observance of the Sabbath Day only. Much to their chagrin, Jesus pointed out their false and hollow thinking. He lifted up lowly sinners and granted mercy, grace, forgiveness, and rest for their hearts.

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 380 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ!

SERMON: LUKE 13:1-9

WHAT ABOUT WHEN LIFE “STINKS” ?

There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them: Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, No. But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, No. But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

He also spoke this parable: A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, “Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?” But he answered and said to him, “Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.”

Offering and Offering Prayer

PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 521 What God Ordains Is Always Good!

BENEDICTION:

HYMN 54 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah!

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THANK YOU: To Jonathan Wiechmann for conducting our service this morning. The Kanzenbachs are spending a week in the north woods of Wisconsin. They plan to return on Thursday.

SCHEDULE, GOD WILLING:

9/29/24 10:30 Worship
 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class.
10/6/24 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION
 9:30 Sunday School and Bible Class.

BIRTH: Shad and Rebecca Christman of Sioux Falls were blessed with a baby boy on Monday, September 16. Mother and baby are well.

LAEL CHARLES CHRISTMAN

(Lael pronounced as “sale” comes from Hebrew “la-El”—“of God.”)
We praise our Lord!

FROM MISSIONARY PETER EVENSEN: Please assure your congregation that I’m still alive! I generally seem to be improving. Antibiotics have taken care of infection. My resting heart rate continues to trend down toward normal, which I take as a good sign. The swelling in my right foot is much less, but often painful when walking. My knees are relatively pain free, but some days are still rather painful and stiff. I am eagerly awaiting an appointment with an infectious disease doctor on September 23. Hopefully there are tests to find the underlying causes. Thank you for all your prayers and concern. –Missionary Peter Evensen

CHURCH CLEANING:

September—Katie S., Kelly S., Krista S.

October—Jill O., Debbie W.

Thank you for your labors to keep the Lord’s house of worship in good order!

THE CLC’s MDF—MISSION DEVELOPMENT FUND: The Mission Development Fund is similar to Kinship (in last week’s bulletin). Whereas Kinship aids *people*; MDF supports *projects* in our overseas and U.S. missions:

- Exploring new mission fields
- Building overseas churches
- Building overseas seminary buildings
- Helping native pastors with books, bikes, and food
- Distributing Bibles and catechisms
- Funding regional conferences for native pastors
- Covering expenses for U.S. pastors to serve as part-time foreign missionaries.

Thank you for your assistance.

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