

And let us not grow weary in well-doing,
for in due season we shall reap,
if we do not lose heart.

Galatians 6:9



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PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of Your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of Life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen..

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN: 540 With the Lord Begin thy Task

1. With the Lord begin thy task, Jesus will direct it;
For His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it.
Every morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close thine eyes; Be to Him commended.

2. Let each day begin with prayer, Praise and adoration;
On the Lord cast every care, He is thy salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near thee,
Save thee from the Tempter's might, with His presence cheer thee.

3. With thy Savior at thy side, Foes need not alarm thee;
In His promises confide, and no ill can harm thee.
All thy trust do thou repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.

4. If thy task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then thy course will run, Naught thy soul distressing.
Good will follow everywhere while thou here must wander;
Thou at last the joy wilt share In the mansions yonder.

5. Thus, Lord Jesus, every task Be to Thee commended;
May Thy will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Thy name begun Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Thy praise forever.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while He may be found,

Call upon Him while He is near.

⁷Let the wicked forsake his way,

And the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Let him return to the LORD,

And He will have mercy on him;

And to our God,

For He will abundantly pardon.

⁸“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD.

⁹“For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. ⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’

⁸ “So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them *their* wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ ⁹ And when those came who *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. ¹⁰ But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. ¹¹ And when they had received *it*, they complained against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last *men* have worked *only* one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ ¹³ But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take *what* is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man *the same* as to you. ¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 399:1,3,5 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

1. Thee will I love, my Strength, My Tower
Thee will I love, my Hope, my Joy;
Thee will I love with all my power,
With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
Thee will I love, O Light Divine,

So long as life is mine.

3. I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,
Whose radiance hath brought light to me;
I thank Thee, who hast richly given
All that could make me glad and free;
I thank Thee that my soul is healed
By what Thy lips revealed.

5. Oh, teach me, Lord, to love Thee truly
With soul and body, head and heart,
And grant me grace that I may duly
Practice fore'er love's sacred art.
Grant that my every thought may be
Directed e'er to Thee.

THE SERMON: Philippians 1:18_B-27

Theme: Christ Brings Joy to Life

- I. Life Is about Christ and the Joy of the Gospel
- II. Each Believer's Life Is No Longer about Self

SERMON TEXT: Philippians 1:18_B-27

¹⁸ Only *that* in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

¹⁹ For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰ according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. ²² But if *I* live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better.

²⁴ Nevertheless to remain in the flesh *is* more needful for you. ²⁵ And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, ²⁶ that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 400 Take My Life and Let It Be

1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall by Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 644 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Sunday school and Bible class are scheduled to follow the service. Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. **Ladies Aid** will have a brief business meeting following the service. **Council:** Pastor Barthels would like to speak with council concerning the possibility of hosting Minnesota Pastoral conference in October of 2021.

Bible class will follow after these brief meetings.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM at 4:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Church Council are scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: Matthew 21:28-32.

October 11: Council meeting will follow the service.

October 18: **Mission Festival Sunday**. Because of pandemic restrictions we will not be having a guest speaker this year or our traditional mission festival pot-luck meal. We will have a special mission evangelism presentation following the service. Please consider what special gift you can make for the mission work of the CLC!

October 25: Quarterly Voters' meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 27 worship – 11 No Bible Class; No Sunday school

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials
Offerings Received	\$695.00	
Needed for Year:	\$47,500.00	
Received for Year:	\$42,504.00	

October Church Cleaning - Barthels

October mowing: Joe Ubl (with another volunteer to help with trimming)

CLC NEWS: Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has returned the call to Redeemer, Bowdle/Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Visiting Missionary Todd Ohlmann has returned the call extended to him by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

Immanuel-Mankato High School Call Nominations The Board of Education at Immanuel Lutheran High School in Mankato, Minnesota invites all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession to nominate an individual or individuals to fill our current vacancy. The called individual may be asked to teach courses in 7-12 Math and Science as well as Spanish 1 & 2. There are also technology duties as a

possibility. The position would begin with the 2021-2022 school year. If you have been prayerfully led to nominate someone, please verify that they are willing to be nominated and include their basic educational background and professional experience. Nominations should be received by email to Pastor Joe Naumann (pastorjoenaumann@gmail.com) by Sunday, October 18, 2020.