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And he went to the **first** and said,
**“Son, go and work in
the vineyard today.”**

MATTHEW 21: 28

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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: 226:1-3,8 Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

1. Come, oh, come Thou quickening Spirit, God from all eternity!
May Thy power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.

2. Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity,
That they ever may be seeking Only that which pleaseth Thee.
Let Thy knowledge spread and grow, Working errors overthrow.

3. Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind Thee And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.

8. Guard, O God, our faith forever; Let not Satan, death, or shame
Ever part us from our Savior; Lord, our Refuge is Thy name.
Though our flesh cry ever: Nay! By Thy Word to us still Yea!

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: Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, ²“What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying:

‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes,

And the children’s teeth are set on edge?’

³“As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel.

⁴“Behold, all souls are Mine;

The soul of the father

As well as the soul of the son is Mine;

The soul who sins shall die. ...

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair?

²⁶When a righteous *man* turns away from his righteousness, commits

iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked *man* turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. ²⁸ Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair?

³⁰ "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!" (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being of one accord*, of one mind. ³ Let nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and coming in the likeness of men*. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient *to the point of death*, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord*, to the glory of God the Father. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 408: Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory

1. Jesus Christ, my Pride and Glory, He, the true and living Light,
Strengthens me with glorious might. Christ revealed in sacred story,
Whom I now as Lord confess, Teaches me true holiness.

2. Let me live to praise Thee ever, Jesus, Thou my heart's Delight,
Thou who leadeest me aright. Let me cling to Thee forever,
All the fleshly lusts deny, and the devil's hosts defy.

3. Grant me, Lord, Thy Holy Spirit, that in all I follow Him
Lest the light of faith grow dim. Let me ever trust Thy merit,
Let Thy blessing me attend, From all evil me defend.

4. From all pain and imperfection, Gracious Lord, deliver me,
Heaven's glory let me see. Keep me under Thy direction
That the grace Thou gavest me I may praise eternally.

THE SERMON: Matthew 21:28-32

Theme: Responding to the Lord's Call with the Obedience of Faith

I. Avoid Sanctimonious Hypocrisy

II. Follow the Pattern of Genuine Repentance

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 21:28-32

²⁸“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ ²⁹He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. ³⁰Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of *his* father?”

They said to Him, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw *it*, you did not afterward relent and believe him. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 32 Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

1. Redeemed, Restored, forgiven, Thro' Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven, Oh, praise our pard'ning God!
Praise Him in tuneful measures Who gave His Son to die;
Praise Him whose sev'nfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.

2. Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side;

But Jesus sought and found us And washed our guilt away;
With cords of love He bound us To be His own for aye.

3. Dear Master, Thine the glory Of each recovered soul.
Ah! Who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours, the merit; Be Thine alone the praise
And ours a thankful spirit To serve Thee all our days.

4. Now keep us, holy Savior, In Thy true love and fear
And grant us of Thy favor The grace to persevere
Till, in Thy new creation, Earth's time-long travail o'er,
We find our full salvation And praise Thee evermore.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 453:2 We Are the Lord's

2. We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender
Our souls to Him in deeds, not empty words.
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Sunday school and church council 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.

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. (Please register for communion by text message or phone call to Pastor Barthels) **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! Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service. Sermon text: Romans 10:11-17.

October 25: Quarterly Voters' meeting will follow immediately after the service at 10:30.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 4 worship – 16 Bible Class - 8; Sunday school - 2

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials	
Offerings Received	\$875.00	Missions	\$150.00
Needed for Year:	\$48,750.00		
Received for Year:	\$43,379.00		

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.

CLC Financial Report - September

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 3 Months	Balance 9/30/2020
General Fund	0	203,926	274,005	274,350	- 70,079
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	372,205	297,690	344,535	74,515
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	1,240	58,480		144,208
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	14,542	1,995,284	1,057,686		952,140
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	68,502	52,356		100,200
Kinship	86,093	59,171	34,556		110,708
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	1,339,003	35,069		3,218,305
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	23,352	31,583		76,049
Reserve Fund	294,092	0	0		294,092
Total	\$2,678,880	\$3,486,552	\$1,269,730		\$4,895,702

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center & North Hall) Paid in Full !!
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General Fund – September offerings of \$64,078 vs disbursements of \$101,951 increased the negative balance by \$37,873 to \$70,079. Expenditures were right on budget for the 1st Quarter, so the negative balance was due to a shortfall of offerings, though still they were \$30,000 higher than last September. And still we count our blessings much more than just daily bread! **And our Boards of Trustees, Regents, Missions, & Ed & Publications still count on the Lord for their major funding through our regular offerings to our CLC General Fund.**

ILC Operations– ILC September revenue of \$122,060 vs disbursements of \$110,758, giving ILC operations a positive cash flow for the month.

ILC Building Projects – With the CLC indebtedness on the Academic Center & North Hall dorm upgrades paid in full, and early, we have not only saved several hundred thousand dollars in interest, but our budget is helped with monthly savings of \$8,000 which we had been paying on that loan's debt service! Thanks & glory to our gracious God, who loads us daily with His benefits!

CEF – September revenue was \$24,277 from congregations' CEF loan payments vs disbursements of \$8,794 in CEF debt service for several CEF Promissory Notes repaid to members, resulting in the current CEF positive balance of \$3.2M. The Trustees expect several loans that will need this!

MDF – September offerings of \$8,670 vs disbursements of \$12,533 (4th of 12 \$10,000 construction loan installments for the Nepal Bible Institute classroom, \$1,300 for foreign missions visitation & exploratory work, and the balance for administration expenses.

Kinship – September gifts of \$10,064 (\$6,304 congregation offerings, \$3,760 orphan & sem student sponsors) vs disbursements of \$16,200 (\$8,070 for foreign orphanage subsidy, and \$8,050 for foreign seminary students.

Regardless of our synodical, congregational, or personal financial position & circumstances, whether rich or poor, we have to confess with wealthy King David, *"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."* (Psalm 37:25)

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees