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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

HYMN 235:1-3, 7: O Holy Spirit, Enter In

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Thy work begin,
Thy temple deign to make us. Sun of the soul, Thou Light Divine,
Around and in us brightly shine, To joy and gladness wake us
That we In Thee Truly living, To Thee giving
Prayer unceasing, May in love be still increasing.

2 Give to Thy Word impressive pow'r
That in our hearts, from this good hour,
As fire it may be glowing, That we confess the Father, Son,
And Thee, the Spirit, Three in One, Thy glory ever showing.
Stay Thou, Guide now Our souls ever, That they never
May forsake Thee, But by faith their Refuge make Thee.

3 Thou Fountain whence all wisdom flows
Which God on pious hearts bestows,
Grant us Thy consolation That in our pure faith's unity
We faithful witnesses may be, Of grace that brings salvation.
Hear us, Cheer us By Thy teaching; Let our preaching
And our labor Praise Thee, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

7 O gentle Dew, from heaven now fall
With power upon the hearts of all,
Thy tender love instilling, That heart to heart more closely bound,
In kindly deeds be fruitful found, The law of love fulfilling.
Dwell thus In us; Envy banish; Strife will vanish
Where Thou livest. Peace and love and joy Thou givest.

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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Now the LORD gave me knowledge *of it*, and I know *it*; for You showed me their doings. ¹⁹But I *was* like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, *saying*, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more."

²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts,
You who judge righteously,
Testing the mind and the heart,
Let me see Your vengeance on them,
For to You I have revealed my cause. (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: James 3:13-18

Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 358: Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee

1 Lamb of God, we fall before Thee, Humbly trusting in Thy Cross.
That alone be all our glory; All things else are only dross.

2 Thee we own a perfect Savior, Only Source of all that's good.
Ev'ry grace and ev'ry favor Comes to us thro' Jesus' blood.

3 Jesus gives us true repentance By His Spirit sent from heav'n;
Whispers this transporting sentence, "Son, thy sins are all forgiv'n."

4 Faith He grants us to believe it, Grateful hearts His love to prize;
Want we wisdom? He must give it, Hearing ears and seeing eyes.

5 Jesus gives us pure affections, Wills to do what He requires,
Makes us follow His directions, And what He commands, inspires.

6 All our prayers and all our praises, Rightly offered in His name--
He that dictates them is Jesus; He that answers is the same.

THE SERMON: Mark 9:30-37

Theme: Humble Service: The Key to Greatness in the Kingdom of God.

I. As Revealed in Our Savior

II. As Called for in the Christian's Life

SERMON TEXT: Mark 9:30-37

Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know *it*. ³¹ For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day." ³² But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

³³ Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who *would be the* greatest. ³⁵ And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

(NKJV)

PRAYER: THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 394: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away; Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire! As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide. Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove; Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 52: Almighty Father, Bless the Word

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which thro' Thy grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

2 We praise Thee for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class follow after the service this morning. We will begin the complete version with comments of the creation video we viewed highlights of two weeks ago.

Catechism class follows at 11:30 until 12:30.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service. Catechism follows at 11:30-12:30. Sermon text: Numbers 11:16, 24-29.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY OCT. 5-6: **We are hosting the Minnesota Pastoral Conference**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday morning through Wednesday midafternoon. Ladies Aid is looking for **volunteers** to help with meals and to bring bars and cookies for coffee breaks. Please check the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We are planning on housing the pastors at the AmericInn Motel. This will entail a cost of a little over \$500 for the congregation. A special offering is being received. **Offerings to support this can be labelled "Pastoral Conference."** Your gift may be placed in the offering plate or in the special basket by the table in the narthex.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 19 worship – 21 Sunday school -5

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 881.00	
Needed for Year:	\$48,830.00	
Received for Year:	\$43,105.00	

September Church Cleaning - Nelson

September Lawn Mowing – Katie Barthels

CLC NEWS: Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, **has declined** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Seminary graduate Nick Naumann **has declined** the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.