



It is not the will of My Father who is in heaven
that one of these little ones should perish
Matthew 18:14

Sunday, September 6, 2020

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

“Become Like Little Children”

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OPENING HYMN “Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us” #711

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

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

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God’s Word

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT Psalm 32:1-7

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C: whose sin is covered.

P: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

C: Through my groaning all day long.

P: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

C: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

P: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you for gave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

C: surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

All: 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.

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” 709

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 33:7-9

Warn the wicked

7 “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. **38** When I

say to the wicked, 'O wicked man you will surely die', and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. **9**But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself.

GRADUAL (Psalm 34:9)

P: Oh, the depth of riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: How unsearchable His judgements, and His paths beyond tracing out!

P: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C: To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

EPISTLE READING Romans 13:8-10

Love, for the Day is Near

13Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law. **9**The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet" and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." **10**Loves does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

ALL: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:1-20

The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

1At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2He called a little child and had him stand among them.

3And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **4**Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5**"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. **6**But if anyone causes one of these little ones

who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

7"Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! **8**If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. **9**And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

10"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. **11**For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. **12**"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? **13**And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. **14**In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.

15"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. **16**But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' **17**If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. **18**"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. **20**For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the

Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "One plus one equals three?"

HYMN OF THE DAY "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It" #594

MESSAGE

HYMN "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Go My Children With My Blessing" #922

GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Take My Moments and My Days

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am Worship Communion Service

Monday, September 7

Labor Day, Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 9

2:00 pm LWML

6:00 pm Sunday School Teachers' Orientation

6:00 pm Planning Council

7:00 pm Nominating Committee

Sunday, September 13

10:00 am Rally Day Service @ Everett Park
Brunch & Carnival following service

September Sunday Services will be held at 9:00 am . On Sunday, September 20th Sunday school classes will meet in their classrooms at church at 10:15 (following the 9:00 worship service).

Rally Day is next Sunday, September 13 . Our church service and activities will be held at Everett Park (located on Fox Lake between Sherburn and Welcome). Service will be at 10:00 am. Brunch and activities are planned for after the service. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship!

Planning Council will meet on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 pm.

Nominating Committee will meet after the Planning Council meeting on the 9th. If you would like to have your name considered for nomination to one of boards, please contact the church or congregation president, Paul Stueven.

Sunday School Teacher Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 pm for all teachers and helpers. A supper will be served before the meeting. Please confirm that you will be attending by emailing Mandi Kosbab (5kosbabs@gmail.com) or call her at 507-399-1177

LWML will meet at 2:00 pm on Wednesday the 9th.

The LWML Gifts from the Heart is for the Correctional Ministry which helps Christian men and women who have been recently released from prison. The ministry provides housing, jobs, referrals to treatment, welcoming congregations, etc. Until they receive their first paycheck, they have some needs: The LWML is collecting the following items:

- ◆ Used good condition backpacks, duffle bags or luggage
- ◆ Tide pods
- ◆ Socks—men/women tube or crew socks (black or white)
- ◆ Food—complete meal non perishable such as soup, SpaghettiOs, ramen noodles, peanut butter, jelly
- ◆ Bibles



Prayers: Mary Kay Schultz, Bruce Behne

Coping With Cancer: Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Nathan Behne, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Georgia Holtz, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

Care List: Steve Luhmann, Fern Hand, LaVerna Diekmann, Sue Dunker, Carroll Behne, Theodore Carnehl, Joyce Reigel, Reinold Hagen, Verna Bliesmer, Angie Leiding, Les Anderson, Taylor Antony, Dan Hanson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Joyce Hansen Picken, Lorraine Gagnon, Sammie Moeller, Whitney Kassner, Linda Chase, Lois Anderson, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Sherman, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Broolsma, Bob Broolsma, and those we name in our hearts. *(Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)*

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week Ben Broolsma, Paisley Cooley, Anita Davis, Nancy Sommer, Chelsea Wink, Lucas Cain, Jason Rosenberg, Ron Trueblood Jr., Annie Baker, Rip Crawford, Chelsea Hanson, Lana Morris, Jim Claussen, Jennifer Madden, Betsy Crawford, Brad Harris, Lee Swanson, Becky Yahnke, Jarek Cutler, Brian Rosenberg, Christian Hugget

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Tyson & Lacey Cooley, David & Anne Hanson, Loren & Vicki Lutterman, David & Pat Sackmann, Steve & Dinita Steuber, Tim & Tammy Holm, Scott & Jodi Schermerhorn, Tim & Kelsi Sparks, Clifford & Lucille Meyer, Brad & Kia Ringnell