

## The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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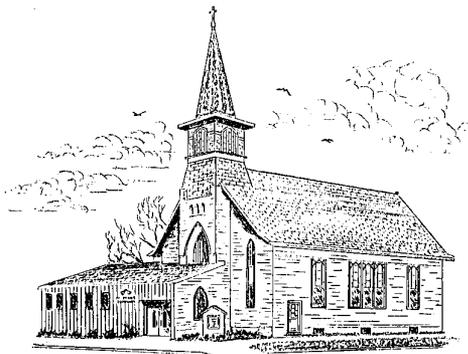
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience.

**Organist** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 20 *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

**Liturgy** page 12ff. in the front of The Worship Supplement

**Epistle Lesson** James 5:13-20 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

**Gospel Lesson** Mark 1:21-28 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, "Let *us* alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine *is* this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

**Hymn** 760 *Oh, Love, How Deep*

**Sermon** 2 Kings 20:1-11 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the Lord: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.' " Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, "Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done *what was* good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord. And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David." ' ' " Then Isaiah said, "Take a lump of figs." So they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered. And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What *is* the sign that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the Lord the third day?"

Then Isaiah said, "This is the sign to you from the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing which He has spoken: *shall* the shadow go forward ten degrees or go backward ten degrees?" And Hezekiah answered, "It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go backward ten degrees." So Isaiah the prophet cried out to the Lord, and He brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.

## Why Christian Prayer Works...

### Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 457 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

### Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

### The Benediction

Hymn 39:1-4 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**HOSPITALIZED** Bill Eigenberg remains a patient at the VA Hospital in Sioux Falls. Lois Ferguson is still recovering from surgery two weeks ago. Kathy Lueck will undergo surgery on Thursday (broken foot). Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

**ROOF** The first installment (\$34,000) was paid to the roofing contractor this week. The second will be due upon completion in 4-5 weeks. Offerings to

the Building Fund will be used for this purpose. Work is likely to begin in early November.

**BOOK ORDERS** A new Scholastic catalog of children's books is available. Copies can be found in the basement. See Lori Ruthenbeck for more information.

**CONFERENCE** The teachers of the CLC will be meeting in West Columbia, SC for conference this week. Pray for their safe travel. May the Lord edify them through His Word and energize them for His work.

**Please Note:** There will be no Confirmation classes this week.

**VOTERS** St. John's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, October 28. There will be a potluck meal at noon. Items to be added to the regular agenda should be given to chairman Ron Strike as soon as possible.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT** The October night out will be held at the Horse and Hunt Club between Lakefield and Windom on October 24. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

**DEVOTION BOOK** Pastor Mark Weis, Lemmon, SD, recently published Volume 2 of, "One Thing Needful." It includes: general devotions, devotions on the seven letters to the seven churches of Revelation, the seven 'words' Jesus spoke from the cross, and the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer. It is available on Amazon for \$9.75. If you don't have access to Amazon but are interested in a copy, please see the pastor.

**MHT** Plans are underway for the 2019 Mission Helper Trip to India. The deadline for registering is in January. See the bulletin board for more information.

**CLC NEWS** Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has accepted the call to be a professor at Immanuel Lutheran College. He is currently an English professor at the University of Central Missouri.

**USHERS** Joshua T., Bruce E., Steve R., Joe L., Nathan A.  
Larry B., Kendall B., Kraig B., Jonathen L., Jonah A.

**CLEANING** (Wk 3) D. Iverson, D. Ling, S. Sumej  
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