

Septuagesima Sunday

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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 for the sins of the world.

Thanks for coming today. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with the pastor and he will be glad to call on you.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 9 *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

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Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious, now we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee who light does send!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia without end.

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the Holy Trinity!

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5 “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.”

Gospel Lesson Luke 10:38-42 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Hymn 370 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Sermon 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. "Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. "And he went out about the third hour and saw others

standing idle in the marketplace, "and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. "Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. "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?' "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.' "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.' "And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. "But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. "And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, "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.' "But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 'Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 'Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' "So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.'"

What Motivates Your Christianity?

Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, Alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 777 *Amazing Grace*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 778 *Grace Has a Thrilling Sound*

LADIES AID The February meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30.

NIGHT OUT The Ladies Night Out will be held next Tuesday. Please see the sign-up sheet for more information.

MISSION SOCIETY The Mission Society meets after the service next Sunday.

RAMP A special thanks to the individuals who built and installed the ramp in the back of church. As time permits, the ramp will have a railing that matches the one in the balcony. We appreciate the many hours these men devoted to finishing the project.

CHOIR St. John's choir will resume its weekly practice schedule next Sunday morning at 8:30. If you'd like to sing in the choir, please speak with Phil Strike.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED Lloyd would like to donate some of the equipment he no longer uses (including his old chair) to a company in Mankato. He's looking for someone who would be willing to haul the items for him. It is possible to use his van to transport them. Please speak with him or Sandy.

FLOWERS The floral arrangements on the altar today were given in memory of Evelyn Aden whose birthday would have been in January.

MAN-UP The 2020 *ManUp!* Men's Retreat will be held September 24-27, 2020, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. *ManUp!* offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. To register visit: www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020 or see www.manup.clclutheran.org, for more information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past. You may contact Phil Strike at plstrike7@aol.com with any questions.

CLC NEWS Mr. Darin Lau, Eau Claire, WI returned the call to Immanuel High School in Mankato. Pastor Mark Tiefel, Lynnwood, WA has returned the call to Eden Prairie, MN.

USHERS Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F.
Bruce E., Steve R., Joe L., Nathan A., Josh T.

CLEANING (Wk 2) J. Appel, E. Bass, S. Winters, J. Zuehlke
M. DeWall, S. DeWall, J. Jensen