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WELCOME: *Good morning and welcome to all who are present with us this morning.*

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is not a fragile message that survives only when the world is friendly to it. Today the Lord shows us His life-giving power over death, strengthens His Church through the immeasurable love of Christ, and sends His everlasting Gospel to every nation, tribe, language, and people. Human powers rise and fall, but the Word that proclaims the crucified and risen Savior cannot be silenced.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: #16

“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”

**Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word
We are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us;
Thou must work all good within us.**

**Glorious Lord, Thyself impart,
Light of Light, from God proceeding;
Open Thou our ears and heart,
Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry Thy people raises,
Hear and bless our prayers and praises!**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to Thee and adoration!
Grant that we Thy Word may trust
And obtain true consolation
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Thy praises yonder.
Amen.**

INVOCATION

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

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dearly loved by God, since we have come to worship and to give praise to the triune God, we ought to acknowledge that we come as sinners who have fallen short of His glory. So let us draw near with a true heart to confess our sins unto God, our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to have mercy upon us and to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Cong: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord."

Cong: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. So we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by the Holy Spirit increase in us the true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His Son for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believes on His name, He has given the right to be called children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Cong: Amen.

Pastor: Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily. For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy. In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: (spoken) And with your spirit.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: O Lord, we beseech You, let Your continual mercy cleanse and defend Your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, preserve it evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Kings 17:17-24

(EHV) After these things, the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick. His sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. (18) She said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, you man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to memory, and to kill my son!" (19) He said to her, "Give me your son." He took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the room where he stayed, and laid him on his own bed.

(20) He cried to Yahweh, and said, “Yahweh my God, have you also brought evil on the widow with whom I stay, by killing her son?” (21) He stretched himself on the child three times, and cried to Yahweh, and said, “Yahweh my God, please let this child’s soul come into him again.” (22) Yahweh listened to the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. (23) Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the room into the house, and delivered him to his mother; and Elijah said, “Behold, your son lives.” (24) The woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that Yahweh’s word in your mouth is truth.”

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 7:11-17

(EHV) Soon afterwards, he went to a city called Nain. Many of his disciples, along with a great multitude, went with him. (12) Now when he came near to the gate of the city, behold, one who was dead was carried out, the only born son of his mother, and she was a widow. Many people of the city were with her. (13) When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, “Don’t cry.” (14) He came near and touched the coffin, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!” (15) He who was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. (16) Fear took hold of all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited his people!” (17) This report went out concerning him in the whole of Judea, and in all the surrounding region.

REVELATION LESSON: Revelation 14:1-20

(EHV) Then I looked, and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. (2) And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of a loud thunderclap. The sound that I heard was also like the sound of harpists playing their harps. (3) They were

singing a new song in front of the throne and the four living creatures and the elders. No one was able to learn that song except the 144,000, who had been purchased from the earth. (4) These are the ones who were not defiled with women, because they are virgins. They continually follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind as first-fruits for God and the Lamb. (5) And no lie was found in their mouths. They are blameless. (6) Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. (7) He said with a loud voice: Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water. (8) Another angel, a second, followed. He said, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great, who made every nation drink from the wine of her adulterous desire." (9) Another angel, a third one, followed them. He said with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, (10) he will also drink from the wine of God's wrath, which has been poured undiluted into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. (11) And the smoke of their torment is going to rise forever and ever. Those who worship the beast and his image, and anyone who receives the mark of his name, are going to have no rest day and night." (12) Here patient endurance is needed by the saints, who hold on to the commands of God and their faith in Jesus. (13) And I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "because they will rest from their labors, for their works follow them." (14) Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man. He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. (15) Another angel came out of the temple and cried with a loud voice to the one sitting on the

cloud, “Swing your sickle and begin reaping, for the time to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is very ripe.” (16) And the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. (17) Another angel, who also had a sharp sickle, came out of the temple, which is in heaven. (18) And another angel, who was in charge of the fire, came from the altar and cried with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, “Swing your sharp sickle and harvest the grape clusters from the earth’s vine, because its grapes are ripe.” (19) Then the angel swung his sickle over the earth, and he harvested the earth’s vine and threw it into the great winepress of God’s wrath. (20) The winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostolic Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Gospel shows the Father’s grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified.**

**It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made th’atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed
To come and find eternal rest.**

**It brings the Savior’s righteousness
Our souls to robe in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.**

**It is the pow’r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith, which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings.**

**It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The heavy-laden souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.**

**May we in faith its tidings learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord our Righteousness!
Amen.**

THE SERMON: Revelation 14:6-7

(EHV) Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky, with the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. (7) He said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and the springs of water.”

The Gospel Cannot Be Silenced

THE OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me with Your free Spirit.
Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER

HYMN: #261

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow’r make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we**

May evermore sing praise to Thee.

**O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.
Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Cong: Amen. Amen. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

A N O U N C E M E N T S

CALL RECEIVED: Pastor Gantt receive the call to serve as pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD. Your prayers as well as your input is welcomed as I deliberate between my call to serve the members of Faith and the members of St. Luke's.

NEPAL UPDATE: Pastor Raju and his brother Rajan have now made three visits to the flood affected areas. They have also been working hard to contact all HCLC members affected by the August 26th flash flood. They report that the damage and destruction continues to have a severe impact on the country and on the members of the HCLCN congregations in the area. National reports now confirm over **1,400 deaths and more than 6,000 people missing**. Entire communities have been displaced, and many families are living in temporary shelters with limited resources.

Of the fifteen HCLCN families that were mentioned in earlier reports, 28 deaths have been confirmed. Other survivors have been scattered to Kathmandu, Nuwakot, and other cities where refugee camps have been set up or where relatives could take them in. Several HCLCN members are still missing.

The HCLCN is working to provide help for 75 families who are living in tent camps in Pipaltar, Nuwakot. Some are injured, though exact numbers are

not yet available. HCLCN pastors are holding small fellowship gatherings in the camp when possible.

HCLCN has already delivered basic emergency supplies. Raju reports that government and NGOs have distributed some, but families still lack essential items such as hygiene supplies, clothing, bedding, kitchen utensils, and materials for rebuilding.

The CLC Board of Missions has approved and sent the first installment of Kinship Humanitarian Disaster Relief Aid to assist with the rebuilding of 10-15 homes.

Raju and Rajan plan to make another visit to bring more supplies the first week of October.

Please continue to keep the people of Nepal and our brothers and sisters in the HCLCN in your prayers as recovery efforts move forward. Donations can be made to Kinship "Special Offerings (Relief Aid)" at www.LutheranMissions.org/Kinship or through your local congregation.

CALL NEWS: Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has **received** the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, and Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO, has **received** the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has **returned** the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **returned** the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN. <> Pastor Zachary Sippert of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Glenn Oster of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Fairfax, VA, has **returned** the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 28 – October 03, 2026

Mon Luke 14:1-11 Pharisees watch Jesus to see if He will try to help a suffering man and break one of the rules that they had made to exalt themselves. Jesus helps the man and warns against self-exaltation.

Tues Ephesians 4:1-6 Paul calls upon believers to walk humbly, to bear with one another in love, and to make every effort to maintain the unity which God the Holy Spirit has created among them.

Wed 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hannah has formally dedicated her young son to the LORD. She sings thanks, both for a son, and for a God who blesses His humble people. Mary echoes some of her thoughts in Luke 1:46ff.

Thurs Psalm 56 When David is pursued or ambushed or surrounded by enemies, he turns in trust to God. He looks forward to bringing his thank-offering, to walking before God in the light of life (v13).

Fri Jude 20-25 Jude closes his letter by encouraging the believers to grow in faith and love, showing mercy toward those who need it. To God, who can keep us from stumbling, be all glory, majesty, and power!

Sat Psalm 119:129-136 The testimonies of God are a special gift that give understanding and grace. By them our walk in life is kept steady. It is a special favor of God (face shine = smile) to be taught His statutes.