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"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

Visitors: Please introduce yourself to the Elders. We hope you will fill out one of our cards in the pew so we can be of service to you.

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About the Cover: The people of Judah did not want to hear the Lord's Word through Jermiah. Like a journey through a fry valley, Jeremaih bore the reproach of God's people for speaking the truth. Yet he was sustained by the Lord. God is at work to sustain the one who speaks His true Law and bring the one who hears it to repentance. In all things, God is leading His people to Christ, the One who bore the reproach of the world on the cross and, above all, won for us forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Delight in Difficulty

As We Gather

Along with every rebel who engages in warfare with God, we, too, deserve the heat of His wrath. Our sin merits His anger. Yet in Christ Jesus, the "coal" that has touched our lips and atoned for our rebellion is nothing less than the precious blood of Christ, by whose cross God converts His enemies to friends and gives them new life in His presence. If God loves us like this in Jesus, when we take up our cross to follow Him, we will love others, even our enemies. Why? It is because of the "head coaled" we have—the one by which enemies are loved and evil is overcome because our God is so very good.

PREPARATION

Hymn LSB 818 In Thee Is Gladness

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Jeremiah 15:20b

P Since we are gathered to delight ourselves in the Word of God and to assemble as one family around His Table, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins before our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

(We pause for a moment of silent prayer and confession.

- P O Lord our God, hear us as we pray:
- C We confess that we have not walked in Your faithfulness, turning away from You when we should be turning toward You.

- P Father, forgive us.
- C Our love has not been genuine. We have not overcome evil with good.
- P Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus.
- C The grace You tell us to share with both our friends and our enemies is the mercy we also need.
- P Renew us, Spirit of truth.
- C Remove our transgressions from us so that we may live as those who have been called by Your name, delighting in Your goodness to us in Christ. Amen.
- P "I am with you to save you and deliver you," declares the Lord. Through Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and coming again—you have been delivered from your enemies of sin, death, and the devil. Keep His saving, steadfast love before your eyes and walk by faith in His promises. As one called to be pastor and commissioned by Jesus to deliver the delight of His Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

WORD

Introit

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

- L Delight yourself in the LORD,
- C and He will give you the desires of your heart.
- L Commit your way to the LORD;
- C trust in Him, and He will act.
- L He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
- C and your justice as the noonday.
- L Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;

C fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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.

- L Delight yourself in the LORD,
- C and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
 Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption.
- C Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads.
- P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

15O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
16Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:

"If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

R Fear the LORD, you His saints,

C for those who fear Him lack nothing!

R Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse Matthew 16:25

P Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,

C but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed Nicene Creed

C 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.

Hymn of the day

LSB 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You

Sermon: Living Sacrifices Romans 12:1-2; 9-21

Offering

Offertory: LSB 955 Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful

Prayer of the Church

- P Remember the call of God through Paul in Romans 12:12:
- C "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
- P Rejoicing in God's promise to hear our prayers, we delight ourselves in Him, even in the difficulties of life. Together let us give voice to our constant prayers.

Heavenly Father, You alone have the power to redeem Your enemies and make them friends. In the mercy of Jesus, who has claimed us as His own, enable us to show love to our enemies, heaping Your grace upon them. As You have loved us even though we never deserve it, help us to do the same to others in our lives. In Your love, O Lord,

- C help us to love as You have first loved us.
- P Lord Jesus, our hearts delight in Your goodness despite the evil of this fallen world. You entered into our midst because of Your mission to seek and save the lost. We join with You in this mission, Lord, commissioned by Your Gospel to make known among the nations what You have done. Restore us, renew us, and lead us! We delight in the new life You have given to all who trust in You. In Your joy, O Lord,
- C help us to rejoice in all things.
- P Spirit of truth, You resuscitate what is dead, mend what is broken, and overcome what is evil with the goodness found only in You. Turn us

again and again to Your mercy that we, having received it from You, may then extend it to others. Work mightily through each of us in our vocations at church, home, work, and society. Fill the hearts and minds of all who need Your wisdom and discernment, equipping them for the challenges they face. Through it all, instill in us Your peace to guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. In Your peace, O Lord,

- C help us to be peacemakers.
- P Be near to those who are broken in heart, body, and mind. Comfort the lonely and renew the spirit of those who despair. Clothe the naked and shelter the homeless. Let those who walk through the desert of difficulty discover the oasis of Your living water. Hear the prayers we offer for those in our family of faith who need Your healing mercies, [including . . .]. Your caring love for us is genuine and eternal. In Your care, O Lord,
- C help us to care for others.
- P To You, gracious Father, be all the glory, honor, and praise, in Christ Jesus and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.

SACRAMENT

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who delivers us from the enemies of sin and death so that we may live in Your victory and overcome evil with good. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for the victory that is ours in Christ. You have defeated our enemies of sin, death, and the devil by His sacrifice upon the cross. Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we here receive Your perfect love, which overcomes the evil of our world and replaces it with Your goodness. Bowing our heads and our hearts before You, we ask You to heap upon us Your mercy so that we may delight in You and then extend to others what we here receive.

Hear us now as we pray in Jesus' name and in the words He has taught us:

C The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Distribution Hymns

LSB 550 Lamb Of God

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (Tune LSB 878 Eventide)

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heav'nly table spread for me; Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong The brief bright hour of fellowship with thee.

4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need Another arm but Thine to lean upon. It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood; Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace; Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the source of all goodness, who in perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into this world to deliver us, we delight in the mercy we have here received. Thank You for the sacred sharing of His body and blood and for the joy that is ours in Christ, even amid the difficulties of this life. As we have received, so may we give, extending to others the grace You have for all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Closing Sentences

Based on Romans 12:9-21

P Let your love be genuine. Turn from what is evil and hold fast to what is good.

- C Let us see one another as brothers and sisters in Christ!
- P Delight yourself in the Lord even when life is difficult. Hold fast to Jesus. Rejoice in Him!
- C Let us overcome evil with good as we go forth in Jesus' name.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C Amen.

Hymn LSB 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

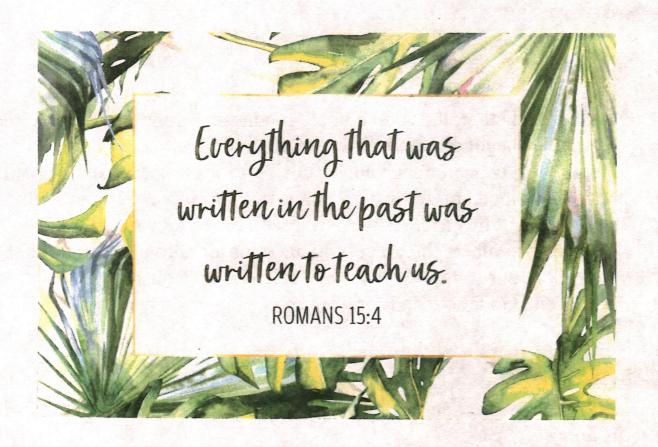
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Jeremiah 29:11

Membership Covenant

In order for the congregation and the Leadership to deal effectively with issues in the congregation, the following guidelines are to be followed:

- 1. All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.
- 2. The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastor, leadership, committees, and congregational meetings.
- 3. When members of the congregation express an opinion to leadership, the leadership person shall ask, "What would you like me to do with this information?"
- 4. When members of the congregation express an opinion to a leadership team member, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next council meeting. The time and date shall be given.
- 5. If the member does not wish to appear in person, the leadership member shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the leadership member shall say, "I'm sorry, but I will not be able to report this to the council since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments."
- 6. If permission is given, the leadership member shall report the information/opinion to the leadership team and use the members name.
- 7. At his/her discretion, a leadership member may ask that the member refer this issue to another member for presentation.
- 8. Each issue shall be placed on the agenda and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the leadership. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor and /or President to visit member and report at next meeting," etc.
- 9. Opinions may be shared in writing with the council and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed. While the covenant uses language regarding the leadership team, the same procedures apply to all boards and committees. May the Spirit give us grace to grow as a healthy congregation

News and Notes:



Stephen Ministry – Anyone needing a Stephen Minister please contact Glenn Stocker. Stephen Ministry meeting will be held Thursday, September 14, 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem.

Fall Kick off with Brunch is September 17th around 10:30 am. There will be a sign-up sheet in the social hall. There will be games and door prizes. So please bring a friend and join the fun.

Reminders:

Please do not touch the sound equipment. If you do not know how to turn on or off the sound equipment, please feel free to ask Josh Green.

Bazaar is going to happen November 4th. We are currently taking in donations. If you would like to donate or if you have any questions, please contact Teri Sanchez @ (509)728-4710 or rickteri4648@msn.com.



Ralph Miles 9/7

Grace Rath 9/9



Dennis & Tammy Smeback 9/4 (40 Years)

Lee & Carol Groth 9/5 (42 Years)

In our prayers we pray especially for:

- Peace and Harmony in our church.
- Unspoken Prayers
- Paul Rath comfort and healing and Grace Rath.
- Tod Bailey had a triple bypass on Wednesday. Chris Smith's Nephew
- Kevin Jorgenson for comfort and healing.
- Steve Smeback is having health problems.
- Donna (Chris Sallas friend) is suffering from deep depression
- Jamie Hart was in a ATV accident and is still in a coma.

For our loved ones with cancer:

Mary Ackerman, Joe Koreis, Lisa McCloud, Rachel Snyder, Barb Peter, Louise, Julie Colgan, Eric Ragot, Jaclyn Freeborn, Robert Phillips, Shirley Davis.

Reader: Terri Sanchez

Ushers: Larry Smith / Josh Green

Counters: Carmen/Laurie Guest Pastor: Jack Flachsbart.

Elders: Lee Groth

Next Week Sept 10, 2023

Ushers: Steve Sinclair & Josh Follansbee

Reader Braden Green Counters Jody/Jean

August 27, 2023

Attendance: 34

\$827.00 Offerings: