

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

Please be seated

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14

Glory to you, O Lord

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM RESPONSE *Psalm 45:6-7*

⁶Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

⁷**you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** **#733 ELW**

Please stand if able

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by

the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Fill us with a spirit of generosity and care. Lead us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Show us new ways to be helpful to others.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the earth. Grant seasonable weather for the planting and harvesting of crops. Protect farms, orchards, and gardens from damage. Bless those who till fields, those who care for livestock, and all who provide food. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations. For all researchers and leaders who work to resolve complex issues; for all who teach peace and reconciliation to communities in conflict; for those affected by earthquake, drought, or storms, and all who come to their aid.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who lack adequate food, shelter, or access to medical care; for those unable to find gainful employment. Heal the sick, and comfort the grieving (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Inspire us to be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. Teach us to give freely of ourselves and to offer our lives in service. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially*). Even in the midst of death, give us faith to trust your promise of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box.

Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

All are welcome! (Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God,

that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the **✠** Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

"We Are Called"

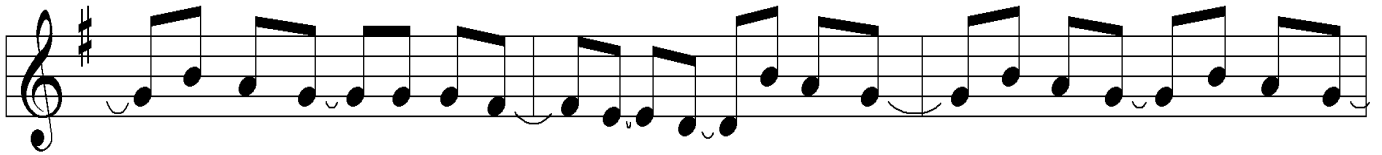
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WE ARE CALLED

Larry Olson



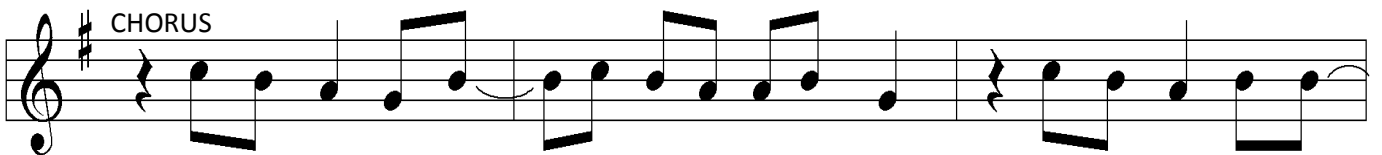
We are called (we are called). We are claimed (we are claimed). We are loved
We are here (we are here). To pro-claim (to pro-claim). God is here



(we are loved) by the ho - ly name. We are healed (we are healed). We are whole
(God is here); calls us each by name. We are here (we are here). To give praise



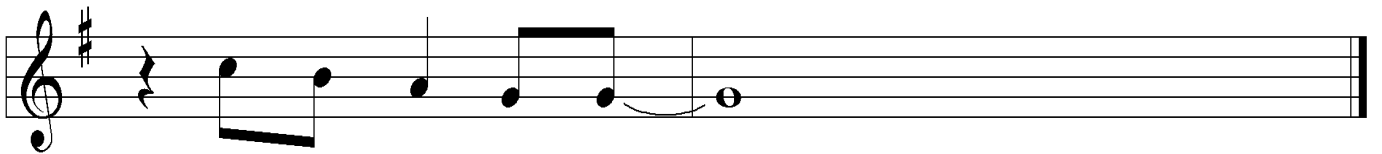
(we are whole). The Sav - ior ran - somed our souls — and we're singing
(to give praise). The love of God will not change — and we're singing



Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, Glo - ri - a.



Oh, ——— Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah.



Glo - ry, Glo - ri - a! (REPEAT CHORUS X 2 after last verse & chorus)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Barry & Donna Ansell

Ushers: Wally & Bev Swenson

Hospitality: Julie Swaggert, Dennis Hennessy, Jeannine Bruesewitz (*Jelly Tasting*)

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, March 17, 2019: 9:00 am 92

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

March 25, 2019 – March 31, 2019

Monday	3/25	1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	3/26	9:00 am	Quilters
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	3/27	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		10:00 am	Making Centennial Jelly
		5:30 pm	Potluck
		6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday	3/28	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Funtimers-Card Players
Friday	3/29	10:00 am	Bone builders
Sunday	3/31	9:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Raffle Drawing for March
		10:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Praise Team practice
		3:00 pm	Movie & Pizza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

JOIN IN THE FUN! Support our Centennial activities in 2019. “Leprechaun Madness” will be plentiful in March and decorations can be purchased for \$1.00 to decorate the fellowship hall and have a drawing the last Sunday of the month. The prize for March will be “A Basket of Traveling Happiness” which contains a variety of coffees, teas, travel mugs, electric tea pot and more. All funds raised will be used for our Centennial Celebration on August 11, 2019.

SAVE THE DATE April 11, 2019. Heartland Conference NE MN Synod Ladies Spring Gathering at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo. 8:00am-12:00 noon. Guest Speaker, Brunch & Worship. More info to follow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be held at 10:15 on Sundays. The classes for kids ages 4-12. Kids who are older are invited to be helpers. If you know of families in the area who would be interested, or if you want to help, contact Laury Nyberg, Darlene Christensen or Pastor James.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY During the month of March will be collecting small, new stuffed animals to be packed in shoeboxes by VBS kids in June. The collection basket is in the Narthex.

JELLY TESTING during fellowship hour today we will have two different kinds of “Carrot Cake” jam on the tables and a tally sheet. Please let us know which flavor of “Carrot Cake” jam you like best so we know which kind to make for our “*Centennial Jelly*”.

FREE Legacy Chorale Spring Concert schedule: Friday, April 12, 2019 | 7:30 pm Cascade United Methodist Church, Deerwood, MN. Saturday, April 13, 2019 | 7:30 pm Holy Cross Catholic Church, Onamia, MN. Sunday, April 14, 2019 | 3:30 pm Tornstrom Auditorium, Brainerd, MN. Free will donations accepted at the door. For more information see poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex or visit their website at: www.legacychorale.org/events

MALMO AREA LIONS are looking for gently used stuffed animals for the annual community picnic on June 19th, 2019. See Sherry Whipple to donate.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE U.S. FLOODING Donation forms are available in the Narthex for contributions to the flooding in the US. Gifts to “U.S. flooding” will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those affected by flooding in the US.