

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in 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

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Parable of the Tenants

INTRODUCTION

From today's Gospel we can learn that God not only owns everything – He sustains everything – and regarding His church, He has made every provision for His people to work, to thrive, to evangelize and be united. As God's people today, we are participants, workers and receivers of God's goodness. We cannot entertain any thought of taking over. The Kingdom belongs to God!

CALL TO WORSHIP: **“This Is the Day”** **CCLI# 5193770**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **“My Lighthouse”** **CCLI# 7002032**
Please rise on the last verse

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Son of God,

you spoke words to Jerusalem's leaders that were hard to hear. Give us ears to receive your word of life so that we can follow you faithfully.

Amen.

Please be seated

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" CCLI# 6016351

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: "Thy Word"

PSALM RESPONSE Psalm 86:8-13

⁸There is none like you among the gods, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours.

⁹**All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O LORD, and shall glorify your name.**

¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

¹¹**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

¹²I give thanks to you, O LORD my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

¹³**For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:1-12

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ² When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵ Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." ⁸ So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this scripture: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ¹¹ this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?" ¹² When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Our God”

CCLI# 5677416

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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of living water, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. May its witness be a source of refreshment for thirsty souls. Strengthen our voices, that all people can know and believe that Jesus is truly the savior of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of living water, protect from pollution or misuse all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams (*local water sources may be named*). Bless the work of those who dig wells and those who advocate for access to clean water, that all people and animals have enough to drink. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of living water, open the hearts of leaders and authorities, that they hear the cries of the suffering and act with compassion toward them. Bring peace to disputed lands and bring reconciliation to people divided by race, culture, or nationality. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of living water, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill (*especially*). Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of living water, renew us in the promises of baptism. Join us together in worship, fellowship, and sharing your good news. Embolden us to serve others and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of living water, we thank you for those who endured suffering and who now boast in the glory of God (*especially*). Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts and give us peace as we live in the hope of our salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERTORY HYMN:

“Sanctuary”

CCLI# 24140

OFFERING

*Offertory plates are at the entrance of the church
please deposit your offering before or after service.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy and generous host,

you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM

Invitation to Communion

God’s love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.
(Communion with individual cups – red wine; white apple juice; gluten free available)

COMMUNION HYMN: **“The Table”** **by: Chris Tomlin**
 (On Screen)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, living God,
for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God,
speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: **“As You Go On Your Way”** **by: John Ylvisaker**

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: Nancy Hansen, Dianne Sandberg
Hospitality Hosts: Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, March 8, 2020: 9:00am 57
Wednesday, March 11, 2020: 6:30pm 30

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda **March 16 through March 22, 2020**

Monday	3/16	10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	3/17	12 – 2 pm	Pastor’s Text Study
Wednesday	3/18	8:00-Noon	WIC
		9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		5:30 pm	Pot Luck
		6:30 pm	Wednesday Lenten Service
Thursday	3/19	8:00 am	Romeos
		11:30 pm	Funtimers
Friday	3/20	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	3/22	9:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School

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.

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Cheryl Malotky

BISHOP ELECTION NOMINEE BIOS: If you want to read the bios on the four Bishop nominees go to: <http://www.nemnsynod.org/bishop-election-nominees.html> to read about them. Hard copies are printed and a table in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

AITKIN COUNTY CARE will be here on Sunday, March 29th to talk about programs available to seniors and disabled adults that help them continue to live independently.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 6 week series on Thursday evenings starting on April 16 thru May 21, 2020. From 4:30 – 6:00pm at Riverwood Healthcare Center, 200 Bunker Hill Drive, Aitkin. See poster on bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

REJOICE ALWAYS! Bright Colored, Non-Woven, Water-Resistant Tote Bags are available in the Narthex for a Free Will Donation. These bags will be available at the Veggie Stand this summer as free will donations. Get yours now! 5 Colors to Choose From!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

DURING THE FLLU SEASON: Share the peace without touching anyone. Nodding or a respectful head bow with your hands crossed over your heart, or easier yet- simply say “the peace of Christ.” For Communion - please know that each server will be washing hands with alcohol-based liquid hand sanitizer before preparing the Meal, and right before distribution. We will not be doing Communion by Intinction: Instead, we will all receive individual cups. Offertory plates will be placed at the entrance of the church, please deposit your offering before or after service.

CHOIR PRACTICE will begin on Wednesday, April 1st immediately following Lenten service. We will resume to the 6:00pm start time after April 1st.

MARCH PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT Worship & Music committee will be hosting a “Pizza & Movie Night” on March 29th at 3:00pm. They will be showing the movie “Breakthrough” (based on a true story; a teen who falls through an icy Missouri lake and has no pulse for nearly 45 minutes comes back to life after his mother prays). Free Will donation, kids’ movie available in the nursery.

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo presents...

MOVIE & PIZZA

Family-Friendly Event

Sunday, March 29th, 2020 3:00pm

Join us at Bethesda Lutheran Church for a movie and pizza with friends! We plan to have two movies available - “Breakthrough” and a child friendly movie (played in the nursery room). We’ll also have popcorn, pizza and refreshments.



Free-will donation. Proceeds go to fund the Worship & Music Committees recent Multi-Media Expansion project.

“Breakthrough” is based on a true story; a teen who falls through an icy Missouri lake and has no pulse for nearly 45 minutes comes back to life after his mother prays.

