

March 11, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Musical Prelude

Announcements Exchange of Peace

Call to Worship -- based on Hosea 11

L/ When my people Israel were but children, I loved them and brought them out of Egypt. But the more I called them, the farther they went from me.

C/ We have sacrificed to false gods and burned incense to our own images. We have forsaken the Lord by seeking after our own gain and safety and comfort.

L/ My people look only to themselves and they do not realize that it is I their God who heal them, I who teach them to walk, I who feed them and love them. I have bent down and loosened the noose around their necks and I myself set them free!

C/ We do not think of God as doing things but instead focus on our own deeds and our own thinking. We fail to trust God but instead take the situation into our own hands. We are full of pride in the wrong thing. We forget God.

L/ But how could I ever let them go? My heart is locked upon my people. I am God, not a human. I will not come in wrath. I will change their hearts and I will roar within them like a Lion. I will bring them home to me!

Hymn of Praise: Modern song—God's Not Dead watch screen

Intercessions

L/ Jesus, hear our intercessions today. For your church around the world, we ask new life.

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Thor Korthals on March 13th, and to Ashley Delaney on March 14th, and to Lona Hedquist on March 15th, and to Carol Jensen on March 16th, and to Jasmine Marki and Kevin Winters on March 17th.

-HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Lee & Jasmine Marki on March 17th.

-Joint Lenten Service at 5:00 p.m. TODAY – HERE at our church.

-Evening Circle will meet TODAY at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

-THANK YOU to everyone who donated and/or helped with our Potato Bar Fundraiser last Sunday. Together we raised \$447.41 which is awesome! Special THANKS to Jeanie Hawn for planning and organizing this delicious event.

-THANK YOU to those of you who brought T.P. for the church!

-Spring cleaning of the church will continue for another week.

-Session Meeting this Tuesday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m.

-CHOIR will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m

-Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be next Saturday, March 17th.

Hunt begins at 10 a.m. with registration at 9:30 a.m. Children ages Preschool through 4th Grade are invited to come and enjoy snacks, food, and prizes along with the always fun Easter Egg Hunting!

-Deacons and Worship and Music Team will meet next Sunday, March 18th after worship to plan Maundy Thursday.

-There will be a Pork Meal and Silent Auction Benefit for the Mier family on March 18th from 10:30 a.m. to 1p.m. at Lake Park Community Center. There is a sign-up sheet - along with a recipe of the salad for people to make – on the table in the entryway.

-Lakeshore Center (our church camp) has an immediate opening as full time year round administrative assistant and also part time seasonal work for summer camp staff (from counselors to maintenance workers to cooks). Call camp at 712-337-3313 or

apply online at www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org

-Friday morning Bible Study continues every Friday at 10 a.m. We are studying the book of Luke, and everyone is welcome.

Deacons/ For those who have not experienced God's love, we ask that you open their eyes Lord..

Elders/ For those of your people who boldly stand for your justice and love, we ask for fortitude and grace.

Men/ For Christians of every land, we ask unity and peace.

Women/ For those who do not believe, we ask your faithful love.

Those over 65/ For those who offer care and help in the community we ask protection and strength.

C/ For all who are in need of your help Lord, we ask that you send your Spirit.

L/ Let us remember our sins before Christ... (silence) Holy God, your Word Jesus spoke peace to a sinful world and asked us to repent and be made one again with you. By his suffering and death, Jesus reconnected us to your love. Teach us who bear the name of Christ to follow in His example. May our faith, hope, and love shine into this world and bring it to Life in Him.

C/ O God we are heartily sorry for having offended you, in our thoughts and words and deeds, by our actions and inactions. We publically declare that we have sinned. We hear your call from the cross Lord and ask your forgiveness and your healing. Turn our hearts again to you and wash us clean as snow.

L/ We are forgiven and freed from sin in Christ. We are loved and made new in his blood and resurrection. We are empowered to now live as redeemed with joy, hope, perseverance and grace. We are Christ's own!

Gloria Patri #812

Children's Chat

Special Music

Reading of Scripture

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6: 1-8 **page 1447*

Canticle: # 486 Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

New Testament Lesson: Ephesians 2: 1-10 **pages 1818-19*

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (Belhar Confession—worship edition)

C/ It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers. As the church, we are the salt of the earth; we are the light of the world. We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed. We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells. As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death. God conquers divisions, hatred and bitterness. As the church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world.

We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation--servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.

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Offertory;

Joys and Concerns

Lord's Prayer (using Debts)

Doxology

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Tradition)

L/O God, inexhaustible source of all good things, we bless thee for thy gifts of love. Grant that we may hear thy Word with a real desire to receive what it promises and to practice what it teaches.

C/ Engrave thy Word on our minds and our hearts, and transform us by thy Spirit into the image of thy Son, making us reflect on thy glory in the mirror of thy gospel. (Reformed Church of France, 1963)

Sending Hymn: #415 We Are Called to Be God's People

Ministry Leaders

Deacons: Jim Kessler & Nicole McClain

Greeters: Julie Christenson & Parker

Pastor: Rev. Tim Harmon

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

