

Preservice Music

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Dr. Virginia Feleppa

Prelude

*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus, You have called us out of an unbelieving world to be part of Your body, the Church.

Forgive us if we have undervalued that great privilege.

Lord Jesus, You have created the Church through Your Word and Spirit.

Forgive us if we have seen it as merely a human institution.

Lord Jesus, You have taught us to love and serve each other as You have loved and served us.

Forgive us if we have failed to do so.

Lord Jesus, You have called us to be a community of truth in which we hold each other accountable.

Forgive us if we have failed to speak truth to each other or to hear it from one another.

Lord Jesus, You have charged us to work together to carry on Your mission in the world.

Forgive us if we have judged the Church simply by how well it meets our own needs.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the good news of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.
Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri (*Avery & Marsh*)

Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world
without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now
and ever shall be world without end. Amen.
A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A---men. Amen!

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Jen Spreen

Prayer for Illumination

Hailey Walsh

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word

be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:105-112

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

106 I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.

107 I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word!

108 Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules.

109 I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

111 Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

112 I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.
² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Sermon: *Committed Sowing*

*Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns: Bob Werner, Alberta Bricker, Julie Butterfield, Phil Peterson, Sue Fraker, Margaret Spooner, Anne Starr, Chuck Jennings, Geri Anderson, Charlie Novara, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Mary Rushford; the family of Peter Javoroski; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

The Lord's Prayer:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory

***Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above,
ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn: *Instruments of Your Peace* No. 637**

*Charge and Benediction

***Response: *Instruments of Your Peace* Refrain**

*Postlude

***Those who are able, please stand.**

CHURCH NOTES

Tuesday: 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry

Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That

Friday: 11:30a.m. Women's Luncheon
at the Chippewa Club

Thank you to Dr. Virginia Feleppa for filling the pulpit while Pastor Bob is on vacation.

All women are invited to the Women's Luncheon this Friday, July 17th, at the Chippewa Club at 11:30a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

Church Revival: A Multi-Denominational Gathering

This Friday, July 17th, at Lake Antoine 5:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

All are invited to this event that will include guest speakers, Christian music and bands, food, and kid activities.

Feed the Hungry: In celebration of America 250, Session has established a goal of collecting 250 pounds of food items to be distributed to local food pantries. Donations can be dropped off during the month of July in the Fireside Room or brought in on the day of the picnic (July 26th).

Emergency Preparedness Committee: We are forming a committee to come up with emergency policy and procedures with the goal having in place clear guidelines for emergency situations. If you are interested in serving on this committee or providing input, contact Barb Kramer at 906-396-3116. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

Summer of Service Project: Friday, July 31st, 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

Plan to come for a cookout and a night of service putting together bags of donated items to be given to those who are going through cancer treatments. Check your newsletter for detailed information (pg. 5) on how to donate items or contact Sonia at 309-258-7342.

We still need ushers and Readers for August so please check the sign-up sheet in the Fireside Room and pick a date.

Ushers: Jeff, Audrey, Aksel, and Samson Hutchinson

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, July 26th
at 10:00a.m. – Pavilion

followed by our

CHURCH PICNIC

Note: There will not be a 9:00a.m. service and we can't live stream or record the service in the pavilion.

**Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, and
drinks will be provided along with
paper plates, napkins, and silverware**

**Bring a salad or dessert to pass and
a comfy lawn chair *(optional)***

Volunteers are needed for:

✓ PAVILION SET UP CREW

Set up tables and chairs

✓ KITCHEN HELP

Organize the food and drink table

✓ GRILLERS

✓ CLEAN UP CREW

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Fireside Room.