



Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'"

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:25-37 (niv)

- Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved -

Greeters: Chris & David King, Mary & Rick Young, Denny Davish, Dave Stumpf

Ushers: John & Gail Robinson, Henry & Wendy Hershey, Trixi Ray, Phyllis Thompson, Donna Kinsey, Diana Ludwig

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

Trixi Ray in honor of Betsy Ray,
Sharon Thorlakson in memory of her dad, Donald Hamilton,
Sam, Christy & Sean Gazdziak in honor of Virginia's Gazdziak's birthday
The Witmer Family in memory of Beth Terry on her birthday

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Choral anthem "I was glad when they said unto me" C. Hubert H. Parry

Welcome & Ministry Highlights Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

Call to Worship Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: The journey begins in the wilderness.

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus,

People: Who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

Leader: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us.

People: Our call is to trust God alone, to do God's will in all things.

Leader: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but also through the wilderness.

People: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn #298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Children 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Silent Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

God of Mercy, who pours out grace upon us, we thank you for your great love and forgiveness. We are challenged by the parable of the good Samaritan. We have not always been a good neighbor, nor have we always stopped to help the vulnerable. Sometimes we hold grudges and turn friends into enemies. At times we harbor resentment and pass by those who need our help. Lord, forgive us. Help us to change our ways. Free us from sin and restore us to life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Congregational Response Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord

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And He shall lift you up, higher and higher,

And He shall lift you up.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader:

Today I declare, "Peace!" Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven. Peace is what you have when you know that, through Jesus Christ, the destruction of sin cannot harm you.

So, my friends, be at peace for we have received forgiveness through Jesus Christ and have been restored through Him. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

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

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Readings

Luke 10:25-37

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Message

"Who is NOT My Neighbor?"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Invitation To The Offering

Jerry Rothacker

Offertory

Instrumental selection

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer

Sarah Hostetter

**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.**

Going in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Congregational Response

**Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,
And close by you to stay.**

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST
A/V: JERRY ROTHACKER & KEN OSBORNE

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