



Parable of the Fig Tree

March 20, 2022 – 3rd Sunday in Lent, Yr C

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C: **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!**

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.

In ✠ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C: **Amen.**

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- 1 **Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**
- 2 **Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 63:1-8

- L: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- C: **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- L: For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
- C: **So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**
- L: My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- C: **when I remember you up on my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- L: For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- C: **My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: LUKE 13:1-9

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON Pastor Julie Rogness

HYMN: *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

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- 1 **We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**
- 2 **We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**
- 3 **We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.**

APOSTLES 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

SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING OF GIFTS – OFFERING PRAYER

P: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

C: **Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD'S PRAYER – COMMUNION

1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."

Refrain Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." *Refrain*

3 "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face." *Refrain*

4 "Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING P: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God, majestic and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always.
C: Amen.

HYMN *O Living Bread from Heaven*

vss. 1,2,4

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1 O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows.

2 My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

RINGING OF BELL

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR—Julie Rogness ASSISTING—Barb Groth MUSICIAN—Tammy Hanson/Organ
TECH CREW—Jim Braaten, Steve Johnson, Bill Lewis, Dan Rogness, Holly Aldorfer, Heidi Haugen

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CALENDAR

Sun/MAR 20	9 AM	WORSHIP-3rd Sunday of Lent - In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	Sunday School
	10 AM	5TH Grade 1st Communion Class
Wed/MAR 23	7 PM	AA
	6:30 PM	LENTEN WORSHIP w/Communion - In Person & Live-Streamed
	7:45	followed by Coffee & Confirmation/Mentor Sessions
Thu/MAR 24	7:45	Council
	1 PM	LOVE DAY
	6:30 PM	Scouts/Den
Sun/MAR 27	7 PM	AA
	9 AM	WORSHIP-3rd Sunday of Lent – In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	Sunday School
	2 to 4:30 PM	GRADES 7-9 Bowling
	7 PM	AA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLE HOPE - Is in need of good/used denim jeans.

SAVE THE DATE - SUN APR 3 - Kenyon Area Internship Committee Annual Fundraiser at **Holden** Lutheran Church. Free-Will Donations. Soup Served 11 am to 1:00 pm – Vote for Best Soup, Cake/Pie Auction at 12:30, followed by Gift Drawing. Volunteers Needed: one person to help Candy Herrlich serve soup that day; and any volunteers to help with Set Up, & Clean Up. Volunteers may call Cindy Lewis @ 507-330-1644.

MEALS ON WHEELS Announcement – see Pg. 6

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Kenyon Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is available to anyone age 60 and over who are wanting a prepared hot, nutritious meal on a regular basis. Meals are available Sunday through Friday, including holidays. The meals are prepared at Kenyon Senior Living and volunteers deliver them right to your home. Delivery is available to anyone living in Kenyon city limits. The cost per meal is \$7.25. Volunteers provide you with a meal card to use as payment for your meals. Each meal card contains 12 meals, totaling a cost of \$87.00. You pick which days you would like to receive meals and can change it at any time. Meals are typically delivered between 11:15

and 12:15. If you are interested in hearing more about the program, please contact Barb St. John at 507-789-5553.