



Our Savior's Lutheran Church – Cleveland, MN

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We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.



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Inspired by Luke 7:36-50
12"x24" Acrylic, marker, paper collage on canvas

The Good News is... *great love for God and neighbor!*

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Call to Worship

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert, water turned into wine,
love after loss, forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive, hope for the hopeless,
mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in. There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

Let us worship this good-news God.

Confession & Forgiveness

Family of faith, we long to love others as God loves us, but that work is easier said than done.

We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful. We need God's grace. Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given. So join me in the Prayer of Confession. Join me in being transformed.

Let us pray:

Loving God, **somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious.**

We have to pray on our knees without ceasing.

We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies.

We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door.

But you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed.

You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant.

And all of a sudden, we wonder:

Can we be like that mustard seed?

Can we be faithful and unruly?

Can we be playful and curious?

Can we be messy and still be yours?

We know the answer already.

The Spirit whispers: yes, yes, yes.

Forgive our doubt. Pull us closer into your embrace.

With faith like a mustard seed, we pray. Amen.

God's grace is wild and unruly. God's mercy is abundant and surprising.
God's love is expansive and unending. So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?"
the answer is and always will be:

yes, yes, yes.

This is the good news of the gospel.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Hymn

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

Blue #657

1. The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.

2. Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.

3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend,
became the herald of Messiah's name.

4. Then grant, O God, that we may, too,
return in fast and prayer to you.
Our spirits strengthen with your grace,
and give us joy to see your face.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Good news God, **speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions. Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we long to hear your good news once more. With hope we pray, amen.**

First Reading – Matthew 25:35-40

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 *I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the Lord.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Gospel – Luke 7:36-50 *Woman with the alabaster jar washes Jesus' feet*

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day

“Bind us Together”

Blue #748

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord: bind us together in love.

1. There is only one God. There is only one King.

There is only one Body; that is why we can sing. *Refrain*

2. You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine.

You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the

power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 of the People

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Offering & Giving Prayer

O God, **maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks.....

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

“Lamb of God”

Blue p.39

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace

Announcements

Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

Blue #776

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul’s shelter and thou my high tower
raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r

3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**