

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls, MN Facebook site
Sunday October 18 Live stream, 9:30 am CT Real time

Ring the bell as we begin (12 Rings)-Bob

Prelude piece

Welcome: Pastor Randy

- Good morning.
- A special welcome, if you are visiting with us, or are joining us by the Live Facebook feed.
- As we come back together inside we do ask for the common courtesies to be honored:
 - sanitize hands on the way in to worship,
 - please wear your face mask, (You may sing the hymns with your face mask on)
 - and, social distance between families of 6 feet- for now.
- We will keep you posted as things evolve and change.
- The church is back in session and open now. Most working Committees, circles, and Bible studies of the church are now back meeting again.
- Younger children Wed school distance learning at home has started.
- 6th- 8th Confirmation meets on Wed evenings- no Confirmation this week because of MEA break.
- A once a month High School event is scheduled for this afternoon from 5:15- 6:15 pm for youth in 9th – 12th grades
- The Adult class: “In Search of the Origins of Christianity”. Meets again today - 10:40 am right after worship in the Fellowship Hall. This will run for 10 weeks. You may also sign up to take the class via Zoom. (Today's session title is Jesus and His Judaism _____).
- Jane Bracken and Michelle Schroeder gift of music with us today.
- We continue with the “Great Adventures of Faith” Series today. Today's story is the story of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz from he Old Testament. “Pay it Forward” is again our stewardship theme.

Theme Proclamation

Scripture reading: Reader: -Deb

L: Our scripture reading today comes from the Old Testament book of Ruth, chapter 3, verses 1-17

3 Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. **2** Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. **3** Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. **4** When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” **5** She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. **7** When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and he was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet, and lay down. **8** At midnight the man was startled, and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! **9** He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin.”^[a] **10** He said, “May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. **11** And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. **12** But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. **13** Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin^[b] for you, good; let him do it. If he is not willing to act as next-of-kin^[c] for you, then, as the LORD lives, I will act as next-of-kin^[d] for you. Lie down until the morning.”

14 So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before one person could recognize another; for he said, “It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” **15** Then he said, “Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley, and put it on her back; then he went into the city. **16** She came to her mother-in-law, who said, “How did things go with you,^[e] my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her, **17** saying, “He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, ‘Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’”

L: Here ends the reading

Questions

P: A couple of Questions to Ponder while you worship with us today. For those of you watching today's worship online – send us your notes back on the Facebook feed to let us know that you are listening and also to provide us feedback to the questions.

Litany – Psalm 146

L: Praise the LORD

C: Praise the LORD, my soul.

L: I will praise the LORD all my life;

C: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

L: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

**C: God is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them— God remains faithful forever.**

L: God upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

C: God sets prisoners free,

L: God gives sight to the blind,

C: God lifts up those who are bowed down,

L: God watches over the foreigner

C: God sustains the fatherless and the widow,

L: God reigns forever,

C: Our God, for all generations.

All: Praise the LORD.

Gift of Music: Jane Bracken and Michelle Schroeder

Prayer: (Pastor only).

P: God, You show forth your providence by showing mercy. Grant us the fulness of your grace, strengthen our trust in you, and bring all the world to share in your treasures, through Christ our Lord

All: Amen

Children's Message and Activity

Hymn “Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
 And all that is within me
 Bless His holy name

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
 And all that is within me
 Bless His holy name

Verse

He has done great things
 He has done great things
 He has done great things
 Bless His holy name

He has done great things
 He has done great things
 He has done great things
 Bless His holy name

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
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Fall 2020 Stewardship Theme Hymn # 583 “Take My Life, That I May Be”
 (vv. 3-4), (Worship, ELW, cranberry)

Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing
 always, only, for my King;
 take my lips and let them be
 filled with messages from thee.

Verse 4

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.

Sermon – Pastor Randy “Pay It Forward”, 2 of 3

Prayer

All: Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

ALL: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Apostle’s Creed

All: 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

Closing Announcements

- Take Home from the sermon
 - If there is anything that we can do for you or a family or friends in need, please let us know. If you have any prayer concerns, we want to join you in prayer so contact us at the church office.
 - Next Sunday, October 25th, It’s Confrimaion day for 7 of our 9th grade youth. Welcome their families and friends. The Great adventure story is Christ’s call in Matthew 4.

Benediction: - By Canaan Banana, Zimbabwe; With All God's People, World Council of Churches (1989); Bread for the Preacher, September 2010

P: God, Open your eyes to see;
 Move your hands to feed;
 Touch your heart to warm;
 Teach you generosity that welcomes;
 Unbind you enough to share and to clothe;
 Give you the care that strengthens;
 Make of you one who sets free;
 And, in sharing your anxieties and your love, your own poverty and your prosperity,
 bring you to partake of the sacred mystery of God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: Amen

Hymn # 715 "Christ Be Our Light" (Worship, ELW, Cranberry)

Verse 1

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.
 Make us your own, your holy people,
 light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
 Shine through the darkness.
 Christ, be our light!
 Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
 Longing for hope, many despair.
 Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
 Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
 Shine through the darkness.
 Christ, be our light!
 Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 3

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 5

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Chimes at End (6 Rings)

Postlude