

Outdoor Worship Sunday, September 13, 9:30 am

Moses; “Step Up to the Plate”.



**St. Ansgar’s Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls, MN Facebook site
Sunday September 13 Live stream, 9:30 am CT Real time**

Ring the bell as we begin (12 times)- Lori

Prelude piece

Welcome: Pastor Randy

- Thank You for joining us today for Outdoor front lawn worship.
- Welcome to Those who are joining on our FM station 93.5., on our LIVE Facebook Feed, or later via our Church YouTube, Web Page, or recorded Facebook video posts.
- We continue with the “Great Adventures of Faith” Series today. Today’s story is the Moses story. There are so many stories from the Old Testament. While we claim Jesus as our Messiah, Savior, and Lord, Jesus was also referred to as the new Moses, bring us the new law of love.
- Cindy Hayward will share her gift of music with us today.

- It's Fall Start up time. The church is back in action. Confirmation classes started up on Wednesday this week-
- Our Wed school program will start up on the last Wed of the month. Sept 30. This will be a learning packet sent home each month and facilitated with a Live Facebook feed each week.
- The 9th grade confirmands are preparing for their end of October confirmation day.
- Committees of the church are back meeting and planning things out for us for the next few months.
- Remember the Adult class that is starting up "In Search of the Origins of Christianity". It will be a stimulating class. We are postponing the start until next Sunday, September 20 so there is still time to sign up.
- Yesterday was Lil Pagel's birthday. Today we encourage you, right after worship, to join in a drive by birthday procession in honor of her birthday.
- We're ready to get the engine running again. We hope you feel the energy and are ready to step up and bring the church, bring St. Ansgar's back to life this Fall. We are open. We are up and running.

Some Trivia to get us going today:

Scripture reading: Reader: Barbara Middaugh

L: Our readings come from the book of Exodus. The story of God's involvement in the life of God's people Israel and the leadership of Moses is deep and wide.

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of

the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”⁵ Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”⁶ He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.⁷ Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”¹² He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”¹³ But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.”^[a] He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD,^[b] the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

13: ¹⁷ When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, “If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt.”¹⁸ So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea.^[a] The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle.¹⁹ And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying, “God will surely take notice of you, and then you must carry my bones with you from here.”²⁰ They set out from Succoth, and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness.²¹ The LORD went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night.²² Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

14: ¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them.²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so

the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.

The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

24: ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

20: Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before^[a] me.

L: Here ends the reading.

P: **A Question to Ponder** while you experience worship today.

Prayer of Approach and Confession - by Thomas Sutcliffe, and posted on the Church of Scotland's *Starters for Sunday* page.

(Pastor does L parts, Barbara assist with "C" parts)

L: Loving God, present and near. You are beyond our words and our understanding. Help us to remember that You are at once

C: infinite, boundless, timeless and eternal

L: but, at the same time intimately entwined with our lives.

C: You are with us no matter where we find ourselves.

L: When we have forgotten You

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: When we have failed to speak words of love

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: When we have neglected the need of another

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Loving God, present and near

C: help us to recognize Your presence and nearness with us

L: as we worship together.

C: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Gift of Music: Cindy Hayward

Prayer: (Pastor only).

P: Thank you, **Father**, for the gift of your Holy Spirit. For too long we have taken your precious Gift for granted and ignored your voice. Teach each of us how to listen and obey. Raise up a generation of leaders who lead by the Spirit like Moses, who walk in Jesus' own steps. In His holy name, we pray.

All: Amen

Children's Message and Activity

HYMN # 72 (All Verses) "We Will Glorify" (Red, The Hymnal)

V.1

We will glorify the King of kings

We will glorify the Lamb

We will glorify the Lord of lords

Who is the great I am

V.2

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty

We will bow before His throne

We will worship Him in righteousness

We will worship Him alone

V.3

We will glorify the King of kings

We will glorify the Lamb

We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I am

V.4

He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth
He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe
All praise to Him we give

HYMN #413, (v.1 only) “Holy, Holy, Holy” (ELW, Cranberry)

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity!

Sermon – Pastor Randy “Step up to the Plate”

Intercessory Prayers, *Lord, Have Mercy*

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.

Celebration of Holy Communion: Server – Bob Durdahl

Words of Institution

Word of Invitation

Preparation: Servers sanitize their hands, wear gloves, and a Face mask.

Please come forward maintaining social distance, and sanitizing your hands before receiving communion. You will receive a wafer and an individual glass of wine. Grape juice and Gluten free wafers are available on the table.

Place you empty individual glass in the waste container 6 feet away.

Hymn During communion: #485 “I am the Bread of Life” (ELW, Cranberry)

V.1

I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me shall not hunger;
he who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.

Refrain:

And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

V.2

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live forever,
he shall live forever.

Refrain:

And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

V.3

Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.

Refrain:

And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

V.4

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
He who believes in me
even if he dies,
he shall live forever

Refrain:

And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

Communion Blessing

Closing Announcements

L: Thank you again for joining us for worship today.

- 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, September 20th, the sermon series, “Great Adventures of Faith” continues; “Sound the Battle Cry”; It’s the story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho.

Benediction

- Literature & Liturgy blog

May the holy wisdom of God
 Guard your ways and guide your paths
 May the living truth of God
 Enlighten your hearts and open your minds
 And may the living Spirit of God
 Give your life, and life to the full!

All: Amen!

Hymn # 723 (vv. 1, Refrain. V. 4, Refrain) “Canticle of the Turning”, (ELW, Cranberry)

V.1

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
 that the God of my heart is great,
 And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
 that you bring to the ones who wait.
 You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
 and my weakness you did not spurn,
 So, from east to west shall my name be blest.
 Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
 Let the fires of your justice burn.
 Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
 and the world is about to turn!

V.4

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!

Bells at End – Lori

Postlude/ head back to the car music