

**Minnesota Valley Church**

**Date: Sunday, July 30, 2023**

**Church Year Date: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Singers: Fuglebergs

PRELUDE: Carol Gustafson

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 33*

*LEADER: Praise the LORD.*

*CONG: How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!*

*LEADER: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

*CONG: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.*

*LEADER: His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,*

*CONG: Nor his delight in the legs of a man;*

*LEADER: The LORD delights in those who fear him,*

*CONG: Who put their hope in his unfailing love.*

Hymn CHOSEN BY CAROL

**Confession of Sin:** *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ's sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Children's Sermon: (If someone wants to give one.)

Reader: Justo Pillman

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** *Genesis 2:7-17 The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. 8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 9 And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the*

*middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."*

**GOSPEL LESSON:** *Mark 8:1-10 During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 2 "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. 3 If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance." 4 His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?" 5 "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied. 6 He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and they did so. 7 They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. 8 The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 9 About four thousand men were present. And having sent them away, 10 he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.*

READER: "Here ends the reading of God's Word."

SING: "God be praised, for His glad tidings."

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And is seated on the right*

*hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen*

Gloria Patri: Ambassador Hymnal p. 4 *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, Amen.*

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

TWO PRAISE AND WORSHIP SONGS: CHOSEN BY CAROL

**SERMON:** “An Unlikely Choice”, I Corinthians 1:18-31

Speaker: Dave Fugleberg

Hymn # 587 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (The Navy Hymn in honor of Dave Fischer’s service in the United States Navy.)

Lord’s Prayer & Benediction

Closing Song: Chosen by Carol

Postlude: Carol Gustafson