

Minnesota Valley Church

Date: Sunday, October 15, 2023

Church Year Date: 19th Sunday after Trinity

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. RODNEY JOHNSON

Singers: Fugleberg

PRELUDE: Carol Gustafson

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm 84:10-12*

*PASTOR: Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;*

*ALL: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my
God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

*PASTOR: For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor;*

*ALL: No good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.*

PASTOR: O LORD Almighty,

ALL: Blessed is the man who trusts in you.

Hymn #172 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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:

Reader:

EPISTLE LESSON: *Ephesians 4:22-28 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. 26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold. 28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.*

GOSPEL LESSON: *Matthew 9:1-8 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. 2 Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." 3 At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" 4 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? 5 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 6 But so that you may know that*

*the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins. . .
. " Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat
and go home." 7 And the man got up and went home. 8
When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and
they praised God, who had given such authority to men.*

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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP: CHOSEN BY CAROL

SERMON: Pastor Rodney Johnson

Hymn #306 "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling"

Lord's Prayer & Benediction

Closing Song: Chosen by Carol

Postlude: Carol Gustafson