

SERVICE INFORMATION: May 12, 2024

Mother's Day

Pastor Tom Olson; Minnesota Valley Free Lutheran Church

MUSIC: Carol/Fugleberg

READER: Jacob O'Flanagan

THEME: Mother's Day:

PRELUDE: Carol Gustafson (Fugleberg)

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 1:1-3

PASTOR: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

ALL: Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

PASTOR: But his delight is in the law of the Lord

ALL: And on his law he meditates day and night.

PASTOR: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.

ALL: Whatever he does prospers.

HYMN #183 (vss 1,3,5) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

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.

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Gift of Mom.

Reader: Jacob O'Flanagan

FIRST LESSON: *Acts 1:12-14 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. 13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS, and with his brothers.*

GOSPEL LESSON: *John 17:11-19 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of[a] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by[b] that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. 13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by[c] the truth;*

your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

READER: Here ends the reading of God’s Word.

CONGREGATION SINGS: 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: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is not, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER FOR OFFERING

PRAISE SONGS: songs chosen by Carol Gustafson

SERMON TITLE: “FOUR GIFTS”

1 John 5:9-15; Pastor Tom Olson; May 12, 2024

Beloved, Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

Three gifts that Jesus gives us and that mothers demonstrate.

I. THE GIFT OF LIFE

1 John 5:9-12 We accept human testimony, but God’s testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed THE TESTIMONY God has given about his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

II. THE GIFT OF ASSURANCE

1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

III. THE GIFT OF LISTENING

1 John 5:14-15 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

Now may the peace of God that passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen

HYMN #385 “Shepherd of Tender Youth” (220 AD!)

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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen*

BENEDICTION

SONG: Chosen by Carol

POSTLUDE: Carol Gustafson