



+Indigenous People's Sunday,
Northeastern MN Synod+

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Prayer request and visitor cards can be found in the pew rack.

(*) Denotes when to stand, if you are able. **Boldface** readings are spoken together.

Prelude *Balm in Gilead* arr. by Roger C. Wilson Nadine Berg

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

God, our Creator, made all that is, and proclaimed that 'it is good.' You have placed us together here on this land. You have shown us how to build community.

**Creator, help us to discover in all Your creation,
the good wisdom about how we are all connected, and called to
live in harmony.**

We are not above nature, we are part of Creation;
we are called to be stewards of all you have made, and need to learn from
God and from what God has made.

**Creator, help us discover the power that lies
in the wisdom and understanding of our role in the
mysterious web of life and in honoring every living thing as a teacher.**

**ALL: Creator God, may our spirits be in harmony with Yours as we
gather in Your worship!**

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
Turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin,
Receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness
Of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

The Doctrine of Discovery is a philosophical and legal framework dating to 15th century European papal decrees. This framework gave Christian governments a false moral rationale for invading and seizing Indigenous lands and people around the world. Its effects, including intergenerational trauma, still linger in our social and legal systems.

We confess our complicity in this sinful doctrine, and we are grateful that this synod, along with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, by official repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, acknowledges the harm done to Indigenous people by colonization. We pledge to continue the way of listening and of repentance. With the whole church, we intend to further nurture mutual relationships of loving care and respect.

We acknowledge that we worship and gather on land traditionally cared for by the *Boise Forte Band Anishinaabeg Nation* who continue to live and work here as members of surrounding communities. Indigenous people are our siblings and neighbors, and we are commanded to love our neighbors as we heed Christ's call to the healing of people, of land, and all Creation.

(adapted from NE MN Synod Land Acknowledgement statement written by Rev. Amy Odgren)

Silence is kept for reflection.

**God our helper, often we get so caught up in the letter of the law
that we lose sight of the spirit of the law.**

**We remember with shame the impact of laws like the Doctrine of
Discovery**

**that corrupted your will and inflicted harm on generations of Native
Americans.**

**In our self-righteous lack of understanding, we continue to persecute
your children.**

Too often, we are the instrument that pierces your hands and feet.

Forgive us for the pain that we cause others.

Open our eyes to see you in our neighbor.

Transform us into instruments of your good news.

(adapted from UMN Native American Ministries Sunday Liturgy)

Silence is held.

Siblings in Christ, hear the Good News. There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises:

God will never leave you or forsake you.

You who were lost have been found.

For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

This is My Father's World

#824 (ELW)

1. This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings,
And round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
Of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.
3. This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that,
Though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Land Acknowledgement and Opening Blessing**

We acknowledge today that we live, work and worship on the traditional lands of the Indigenous People of Turtle Island (North America), the first Americans. Northern Minnesota is the traditional homeland of the Dakota (Sioux) Nation and Ojibwe (Anishinaabeg) Nation whose people knew and know these lands by other names, who have lived, worked, and worshipped here for longer than people from other continents whose feet also now touch this soil. We honor that we are able to build communities upon these lands that reflect the cultures and values of our settler ancestors because the Anishinaabeg Nation, represented by the Fond Du Lac, Grand Portage, Mille Lacs, Bois Forte/Nett Lake, Leech Lake and White Earth Bands along with the Red Lake Nation, gave us permission to do so through a series of treaties with the United States government. Today these tribal lands are a sovereign, federally recognized part of where we serve Jesus, as members of the Northeastern and Northwestern Minnesota Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In affirming this land as the shared home of many, we recognize the legacies of violence and cultural genocide that occurred alongside the displacement of Indigenous communities, as well as the responsibility we all share truth-telling process.

May we gather today and everyday in a good way so that we may all heal together and share with the world the reconciliation that we experience in and through Christ. **Amen.**

Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

A reading from Isaiah.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Charles "Chaz" Wagner

Children's Message

Kara Ronning

*Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*Gospel

John 17:20-23

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Hymn of the Day**

Many and Great, O God

#837 (ELW)

1. Many and great, O God, are your works, maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
Your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.
2. Grant unto us communion with you, O Star abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us; with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with you.

***Apostles Creed**

Along with the church, we confess our faith.

**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.**

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Water may be poured into a font as the following is read.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led Israel from slavery into freedom.
Through water you brought forth the Ojibwe people
and delivered them into this land, and
By water you fed them with wild rice, manoomin, the good seed.
Through water you have delivered generations of settlers and immigrants
to this place, and by water, you merge our stories and continue to feed us
all.

In the Jordan river, which flows together with all waters of the earth,
that your Son was baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

It is through water and by your Word
that you proclaim all people beloved.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, you knit us together
into one human family and connect us to your whole creation.

We praise you for the gift of water that creates life.
We praise you for the gift of water that remembers life.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life.
We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit.

Pour your holy waters into our lives, communities and lands.

Renew us with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

**Triune God, We come before you as many parts of a single body;
People drawn from every tribe, Every nation, every language;
Some indigenous –peoples of this land;
Some refugees, immigrants, pilgrims –people on the move;
Some hosts, some guests;
All of us searching for an eternal place
Where we can belong.**

Creator, the earth is yours and everything that is in it,
but in our arrogance, we think we own it. In our greed, we think we can steal it.
In our thoughtlessness, we destroy it.
We forget that you created it to bring praise and joy to you.
That you gave it as a gift, for us to steward, for us to enjoy,
for us to see more clearly Your beauty and Your majesty.
Restore your creation: the lands, the water, and the air.

Bring peace to all our relatives: sun and moon and wind, the winged ones,
the two-leggeds, the four-leggeds, those who swim, those who crawl, and those who
are rooted into the earth.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, save us.

We cry out in response to the pains of this world. We mourn for the losses we feel.

We hunger for your reconciliation, for that day when people, from every tribe

And every tongue will gather in peace.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, teach us. Help us to remember that the body is made up of many parts;

Each one unique and every one necessary. Teach us to embrace the discomfort

That comes from our diversity and to celebrate the fact that we are unified,

Not through our sameness, but through the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ.

Triune God, we love you. Your creation is beautiful.

Your salvation is merciful. And your wisdom is beyond compare.

We pray this all in Jesus' name. Amen

(adapted from Lift Up Your Hearts, CRCNA)

***Sharing of the Peace**

As a community let us embrace the ongoing work of understanding and
peace making.

**The Great Mystery who is God makes peace within us. Let
us claim it. The Great Mystery who is God makes peace
between us. Let us share it.**

The peace of the Great Mystery be with you in all things.

You are invited to take a moment to offer a prayer of peace into the world.

Reception of Offering

Blessed Day

John Scriveyner

Nadine Berg

***Offertory** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

#798 (vs.1 ELW)

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

***Offering Prayer**

God our provider, **we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
AMEN

*** Lord's Prayer**

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***Blessing**

Great Spirit, our Creator God, look upon these faces gathered in holy community together and send them anywhere you would have them go, so that they may embody the word of reconciliation through their actions. Walk with them so that they may face the winds of change and walk the good road. Enlighten them. Sustain them. May God our Creator be with you this day and always. **AMEN**

***Sending Hymn**

Beautiful Savior

#838 (ELW)

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer.
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Unity and Brotherhood

Thomas Chesterton

Nadine Berg

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NEWS & NOTES

Our radio broadcast is sponsored by Doris LaFreniere in loving memory of Greg LaFreniere. *Thank you and God bless.*

Best wishes to Doris LaFreniere who will be celebrating her birthday on Thursday.
Happy Birthday!!!



We would like to Thank our guest speaker, Chaz Wagner. He grew up on the Boise Forte Reservation at Nett Lake. He is a Native American musician and lead singer in the band "War Bonnet". He is an Indian educator in the Hibbing/Chisholm school districts. Good luck to you in your future endeavors.

FYI – Quilting is moved to Tuesday this week since Monday is Columbus Day and the church will be closed.

Holly Days Bazaar planning meeting is also moved to Tuesday. If you wish to join us, call either Sue Schock 218-263-4748 or Sue Stanisich 218-262-3644 today or Monday. Meeting is at noon in the Fellowship Hall.



6th-12th graders:

Everyone is encouraged to attend the NEMN Middle School Gathering at Cragun's Resort, near Brainerd
4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18th - noon Saturday, Nov. 19th
Please let the office know asap of your interest
[218-263-7422](tel:218-263-7422) or oslchibb@mchsi.com

Families of 3rd Graders mark your calendars:

Sunday, Nov. 20th the congregation will present you with a Bible of your own. See you at worship at 9:00 a.m. November 20th!

Opportunities of the Week

Today 9 th	9:00	Worship
	10:00	Coffee & Fellowship/OSLCW meeting
	10:30	Radio Broadcast 1240 AM WMFG
Monday 10 th		Columbus Day <i>Closed</i>
Tuesday 11 th	1:00	Staff
	4:00	Property Committee
	6:00	TV Broadcast—channel 805
	6:30	Church Council
	8:00	TV Broadcast—channel 805
Wednesday 12 th	8:30	Bible Study
	6:00	Handbells
	7:00	Confirmation
	7:00	Choir
	10:00	Women's Bible Study
Thursday 13 th		
Sunday 16 th	9:00	Worship/Communion
	10:00	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:30	Radio Broadcast 1240 AM WMFG
	4-6	Confirmands meeting (Pizza will be served)