



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A Community Transformed By Christ To Be Christ In The
World

+Indigenous People's Sunday, Northeastern MN Synod

October 13, 2024

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 *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Gabriel/Osman Nadine Berg

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk *Stewardship for All Seasons* Sandi Olson

*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)

***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.**

Anthem

Softly and Tenderly

Chuck Johnson

Children's Message

Pastor Kevin Olson

*Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*Gospel

John 17: 20-26

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. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

Sermon

Fred McDougall, Guest Speaker

*Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Savior

#655 (ELW)

*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.**

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

Chapel Echoes

Steven Scott

Nadine Berg

***Offertory** *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring* #691 (vs.1 & 3 ELW)

***Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*** Lord's Prayer** p. 154b

***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)

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Michael Holman Nadine Berg

Assisting with Worship Today:

Pastor: Kevin Olson
Guest Speaker: Fred McDougall
Acolyte: Kendra Lease
Lector: Mary Hemmersbaugh
Cantor: Chuck Johnson
Choir Director : Roy Berg
Organist: Nadine Berg
Ushers: Phyllis Fawkes/David Fawkes/Scott Fawkes/Scott Jackson
Tellers: Jill Klapatch/Debbie Lind
Videographer: Dustin Davidson/John Law
Altar Guild: Suzanne Clark/Patty Sterle

NEWS & NOTES



Our radio broadcast is in honor of all of our faithful listeners.
Thank you and God bless.

Best wishes to Doris LaFreniere who is celebrating her birthday today.

Happy Birthday!!!

Thank You

We would like to Thank our guest speaker, Fred McDougall. Fred is an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Bois Forte (Nett Lake) Band.

He holds a Master's Degree in Regional Planning from the University of Massachusetts. Fred was Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and has served as the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the State of Minnesota. Fred also teaches in the Hibbing School District, is a Hibbing Graduate, has served his country in the U.S. Navy, and is a long-time resident of "the Range."
We will be informed and blessed to host Fred on this dedicated Sunday!

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Today, 13th

9am Worship/
Sunday School
10am Coffee/Adult Forum
10:30am Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG

Monday, 14th

9am Quilting
5pm SAS Cmte

Tuesday, 15th

1pm Mission Action
4pm Church Council

Wednesday, 16th

8:30am Bible Study
11am Staff
1pm Food shelf
6pm Handbells
7pm Choir

Thursday, 17th

10am Women's Bible
Study
3pm Guardian Angels

Friday, 18th

1pm Food shelf

Sunday, 20th

9am Worship/Communion
& Sunday School
10am Coffee/Fellowship
10:30am Radio Broadcast
1240 AM WMFG