



OUR SAVIOR'S MORAVIAN CHURCH

ALTURA, MINNESOTA

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June 21, 2020
3rd Sunday of Pentecost

The **Purpose** of this Church shall be to **glorify** God in adoration, **Love** and **service** as God's **missionary** to our **community**, our **nation**, and our **world**, bearing witness to **God's** redeeming **grace** in **Jesus Christ**."

Watchword for the Week: Jesus said, "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." Matthew 10:39

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *Christian Unity*

*Greeting Each Other in Christ

Musical Reflection *Fairest Lord Jesus* Brass Ensemble

Liturgy for Father's Day

Special Music *As A Father Holds His Baby*

Children's Moment

Offertory Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Jeremiah 20:7-13 (pg. 551)

Musical Reflection *Abide With Me* Brass Ensemble

Scripture Matthew 10:24-39 (pg. 688)

Message *"Not Peace, But a Sword"*

***Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision*

*Benediction

In Our Worship This Morning

Pastor: Rev. Gregory M Behrend

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Organist: Cheryl Lovlien

Soloist: Angela Decker

Brass Ensemble: Steve Pasche, Roger Schumacher, Gary Rahn, Mark Stephan, Greg Behrend

Guitarist/Soloist: Greg Behrend

Attendance last week: --

Year to Date Average: 48

Weekly Need: \$2,234.00

Year to Date Need: \$49,148.00

Offering last week: \$

Year to Date Offering: \$39,381.00

Prayers

Joyce Phillips, receiving hospice care (Whitewater Nursing Home, Saint Charles), Joan Schwager (Whitewater Nursing Home, Saint Charles), Betty Gatzlaff (Lewiston Assisted Living). Lisa Rae Skalicky – battling cancer. Janelle Lafrentz, baby Chloé, and her family; and Our state of Minnesota, our nation, and our world.

On the Calendar

Today: Worship – 9:30am ***In person & online***

June 23: Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00-7:00pm

June 24: Online Bible Study – 7:00pm

June 28: Worship – 9:30am ***In person & online***
Graduation Sunday

July 8: Berea Moravian Drive-Thru Ice Cream Social 5-7pm

*Special Music – Throughout the summer we will be asking individuals or families who would consider offering up special music for us to sign up by talking to Pastor Greg or Cheryl Lovlien. You can offer up instrumental or vocal music.

Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

FATHERS’ DAY

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember fathers, we give you thanks for our fathers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in the form of time, courage and patience.

We thank you for the men who raised us, who were our fathers in childhood. Whether biological father, adopted dad, older brother, uncle, grandfather, stepfather or someone else, we thank you for those men who guided and protected us, who cared for us and held us in your love. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our dads.

We pray for older dads whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for new dads experiencing changes they could not predict.

Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for expectant men who will soon be dads.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for dads who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for dads who enjoy financial abundance.

Grant them time to share with their families.

We pray for dads who are raising their children in poverty.

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for dads who try to balance vocation and family.

Grant them courage for the living of each day.

We pray for stepdads.

Grant them patience and understanding and love.

We pray for dads who are separated from their children.

Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for dads in marriages that are in crisis.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for dads who have lost children.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for fathers whose children's lives ended in abortion.

Grant them healing and peace.

We pray for dads who gave up their children for adoption.

Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive fathers.

Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for boys and men who think about being dads.

Grant them wisdom and discernment.

We pray for men who desperately want, or wanted, to be dads.

Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

We pray for all men who have assumed the father's role in a child's life.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for dads who show us the way of faith.

Grant them the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their father in the past year.

Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

(All men and boys are invited to stand for a blessing.)

Lord, we thank you for the gift of fatherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful fathers in scripture, like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Zechariah. Now hear the names of other men who have inspired us by their fatherly examples . . .

We are mindful this day of all these men, and especially Joseph the earthly father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these men and boys gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.