

Sunday, June 2nd 2019

The Parable of the Lost Son

Scripture: Luke 15: 11-32

Sermon Title: "Three Favorite Sayings"

Theme: Psychologists have researched that there are three favorite sayings that human beings respond to most positively: I love you. I forgive you. Dinner is ready. This parable of the lost son involves all three.

Special Events: Holy Communion will be served (int.), and the Apostles Creed will be recited. "Amazing Grace" will be our closing hymn. Edna Grod will be directing music.

Color: White

Sunday, June 9th 2019

The Parable of the Talents

Scripture: Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon Title: "Risk Opening the Gift"

Theme: On Pentecost, we remember that there is one Holy Spirit but many different kinds of spiritual gifts. The parable of the talents encourages us to be good stewards of our God-given gifts.

Special Events: Pentecost Sunday, "Here I Am Lord" will be our closing hymn.

Color: Red

Sunday, June 16th 2019

The Parable of the Net

Scripture: Matthew 13: 47-50

Sermon Title: "The Father's Judgement"

Theme: The good news of the parable of the net is that the loving Father who judges will, one day, say: "You're a Keeper!"

Special Events: Father's Day, Children will hand out surprise Father's Day gifts prior to the children's message.

Color: Green

Sunday, June 23rd 2019

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Scripture: Luke 18: 9-14

Sermon Title: "Authentic and Real"

Theme: We are loved and forgiven by God when we present to God our real and authentic selves.

Special Events: New member Sunday.

Color: Green

Sunday, June 30th 2019

The Parable of the Fig Tree

Scripture: Luke 13: 1-9

Sermon Title: "Give America Another Year"

Theme: When God looked upon the nation of Israel, God didn't cut it down but rather offered it another year to bear fruit. In much the same way, God calls us not to give up on our country but to be part of the fertilizer that will change it.

Special Events: Independence Day celebration in worship with patriotic music and fellowship lunch to follow.

Color: Green

Sunday, July 7th 2019

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Scripture: Luke 10: 29-37

Sermon Title: "He Has The Time"

Theme: In 2004, *USA Today* research determined that time eclipsed money as man's greatest commodity. One of the key virtues we learn from the good Samaritan is that he has the time to stop by the side of the road. So too, does God have that time for us.

Special Events: Holy Communion will be served (int.) Edna Grod will be directing music.

Color: Green

Sunday, July 14th 2019

The Parable of the Seed Growing on It's Own

Scripture: Mark 4: 26-29

Sermon Title: "Sleep Trustfully"

Theme: Sometimes God partners with us to grow God's kingdom on earth. Other times, we can simply go to sleep knowing that God can do God's work with or without our help.

Special Events: Edna Grod will be directing music.

Color: Green

Sunday, July 21st 2019

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

Scripture: Matthew 13: 44-46

Sermon Title: "The Greatest Value"

Theme: The kingdom is of such great value that one should be willing to give up all that he or she has to gain it.

Special Events: Pastor Kathy will be preaching. (Pastor Mark on vacation.)

Color: Green

Sunday, July 28th 2019

The Parable of the Lost Coin

Scripture: Luke 15: 8-10

Sermon Title: "Lost In A Familiar Place"

Theme: The parable of the lost coin suggests that sometimes God searches for us in a house we know. We can become so close to what is familiar that, ironically, we get lost. Thankfully, however, God finds us.

Special Events: New Member Sunday

Color: Green

Sunday, August 4th 2019

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Scripture: Luke 12: 13-21

Sermon Title: "Heaven's Bakery Is Open Tomorrow"

Theme: The parable of the rich fool reminds us that we do not have to hoard God's blessings with an attitude of scarcity; rather, we can always trust in the future abundance of God's provision.

Special Events: Holy Communion will be served (int.)

Color: Green

Sunday, August 11th 2019**The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant**

Scripture: Matthew 18: 21-35

Sermon Title: "Untying the Knot"

Theme: The practice of forgiveness helps us to untie the knot that forms in our heart when others have hurt us.

Special Events: Natalie M. will be music director.

Color: Green

Sunday, August 18th 2019**The Parable of the Persistent Widow and the Reluctant Judge**

Scripture: Luke 18: 1-8

Sermon Title: "Keep On Pushing"

Theme: Prayer doesn't so much change God as it changes the one who prays. Blessings are bestowed upon us when we persevere in prayer.

Special Events: New Member Sunday

Color: Green

Sunday, August 25th 2019**The Parable of the Invited Guests**

Scripture: Luke 14: 7-14

Sermon Title: "Love That Includes"

Theme: The love of Jesus is the love that invites others to the table not because they are important or attractive; but simply because.

Special Events: Due to divine intervention beyond reason, Pastor Mark and Pastor Kathy share the same birthday, and it is today!

Color: Green

Sunday, September 1st 2019**The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

Scripture: Mark 4: 30-32

Sermon Title: "Small Work, Big God"

Theme: Simple works of kindness and love are often multiplied by a big God.

Special Events: Holy Communion will be served (int.), Labor Day will be celebrated.

Color: Green

Sunday, September 8th 2019

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Scripture: Matthew 25: 1-23

Sermon Title: "Enough Oil"

Theme: The Christian life is often about journeying with enough oil. We who follow Jesus must be prepared to play the entire season, not just the game we are in today.

Special Events: None scheduled at this time.

Color: Green

Sunday, September 15th 2019**The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders**

Scripture: Matthew 7: 25-29

Sermon Title: "Stormproof Your House"

Theme: When we build our lives on a rock solid foundation, no storm (including death) will ever be able to topple us.

Special Events: None scheduled at this time.

Color: Green

Sunday, September 22nd 2019**The Parable of the Friend at Midnight**

Scripture: Luke 11: 5-13

Sermon Title: "Pray What Is Not On The Menu"

Theme: We pray to a god who can do more than we can ask or imagine. The parable of the friend at midnight teaches us to pray with shameless audacity.

Special Events: Natalie M. will be music director.

Color: Green

Sunday, September 29th 2019**The Parable of the Lost Sheep**

Scripture: Luke 15: 1-7

Sermon Title: "Just One"

Theme: God's love is highly inefficient in that it often focuses on those who are lonely, hurting, distant, and apart from everyone else.

Special Events: Natalie M. will be music director.

Color: Green

