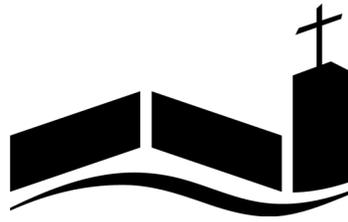


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So All May Know Joy

October 20, 2019



Today's Sermon:

What Do You Want on Your Tombstone? By Curtis Rieck

The city of Caesarea's great ancient ruins on the shore of the Mediterranean display how truly powerful Herod was, but are also a testament to what is really lasting. To what really matters. What do people today pursue in order to seem successful? What kinds of monuments do we build? And for you, what kind of legacy do you want to leave? What do you want people to remember you for?

We're glad you're here!

Questions? Ask anyone with a red nametag for information about our church.

Welcome Flyers for new worshipers are found on the entryway wall.

Please fill out the "Thanks for Being Here" card in the pew rack. Time will be given to write any prayer requests and/or comments on your worship experience on the back of the card, then place it in the offering plate.

A staffed nursery is available in the education wing for children 5 & under.

Children's activity bags for worship are available on the rack in the entryway. There are also "scribble sheets" for kids on the wall!

Copies of the sermon manuscript are available before the service from any usher, and can also be found posted on our church website.

Words will be projected for all songs. Some songs are also found in the red hymnal, black hymnal or gray songbook found in your pew and page numbers are listed accordingly in your bulletin.

Coffee is served between the worship services each week in the Fellowship Hall from 9:20-10:20.

Devotional resources are available on the wall rack in the entryway.

Hearing assist devices are available, please ask

8:15 am • Joyful Praise Worship

10:30 am • Celebration Worship

Coffee Fellowship & Education • 9:20-10:20 am



Joyful Praise Worship • 8:15 am



Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation & Sharing Christ's Joy

Song

Days of Elijah

Call to Worship

Song

You Alone Can Rescue
words projected

New Testament Reading

The Death of Herod
Acts 12:19-24 NIV

Song

Heart of Worship
words projected

The Early Word

Message

What Would You Like on Your Tombstone?
by Curtis R. Rieck

Time of Reflection

Spend this time in meditation or to write a comment or prayer on your response card

Invitation to Offering

Music during Offering

Only Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

The 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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Sending Forth

When It's All Been Said and Done

Blessing

Music for Departure



Celebration Worship • 10:30 am



Gathering Music

Craige Farwick

Welcome & Announcements

Laurie Schroeder

Prelude

Invocation & Sharing Christ's Joy

Call to Worship

Hymn

In Unity We Lift Our Song
#2221 black hymnal

New Testament Reading

The Death of Herod
Acts 12:19-24 NIV

The Early Word

Song

O Spirit of the Living God
#539 red hymnal

Message

What Do You Want on Your Tombstone?

Time of Reflection

Spend this time in meditation or to write a comment or prayer on your response card

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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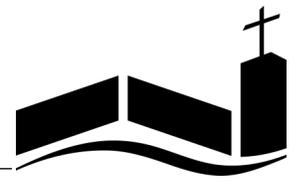
Hymn of Sending Forth

Go, Make of All Disciples
#571 red hymnal

Blessing

Postlude

Inspiration
Marienne Kreitlow



Happening Today

Curtis Rieck Preaching

Pastor Bill is on vacation this week, but back on Tuesday. Today we'll be blessed by a message from youth director Curtis Rieck.

Defying Gravity Materials Available

Our Defying Gravity worship series begins next Sunday, but today you can pick up support materials to experience it more deeply:

- **Family Card Packs** which offer meaningful activities and ideas on the topic of being weighed down by "things." The card sets are available in the entryway for a \$2 donation.

- A **four-week Defying Gravity book study** begins next Sunday between services in the conference room with Rita Varner-Otness. Sign up today on the bulletin and take one of the books which are \$14. (October 27–November 17 from 9:20–10:20 am)

Giving Statements Available

Your quarterly giving statements are available in the entryway. Please pick yours up and save us a stamp!

Coming Up

"Defying Gravity" Series Begins Next Sunday, October 27

Our upcoming worship series is a thought-provoking, encouraging, and at times humorous look at what it means to live a more free and generous life, securing our lives to Jesus and letting go of the burdens that weigh us down. When we learn how to generously share what we have, it frees us from being held down by those very things we cling to so tightly and offers us a way to sustain a vibrant life.

Opportunities to Serve Are Ongoing

We thank all who completed the yellow "Commitment to Serve" forms this fall, and encourage you to do so if you haven't already. Also, some of you may soon receive invitations to serve on one of our church ministry teams, and we hope that you will prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to serve in this way! If serving on a team isn't for you, there are plenty of other ways to serve in the months ahead, so find your place as you're able!

Defying Gravity Book Available

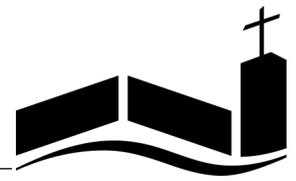
The "Defying Gravity" book study meets from October 27 – November 17 from 9:20–10:20 in the conference room with Rita Varner Otness. Books are now available for \$14. If you can't attend that study but would like to form a group of your own or just wish to read the book, please see Rita Varner-Otness or Laurie.

Meal Making Day October 25

On **Friday, October 25 from 9:30–11:30 am** we will be making new meals to re-stock our freezer!! Join us for some great fellowship time as part of the meals ministry if you can, or consider donating some items toward the meals. A donation list and sign-up sheet are on the bulletin board. And remember, these meals are available for you to pass on to anyone who could use a quick meal as support. What a blessing!

Discipleship Opportunities

Our Adult Discipleship Team has done a fantastic job of putting together opportunities for all of us to grow in our faith! They have posted a list of upcoming classes, books and sessions on the bulletin board and will continue to update this over the next year. Copies are available to take home as well. A couple of upcoming things include a **Book Fair on Sunday, November 17** with Advent resources, and a **Women's Retreat** scheduled for **April 24–26, 2020** at Camp Koinonia.



Help with Ornament Making November 16

On **Saturday, November 16 from 9:30 – 11:30**, all are invited to come and make ornaments for our Christmas tree in the lobby and the Sunday School tree, as well as ornaments to share as a gift to our Christmas Day Dinner guests!! What a wonderful way to start the season of giving!! A planning meeting for anyone interested in helping with the ornament making will take place on **Sunday, October 27 between services**. We need helpers for story hour, refreshments and general help gathering supplies and setting up. We will meet in Classroom 105A. Join us!

Blankets for Beds

Thank you to everyone who continues to bring in blankets and bedding to donate to the Food Shelf.



The need is NEVER ending. Any and ALL new OR gently used blankets/linens are accepted---please put them in the new "Blanket Basket" outside of the church office or call Dianne McLain (763-682-2260) if you need them to be picked up.

Clothing Drive for The Blessing Closet

You are welcome to join our SS families in their "gently used" clothing drive to help fill the Blessing Closet at Zion Lutheran Church during the month of October!! With the change of season upon us, many of us are going through closets finding what fits and what doesn't fit, so it's a good time to donate clothing. Bring in clothes **by October 27** and drop in the designated bin in the entryway.

Membership Class November 9

Come learn more about Buffalo UMC and Methodism in general on **Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am**. All are welcome whether contemplating membership or not. It's a great chance to get to know some other people, and get information. Those who choose to join following the class will be received as members on **Sunday, November 24** during worship. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call church to let us know you're coming.

Minnesota UM Hopeful EarthKeepers

Do you want to be part of a movement to heal a broken world? If so, consider attending one of the dynamic and experiential trainings coming up this fall! Minnesota Hopeful EarthKeepers are excited to partner with Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light (MNIPL) to offer training on how to invite people in their community to share their gifts and skills to build a more just and sustainable world. The remaining training opportunity offered this Fall is:



Hennepin Ave UMC in Minneapolis

Saturday, November 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, November 10, 2-7 p.m.

\$75 registration fee. Scholarships are available.

Chaperone The Event

We are still in need of one male chaperone willing to drive and spend the weekend in St Cloud with our confirmation students November 1-3. Please contact Michelle in the office to help out.

Visit Our Little Library!

Our Little Free Library down by the playground continues to be well used. Remember, you can place books for children or adults in it at any time, and perhaps take a book home to read! There's no need to actually "check out" a book...take a book or two, add a book or two when you can- it's that simple!



Confirmation Corner

Wednesday, October 23 is a Focus Night. Remember to invite a friend to join you as Kendall shares about music and faith.

Next Sunday October 27

Defying Gravity : Discovering Gravity

In addition to the gravity that keeps us all firmly planted on the spinning globe we call the earth, we are also subject to financial gravity, an invisible force that keeps us weighed down and unable to move in the spiritual world. Jesus understood financial gravity and challenged us to trade the kingdom of self for the Kingdom of God.

Prayer Matters

- Sandy Sanderson was hospitalized at Mercy last week with fluid build-up in his body and complications. Riti & Sandy appreciate your prayers!
- Continued prayers for Nancy Menting's granddaughter, Heather, and the healing of her broken back.
- Pray for Dawn Lund, family friend of the Wermagers who had a blood infection which resulted in a stroke, requiring surgery to repair heart damage.
- Pray for all who feel overwhelmed by life circumstances.

Serving Today

Musicians: Joyful Praise Team (8:15); Craig Farwick, Marienne Kreitlow (10:30)
Tech: Jana Knutson, Joe Schroeder
Scripture Reader: Dave Gaeth
Ushers: Barb Odenthal & Sandy Weldele (8:15)
Linda Bostic & Jeremy Carlson (10:30)
Coffee Servers: The O'Flanagan Family
Nursery: Angie Masteller

This Week in Ministry

Tuesday, October 22

7:00 pm Staff Parish Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 23

6:00 pm Confirmation—Focus Night

6:00 pm Senior High Youth

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 pm Joyful Praise Rehearsal

Thursday, October 24

6:30 pm Adult Bible Study at Paulette's

7:00 pm Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

Friday, October 25

9:30 am Frozen Meal Making

10:00 am Newsletter Assembly

Sunday, October 27

8:15 am Joyful Praise Worship Service

9:20 am Defying Gravity Book Study

10:25 am Jesus Rocks Rehearsal

10:30 am Traditional Worship Service



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