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“Tell Me Something Good:

Grounding ourselves in the Good News this Lent”

Third Sunday of Lent: “The Good News Is...together, the impossible is possible”

March 8, 2026

GATHERING

INTRODUCTION TO THE LENTEN SERIES *The theme of our 2026 Lent series is, “Tell Me Something Good: Grounding ourselves in the Good News this Lent.” Throughout this season, we will return to what was central to Jesus’ life and ministry: radical welcome, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, feeding the hungry, and nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus’ teachings, we find liberation, mercy, love, and grace – Good News meant for all. This series invites us to reconnect with the roots of our faith and consider how we might live as “good news” people in a world that often feels weighed down by bad news. This Lent, may we be grounded more deeply in God’s goodness and be inspired to live out Jesus’ teachings with courage and compassion.*

PRELUDE

Christie Semmler

BELLS

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LENTEN THEME SONG *“Improbable”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY screen

HYMN *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LBW #543 (vs. 1,2,4)**

WORD

FIRST READING *Psalm 146*

GOSPEL READING *Mark 6:32-44*

HYMN *“Thy Holy Wings” WOV #741 (vs. 1)*

CHILDREN’S TIME

HYMN *“Thy Holy Wings” WOV #741 (vs. 2- 3)*

SERMON Pr. Maribeth McGoven

REFLECTION SONG VIDEO *“The Good News”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR THE SEASON OF LENT screen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

MEAL

OFFERING Youth Emergency Shelter and Services

GREAT THANKSGIVING screen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER screen

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS *“O Living Bread from Heaven” LBW #197**

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” LBW #107**

“Come As You Are” (recorded) Crowder

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER screen

SENDING

BLESSING FOR LENT screen

BELLS

CLOSING HYMN *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LBW #104 (vs. 1,4)**

DISMISSAL

P: Go, live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Christie Semmler

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13
Tue	Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
Wed	Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39
Thu	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32
Fri	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9
Sat	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9
Sun	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Sherry Grantham	Greyson & Melinda Goehring
Ushers	Kirk & Melissa Stover	Kirk & Melissa Stover
Reader	Carol Jones	Danny Lecy
Communion	Denice Johnson & Addy Weckwerth	Cindy Lecy & Brady Weckwerth

Prayer Concerns: The people of Venezuela, The people of Ukraine, The people of Israel and Palestine, The YESS Program; The family & friends of Sara Tibbets, The family of Dawn Miller; Marlys Stainbrook, Carl & Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jerry Leverson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Jimmie & Joyce Lecy (Harry Lecy's brother & sister-in-law), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Sebrina Hegg (Tina Ericson's sister), Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Riki and her family, Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Nicky (friend of Peg Davies), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), David VanEye, Sarah & Sonny, Mellisa Tibbets, Jeff Massie, Harry Lecy, Johanna, Jana Dunham, Nellie, Bill T. (Shannah's cousin), Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Romello Lee Kelly (Gail Buck's great grandson), Sue Fiene (Linda Anderson's sister) Jane Andress (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Daryl Hendrickson (friend of Peg Davies), Charlie Keith (great grandson of Jim & Linda Kolar), Richard VandenEykel (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Coralyn Lempola (friend of Peg Davies)

Opportunities This Week

Today	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
	Church Council meeting	11:30 AM
Sun	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ ***A table in the Fellowship Hall has books for adults and kids. Feel free to borrow them.***

Youth Emergency Shelter and Services

At YESS, we are dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment for youth experiencing homelessness or in crisis who need shelter. Our team is committed to helping young people in northern Minnesota communities get back on their feet by offering emergency shelter, counseling, and other necessary support. We believe every young person deserves a chance to thrive and are here to help ensure that happens.

With the help of donations, we provide emergency residential care, temporary housing, counseling, and preventative services to help kids transition into a more stable living situation. We are a 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization established in 2023 to assist children and families in northern Minnesota.

We will be collecting the following items during the month:

- Crafting items, including beads and string, paint.**
- Pop (cans), Root Beer or Orange**
- Hygiene items, shampoo/conditioner, lotions, chapstick
(Full size hygiene items)**
- Walmart Gift Cards \$10-\$20.**

If you wish to donate monetarily, please make your check to FLC with YESS on the memo line.