

STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2024
COLOR: PURPLE

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine"
"Consecration Medley"

Deanna Larson, organist
A. Fedak
arr. D. Johnson

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand and join in singing...

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

UMH # 172

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art Thou
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

-Verse 2-

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

-Verse 3-

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

Please join in the Call to Worship and read responsively...

Erica Boeset

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

P: **O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

L: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

P: **Make me know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

P: **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from old.**

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

P: **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way.**

L: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

P: **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Please join in the ...

Erica Boeset

***OPENING PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we have come before your throne of grace asking You to make us aware of your presence in this place and in our hearts. We would like to thank you for the fellowship that we have with You and with one another. We are here to worship You, O God. Reveal yourself to us in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH # 70

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen Amen

Please join in the ...

Erica Boeset

***PRAYER CONFESSION**

Merciful God, create in me a clean heart. Please restore our inner beings. We have failed to always be in love with You. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated and hear these...

Erica Boeset

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

L: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are also forgiven!**

ALL: Glory to God! Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"Great Is the Lord"

w/PRAISE BAND

Great is the Lord He is holy & just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord He is faithful & true
By His mercy He proves He is love

-Verse 1-

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord Great is the Lord
(continued...)

-Chorus-

Great is the Lord He is holy & just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord He is faithful & true
By His mercy He proves He is love

-Verse 2-

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord now lift up my voice
I lift up my voice
Great are you Lord Great are you Lord

-Chorus-

Great is the Lord He is holy & just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord He is faithful & true
By His mercy He proves He is love

-Verse 3-

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord Great is the Lord

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, AND BY THE PEOPLE

*Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: **Hear our prayer.***

Together, let us pray:

L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**

L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**

L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**

L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Cheryl Baughman

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAISE BAND

Joan Rude, director

"You Have Saved Us"

Paul Baloche

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION "Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH #601

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nellie McKenna

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

Mark 1 :9 - 15

Nellie McKenna

SERMON

"How is your wilderness?"

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION

((This is a moment for us to commune with God. Feel free to pray right where you are or you can come to the altar as we sing "I surrender All (vss 1-3)" (UMH # 354).

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

-Chorus-

I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

-Verse 2-

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

-Chorus-

I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all
(continued...)

-Verse 3-
All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

-Chorus-
I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Colton Lindgren

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.

THE INVITATION TO GIVING

As forgiven and reconciled people, Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERING

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

J. Linker

Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC
Offering plates will be passed.

Please sign the attendance books at the end of each pew, and pass down the row.

*Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Please stand and join in singing...

***DOXOLOGY**

No 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***OFFERING PRAYER (Based on Mark 1:9 - 15)**

Erica Boeset

Loving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, understanding that on the journey in Lent, we can't avoid or detour around the wilderness. It is essential that we hear Jesus call us to repentance! Bless our gifts for your unfinished kingdom work. Remind us, as we worship here, that this redemption of our lives did not come without a price; without our own repentance, we can miss the enormity of the gift Jesus gave. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Shalom to You"**

UMH # 666

Shalom to you now
Shalom my friends
May God's full mercies
bless you my friends
In all your living
And through your loving
Christ be your shalom
Christ be your shalom

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING PRAYER SONG**

A CLOSING PRAYER

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways,
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,
His Son, Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen

POSTLUDE

"Moderato"

Deanna Larson, organist
P. Rasmussen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 18th

1st SUNDY IN LENT

8:30 am-Confirmation
9:00 am-Kids Sunday School
10:00 am-Worship w/Praise Band
RETURN CARING HEART BAGS

Monday, February 19th

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class
4:00 pm-Food Distribution
7:00 pm-Trustees meeting

Tuesday, February 20th

9:30 am-Staff meeting
3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders

Wednesday, February 21st

3:30 pm-Zone 4-6
5:00 pm-Handbell practice
6:00pm-LENTEN SERVICE
6:00 pm-Youth 7th -8th
7:00 pm-Youth Meal
7:30 pm-Youth 9th-12th @ FCA

Thursday, February 22nd

1:00 pm-Circuit meeting here
4:30 pm-Missions meeting

Sunday, February 25th

2nd SUNDY IN LENT

8:30 am-Confirmation
9:00 am-Kids Sunday School
10:00 am-Worship w/Camp Counselors
Children's Message
11:00 am until 1:00 pm
Jenny Allen Benefit dinner

Birthdays this week in February

Jackson Bauer	18th
Sharon Butterfield	18th
Mike Cameron	18th
Karen Kuehl	19th
Barb Soellner	19th
Jaclyn De Groot	20th
Whitney O'Bannon	21st
Sally Robbins	22nd
Mary Ann Zweibahmer	24th



Prayer Requests

Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Margaret Weber
Melva Bainbridge	Sherise Ellis
Coleen Baughman	Wayne Stark
Lance Bellinghausen	Kathy Wadsley
Donna Blom	Tyler Crandell
Virginia Carlson	Those battling depression.
Drew Havens	Aaron Johnson
John Nichols	Corey Petersen
Kim Piercy	Lori Hermsted
Deb Richardson	Barb Hadenfeldt
Karen Salmen	Judy (Polly's cousin)
Bev Schmidt	
David Walker	

Fundraiser for

Jenny Brouwer Allen

February 25

11:00am-1:30pm

At Storm Lake

United Methodist Church

Family Life Ctr.

211 E. 3rd St.



MENU: Spaghetti w/meat or veggie sauce, bread sticks, salad, and dessert. Gluten free spaghetti will also be available.

The youth of our church are hosting a fundraiser for one of their counselors, Jenny Brouwer Allen. Jenny is battling cancer and is currently going through stem cell treatment.

Please join us in helping Jenny with her medical bills. May we also surround Jenny with God's healing presence as we continue to pray for her and the doctors who will be treating her.

MISSION & MINISTRY PLAN 2023:

To know Jesus Christ and make him known.