

Announcements

- **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**
- **Covid-19 Update – no covid update other than to say, “Be Safe”**
- **Next Communion June 28 – 30. We'll send out a link on Monday for the Sign Up Genius**
- **We need some additional teachers for our Sunday School. Please consider this important part of our ministry!**
- **VBS was derailed this summer, but we hope to get Rocky Railway VBS chuggin' down the tracks June 7-11. 2021**
- **Saver's Fund Raiser (see attachment in your email) Sandie Rust project.**
- **Mary Stake's Nephew's father passed away.**

Now I've got a quiz: How many Covid=19 Violations to you see in the following images:

- **Brian Doel was ordained at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Minot ND on June 14.**

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences

*Psalm 91:1-4, antiphon v 1*

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C: will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

P: I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress,

C: My God in whom I trust.

P: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler,

C: and from the deadly pestilence.

**P: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge,  
C: His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it as in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
C: will abide in the shadow of the Almighty**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P: We come before the Lord this day to be strengthened in faith and to be  
witnesses of righteousness and truth before a hostile world. As we bow in  
humble silence, let us first confess our own sinfulness, that we receive  
mercy, grace, and forgiveness from God. (Moment of Silence)**

**P: Most merciful God,  
C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against  
You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we  
have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have  
not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and  
eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on  
us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will  
and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P: St Paul writes, "The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal  
life in Christ Jesus our Lord." This gift is offered to all who cast their sins  
upon the Savior. Open your hearts so that you may receive His forgiveness  
in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now let  
us live as His forgiven and restored people.**

**C: Amen**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **SONG OF PRAISE**

**"The God Who Stays" Matthew West**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P: Let us pray.**

**O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Jeremiah 20:7–13 (Jeremiah Persecuted)**

**O LORD, you have deceived me,  
and I was deceived;  
you are stronger than I,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.  
For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
For I hear many whispering.  
Terror is on every side!  
"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.  
"Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him**

and take our revenge on him.”

But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.  
Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

Romans 6:12–23 (*Slaves to righteousness*)

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

**But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations.**

**For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.**

**For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**L: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **VERSE**

**Matthew 10:32**

**L: Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges Me before men,**

**C: I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 10:5a, 21–33 (*Do not be afraid*)**

**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.**

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them...**

**“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.**

**“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.**

**“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And 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. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.**

**P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN No. 850     “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

**SERMON     “Freed from Sin. Now what?” *Romans 6:12-23*  
Seminarian PJ Aarsvold**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH             THE APOSTLES' CREED     *stand***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

**P: The motivation for offering is thankfulness. We have so much to be thankful for! One of the things we are thankful for today is our Dads! Being a Dad isn't an easy undertaking, and they often make mistakes along the journey of life. Just remember, Dads, like all of us, need grace too. Here's an idea to put a smile on his face today: Just say, "Dad, I love you!" and if you're able, show him the following video clip.**

## **PRAYER OF CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER                    *(Matthew 6:9-13)***

**All: 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 and ever. Amen.

**BLESSING OF THE LORD**     *Numbers 6:24–26*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord smile upon you and ✕ give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

**SENDING**

**P:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**CLOSING SONG**     “God of All My Days”     Casting Crowns