



43rd Annual Fall Event Worship Bulletin

September 24, 2023

*Centered in the peaceful North Dakota Badlands,
we welcome all generations to be renewed in Christ.*

Join us at one of our upcoming events...

Go to www.badlandsministries.org to register today!

Harvest Festival - October 8th

We love fall at camp, and you should too! Bring the whole family out to carve pumpkins, play carnival games, enjoy a hay ride, and so much more! Join us in the Dining Hall from 1PM-3PM. This event is free and open to the public.

Mother/Daughter Tea Party! November 4th

This event is for all of the Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, and all mother figures!

Join us for an afternoon of faith and fun! We will spend the afternoon doing crafts, playing some games and enjoying a tea party! Dress in your best tea attire!

This event is geared towards daughters between ages 5 & 12

Time: 1pm—3pm

Location: Backyard Play Café—NEW LOCATION in the Prairie Hills Mall

Fall Crafting Retreat—November 17th - 19th

Enjoy a weekend in the badlands while finishing those holiday craft. Delicious food, massages, relaxation, and time to grow closer together. Check out our website for registration details and cost.

Camp Christmas - December 9th

Join us in celebrating the true reason of the season... the birth of Jesus Christ. This year, we plan to be back in our dining hall, Bethlehem, with Christmas musical performances by local groups and individuals followed by a Christmas hymn sing. As always, this family fun event is free of charge.

Welcome to worship! For wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. - Matthew 18:20

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements - Brent Seaks, Executive Director

Invocation & Opening Prayer

Song of Praise - "This Is My Father's World"

*This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world; The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev'rywhere.*

*This is my Father's world; Oh, let me ne'er forget
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!*

Confession and Absolution

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading - (Printed on the insert. Please be seated)

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song - "Sanctuary"

*Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.*

*Give me ears Lord to hear your voice for words of wisdom,
encouragement too. Take my Spirit, and Lord please fill it with patience to wait on
You (Repeat 1st Verse)*

Gospel Reading:

L: The gospel according to John 15: 1-12 **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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Sermon - Brent Seaks, Executive Director

Song of the Day - "Amazing Grace"

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.... I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.*

*T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear. And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear, the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come.
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far...and Grace will lead us home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.*

*When we've been here ten thousand years bright shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing God's
praise then when we've first begun.*

Offering / Special Music (Carolyn's Erickson Music)

Apostles' Creed (please stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He 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

Prayers of the People

L: Lord in Your Mercy,...

C: ...hear our 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 and ever. Amen

Sharing of the Peace:

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you all. **C:** **And also with you.**

Song - "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.*

Refrain:

*Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)*

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God. And we will!

Many Thanks Today To...

- God for another successful year of ministry
 - All those who pray for and support this ministry
 - Jolene Obrigewitsch for playing the piano, our camp summer staff for helping with our worship service today, and our year-round staff for all their work in preparing for and hosting this event at camp
 - Fall Event Chair Belinda Urlacher, the men of First Lutheran in Beach who cook our delicious BBQ chicken, our Summer Cook Beth Nistler for making buns and bars, the folks from Medora Lutheran who helped serve our lunch, Kristy Olstad, Anna Moe, and Lebanon Lutheran Lefse Ladies for providing lefse, and all of our volunteers who plan and work so hard to make the Fall Event successful.
 - Our auctioneers and staff from Pifer Auction & Realty including Andy Mrnak, Jim Sabe, and Ali Pierce as well as Gordy Krance from Krance Auction Service.
 - All the individuals and businesses who contributed to our silent or live auctions
 - All those who purchase items or donate today to support our ministry
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 104:1-24

God the Creator and Provider

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honour and majesty,
² wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
³ you set the beams of your^[a] chambers on the waters,
you make the clouds your^[b] chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
⁴ you make the winds your^[c] messengers,
fire and flame your^[d] ministers.

⁵You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.
⁶You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
⁷At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
⁸They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
to the place that you appointed for them.
⁹You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.
¹²By the streams^[e] the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.

John 15:1-12

Jesus the True Vine

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes^[a] to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed^[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become^[c] my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,^[f]
to bring forth food from the earth,
¹⁵ and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.
¹⁶ The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
¹⁹ You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
²¹ The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.
²³ People go out to their work
and to their labour until the evening.

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.