



# The Parable of The Unfruitful Fig Tree

Luke 13:6-9

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Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Aurora, MN

Third Sunday in Lent  
*March 20, 2022*  
Pastor Greg Anderson

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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HYMN "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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HYMN OF PRAISE Lord God, heavenly king..."

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. One God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 63:1-8 (please read responsively)

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

**when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

**My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: *Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**C: *Return to the Lord...***

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GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

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**C: *Glory to you O lord.***

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

SERMON

HYMN "As the Sun with Longer Journey" WOV # 655

APOSTLES' CREED

**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 INTERCESSION

P: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

**C: Amen**

THE SACREMENT

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**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.**

THE MEAL (the congregation may come forward)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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SENDING HYMN "There in God's Garden" vs. 1-4 WOV # 668

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POSTLUDE

John Nelson, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Marie Anderson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Tom & Judy Lehtinen

**Thank you to those who helped with today's service ~**

**Pastor Greg Anderson**

**Reader ~ Pam Peterson**

**Ushers ~ John & Kathy Baxter**

**Acolyte ~ Miikah Honkola**

**Organist/Piano ~ Diane Boback**

### Contributions

2022 Total budget \$ 84,000

Contributions needed weekly per 2022 budget \$ 1,600.00

Given Sunday March 13, 2022 \$ 1,050.00

### ~Calendar~

Tuesday	8:30	Bandage Rolling	
	2:00	Interchurch Mtg. @ Lady of Hope Catholic	Church
Wednesday	****	Bulletin Announcement Deadline	
	9:30	Quilting	
	5:30	Lent Service	
Thursday	****	March Newsletter Deadline	
Next Sunday	10:30	Worship & Sunday School	
	11:30	Coffee an'	

### Next Sunday, March 20th

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Jill Dickinson

Ushers ~ Honkola Family

Acolyte ~ Ethan Douglas

Organist ~ Diane Boback

## ~Announcements~

**Continuing prayers of strength and healing for John Nelson** as he receives 28 days of Radiation treatments, not including Saturday and Sundays. The treatments began on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School** will be having a chili feed and hot dogs for Coffee an'. All proceeds go to the food shelf. Jill Dickinson.

**Snow Shoveling List** 3/19 – 3/25 Tim Salo, 3/26 to 4/1 Dan Knapper

### *March is Food Shelf Month*



★ *Families in our community need your support. With your generous support, you can change the lives of our neighbors for the better.*

★ Food security allows children to grow up healthy and to learn in school. It allows adults to focus on employment, education or other important areas to stabilize themselves and their families. And, it allows seniors to lead healthier, more independent lives.

*Check out your bulletin insert and the display in the narthex.*

**TOGETHER, WE CAN FEED OUR NORTHLAND NEIGHBORS**