

The Parable of The Unfruitful Fig Tree

Luke 13:6-9

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Lent 3

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WORSHIP PLAN LBW SETTING II

LBW (*Green*) Lutheran Book of Worship

WOV (*Blue*) With One Voice

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,
anoint us,
and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,
and receive God's promise of mercy.

Merciful God,

**We have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.**

We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.

**We forget that you have saved your people before
and promise to do so again.**

**Do not remember the deeds of our past,
but turn our faces toward the future,
where your forgiveness is sure,
your welcome is clear,
and your love overflows.**

Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks,
God embraces you in tender care.
Like manna in the desert,
God feeds you with surprising mercy.

Like a loving parent,
God runs to meet you again this day,
forgiving your sins for the sake of Christ,
leading you from death into life.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN (*ELW Hymn #335*) *See Page 13*

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

GREETING (LBW p. 78)

KYRIE (LBW p. 78)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

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.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

¹Ho, 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.

²Why 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.

³Incline 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.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, 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.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let 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.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and
dry land where there is no water.
²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
³For your lovingkindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**
⁵My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
⁶**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
⁸**My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth
of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink.*

Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These 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. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

JESUS LOVES ME (*1st verse only*)

"LET THE CHILDREN COME"



LENTEN VERSE (*LBW p. 83*) "*Return to the Lord*"

(Sung) **Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

⁴Or 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? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then 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. ⁷So 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?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *“Finger Pointing”*

HYMN OF THE DAY (LBW Hymn #448)

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

APOSTLES’ CREED (LBW p. 85)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord in your mercy

C “Hear our prayer”

SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN (LBW p. 96) *“Create In Me A Clean Heart”*

(Sung) Create in me a clean heart,

O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (LBW p. 89)

(Sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 97)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS WHO CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS LORD
AND HIS REAL PRESENCE IN THE BREAD AND WINE
ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(LBW Hymn #92) "Lamb of God"

(LBW Hymn #518) "Beautiful Savior"

(LBW Hymn #409) "Praise And Thanksgiving"

(LBW Hymn #439) "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Respond with **Amen)**

BLESSING (Respond with **Amen)**

SENDING HYMN (Hymn LBW #261) "On What Now Has Been Sown"

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

C Yes we will. Thanks be to God.

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MEMBERS:

Elaine Kringen David Singaas
Paul Romsdahl Deb Qualseth
Agnes Berge

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS:

Family of Navis Dybedahl-Friend of the community
Family of Adele Oien-Friend of the community
Carrie Flaskey—Friend of the community
Kelly Munce-Co-worker and friend of Deb Qualseth
Ron Seim-Friend of Melva Lee Hilmoe
Julia Hofert (City Clerk) - Friend of the community
Carol Gaut- Friend of Melva Lee Hilmoe
Nate Outen—Friend of Melva Lee Hilmoe
Cindy VanConant—Daughter of Lorna Sunde
Troy Hinz—Nephew of Curt Qualseth and David Qualseth
Jordan Alderman—Nephew of Deb Qualseth
Florence McMahon—Mother of Ann Romsdahl
Joni Lambert—Friend of Brett & Corynne Teveldal
Jill Budahl—Friend of Kari Radack
Jen Kamarainen— Relative of the Wendlands

Easter and Lenten Offerings for Baltic & East Nidaros

Baltic Easter & Lenten offering will be split.
1/2 to serving the Banquet in October and
1/2 towards VBS in August.



East Nidaros

Lenten offering will go to McCrossan Boys Ranch.
Easter offering will be given to the Baltic Food Pantry .

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Soup Supper to benefit the 2019 Vacation Bible School! We had a great group of workers and a wonderful turnout! This was a Thrivent Action Team Project and we raised over \$950!

East Nidaros has SCRIP cards available for *Hy-Vee, County Fair and WalMart*. These are non-reloadable gift cards that provide up to **5% back to East Nidaros**. Your purchase of the gift cards is not tax-deductible, but does have a direct benefit for the church.
Contact: Kathy Hegge 366-4116

Alvina Harvey is collecting cancelled stamps. It would be appreciated if you could please collect them for her. Thank you.

**Bus trip to Minneapolis
June 25-26, 2019 for
WELCA members.**

Cost \$225.00
\$50.00 due at registration.
Contact Jan Anderson
@ 605-529-5387
for more information
or ask Darla.

**East Nidaros Fellowship
Coffee and Treats**

Mar 24 & 31:
Jim & Colleen Nielsen
Justin & Jodee
Westerbur
Dan & Cindi Schmidt



Congrats to the winners of the Heart Screen Drawing!!!

In February, the Health Board had a box out to sign up for a free Health Screening. One at Avera and one at Sanford. The winners were drawn in March during the Foot Care Clinic. Sherry Hanson & Norman Nielsen are the lucky winners! Contact Marjell to collect your screening certificate.



Tuesday Bible Study

2:00 at East Nidaros. All are welcome!
We will be studying the book of Genesis

If you wish to do the bible study at home or miss a week, you can find the lessons and answer key on our website at

<https://balticandeastnidaroslutheran.360unite.com/biblestudy>

(or under the Education tab on our web-site)

Feel free to call PQ with any questions you have.

Baltic Thrivent members you have until March 31, 2019 to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars where you would like them to go.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS: MELVA LEE HILMOE

March 30th, 1pm-3pm

Active Generations (2300 W 46th St, Sioux Falls)

Join us to celebrate Melva Lee

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars[®] by March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars[®] have until **March 31, 2019**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to East Nidaros Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

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Please prayerfully consider signing up to serve in the following areas needed for Baltic.

<u>USHERING</u>	<u>ALTAR COMMITTEE</u>
April	2 Sundays in May
July	June
Sept	July
Dec	Sept
	Dec

You do not need to sign up for the whole month. If you would like to learn these duties let the office or a council member know and we will find someone to train you.

Ushers, if you are not comfortable counting money, let a council member know and they will gladly do it for you.



Baltic March Noisy Can will go to

Royal Family KIDS Camp. Camps are

week-long overnight summer camps for children ages 6-12 who have been or currently are in foster care. Our campers receive one-on-

one attention from safe, caring adults modeling a non-violent, positive way of life as an alternative to many of the negative, abusive situations which children of abuse and neglect have faced.

For one week, instead of operating in survival mode, they can just be kids. With crafts, woodworking, birthday parties, music, dress up and much more, these kids can feel “normal” and once again dream, believe and find new hope for their future. God’s love is modeled consistently throughout the week.

Families in both Baltic and East Nidaros have been campers and counselors at Royal Kids Camp.

In addition to the noisy can, Ann Aberson, the Hartman Family and Sam Beem are collecting a few items needed to make camp a success this year. A collection box will be at each church throughout the month of March. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DONATED GOODS NEEDED: (New/Used in Good Condition)

- Toothbrushes
- Travel Toothpaste
- Family Size Bottles of 3-in-1 Shampoo/ Conditioner/Body Wash
- Quality Detangling Hair Combs
- Detangler Spray
- Kleenex Boxes
- Chapstick (New)
- Bug spray and Sunscreen
- Board Games
- Swim Goggles
- Pool/Swim Toys
- Fishing Poles (New)
- Bandanas
- Cowboy Boots
- Dress Up Clothes for Tea Party and Formal Night
- Highlighters
- Stickers
- Stationary Card Sets
- Kids Activity Books (New)
- Gel Pens (New)
- Twin Sheet Sets
- Bicycles/Helmets
- Farm toys & Animals

[Sioux Empire.RoyalFamilyKIDS.org](http://SiouxEmpire.RoyalFamilyKIDS.org)

The Parable of the Fig Tree

" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:6-9 (NIV).



U S B F E R T I L I Z E T T A
Y Q N D O W N O W L U O V Z T
B A R N T P H T C E S L I I R
R U F L H A A O S A E U N M E
Z E R A R R S L Y V Q W E A X
J F U B E A J D H E A P Y K N
S B I X E B Y O F T P L A T U
P J T G T L V E S O I L R O L
A W R Q P E J J A H T R D J P
T L C G C U T F O R U P F K Z
X R O F I N D Q I F S M O G S
P Y E N E A I S V A E O F N Q
M O S E E M G Q B Z L R H S L
D A P L A N T E D N L X V J D
K Z N L U L G S B O L U C W M

YEARS	THREE	LOOK	LEAVE	FRUIT
DOWN	FIND	VINEYARD	MAN	TOLD
PLANTED	USE	SOIL	ALONE	FIG
FERTILIZE	DIG	PARABLE	TREE	CUT

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

(Opening Hymn ELW 335)

- 1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

- 2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*
- 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*
- 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. *Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

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2019 LENTEN SERIES “Chosen, Bearing the Promise”

DATE	PLACE	TIME	PASTOR	PROMISE BEARER	SCRIPTURE	THEME HYMN
March 13	East Nidaros	7:00	Tom	Abraham & Sarah	Genesis 12: 1-4	Mid Week Common Hymn “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” LBW 453
March 20	Baltic	7:00	PQ	Jacob	Genesis 28: 10-22	“The God of Abraham Praise” LBW 544
March 27	East Nidaros	7:00	Jim	Joseph	Genesis 45: 1-15	“Built on a Rock” LBW 365
April 3	Baltic	7:00	Jared	Rebekah	Genesis 25: 19-28	“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” LBW 294
April 10	East Nidaros	7:00	Tom	Apostle Paul	Galatians 3: 6-14	“The Church’s One Foundation” LBW 369
April 14 Palm Sunday	Baltic East Nidaros	9:00am 10:30 am	PQ			“Lamb of God” ELW 336
April 18 Maundy Thursday	Baltic	7:00	PQ			
April 19 Good Friday	East Nidaros	7:00	PQ			
April 21 Easter Sunday	East Nidaros Baltic	7:00am 9:00 am	PQ			

March Noisy Can

Baltic: Royal Family Kids Camp

East Nidaros: Baltic Community Garden



Called to Serve

Baltic:

Organist: Holly Edelbrock

Ushers: Brett Teveldal and Allen VanEck

Lector: Brett Teveldal

Altar: Karen Sinding and Sam Beem

Deacon: Myron Nohava

Fellowship: Group 3

East Nidaros:

Organist: Holly Edelbrock

Ushers: Tom & Becky Siemonsma

Lector: Blake Hookie

Altar Committee: Kathy Hegge



Our Response to God's Love

Baltic:

March 17th: Attendance: 72 Offering: \$1,728.00

Noisy Can: \$33.53 Potluck: \$202.00

Ash Wed: Attendance: 40

East Nidaros

Lent: General Fund: \$77.00

March 17th: Attendance: 60 General Fund: \$940.00

Noisy Can: \$34.39 Building Fund: \$20.00

Here's What's Happening Mar 24th - March 31st

SUNDAY, MARCH 24th LENT 3

Baltic	9:00 Worship	
	10:00 Sunday School & Fellowship	
East Nidaros	9:30 Sunday School	
	9:45 Fellowship	
	10:30 Worship	

Mon March 25 No Activities

Tue March 26 1:00 Bible Study at East Nidaros
2:30 PQ Worship at Dells Nursing & Rehab

Wed March 27 6:00 Lenten Meal at East
7:00 Lenten Worship at East

Thurs March 28 9:00 Bulletin & Newsletter Assembly

Fri Mar 29 No Activities

Sat March 30 No Activities

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST LENT 4

Baltic	9:00 Worship	
	10:00 Sunday School	
East Nidaros	9:30 Sunday School	
	9:45 Fellowship	
	10:30 Worship	

