

Family Information

Sermon Series Title

A Thankful Life

Sermon Passage

Luke 7:36-50

Thoughts to Consider This Week:

- 1) Do you struggle comparing your sins to the sins of others?
- 2) How big is the sinful debt that Jesus has forgiven for you?
- 3) Do your actions match the belief that Jesus has completely cleansed you?

November Challenge: Share with someone this week why you are thankful for the Lord.

Russia Ministry

As many of you know Northland has supported Vladislav Osinovskiy in Russia for many years. This was something our beloved brother Frank Chappell headed up for many years. Frank also put in place funds to continue this support after his passing. Although there are still some that regularly contribute to this mission, the funds to support Vlad have depleted. We have kept Vlad updated of our ability to support his work since 2017. November will be Northland's last month supporting Vlad. We will be sending the last support payment November 18th. If you would like to contribution to this ministry please mark your contribution envelope prior to November 18th.

If you would like to contact Vlad his e-mail has been added to the bulletin board in the back. If you would like to continue to support Vlad please see Jeffrey McVicker for instructions.

Leadership has had discussions on future missions to support. If you would like to be a part of this discussion please contact Caleb, Mike Paden or one of the elders.

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
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Sunday Spanish Worship	3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm

Minister: Caleb Dillinger

Elders: Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins

Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva

Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos

Calendar

November

24	Services At Willow Brook
27	Food Pantry Closed
28	Happy Thanksgiving

December

4	Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
8	Single Sisters Lunch
8	White Elephant Christmas Party
18	Food Pantry Closed
18	Northland Child Care Christmas Program, 7:00 pm
25	Food Pantry Closed
29	Area Wide Worship At Genessee
30	Church Bowling 11 am-1 pm

January 2020

1	Happy New Year
1	Food Pantry Closed

For The Month of November

Invitation/ Responses: Jim Robbins

Foyer Duty: John Lindsay

Greeters: Dan and Sandra Loy

Announcements: Glenn culler

Communion Servers

Perry Coate	Jack Evans
Josh Evans	Michael Evans
Mike Evans	William Nixon
Frank Rynearson	Paul Silva

Contribution

Last Week	Average YTD
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General:	\$4077	\$5037
Designated:	\$100	\$161



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Yesterday & Today & Forever

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. - Hebrews 13:8

Jesus is indeed the same yesterday and today and forever. He came full of truth and mercy and unfailing love, and they are the same yesterday and today and forever. The Son of God is the Word made flesh and blood, and his teachings are the same yesterday and today and forever.

This world constantly has its trends and its theories and its fads and its favorites come and go, yet God's truths stand forever, they strengthen our fearful hearts, and his grace overflows to those who walk by faith in Jesus - *Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace. - Hebrews 13:9*

Each day may bring new joys or new sorrows, new hopes or new fears, yet Jesus and his compassion for us remains the same yesterday and today and forever, as Julian of Norwich wrote as she lived through the constant dangers and crises of the 1300s, "God loved us before he made us; and his love has never diminished and never shall."

The message of Jesus and him crucified and him resurrected is the same yesterday and today and forever, for he poured out his lifeblood, he endured the agonies of the cross, and he rose from the tomb to bring us hope in things that will last forever, things we can be certain of, and to give us an enduring home with our Heavenly Father - *And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. - Hebrews 13:12-14*

God's vastness and his wisdom and his understanding are the same yesterday and today and forever, as astronomer Johannes Kepler said in the 1600s, "God is great. Great is his power, infinite his wisdom. Praise him, heaven and earth, sun, moon, and stars in your own language. My Lord and my Creator, I would like to proclaim the magnificence of your works to men to the extent that my limited intelligence can understand." Indeed, it is good to praise God all day long - *Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. - Hebrews 13:15*

And as Teresa of Avila endured the tumultuous times and endless controversies of the 1500s, she wrote, "Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away; God never changes. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices." God's faithfulness and his desire to be with us and the purposes of his heart are the same yesterday and today and forever.

- Mark Garner

Mercies Countless As The Sands

For mercies, countless as the sands
Which daily I receive
From Jesus, my Redeemer's hands,
My soul, what canst thou give?

Alas! from such a heart as mine,
What can I bring Him forth?
My best is stained and dyed with sin,
My all is nothing worth.

Yet this acknowledgement I'll make
For all He has bestowed;
Salvation's sacred cup I'll take,
And call upon my God.

The best return for one like me,
So wretched and so poor;
Is from His gifts to draw a plea,
And ask Him still for more.

I cannot serve him as I ought,
No works have I to boast;
Yet would I glory in the thought
That I shall owe Him most.

- John Newton (1725-1807)

His Most Precious Pearl

God has most mercifully remembered his great work and his most precious pearl - the human being - whom he fashioned from the soil of the earth and inspired with the breath of life. How did he do this? He drew us to life through penitence, which never fails in its effectiveness, because the cunning serpent deceived us through his proud persuasions; but God cast him down through the penitence which reveals humility, a humility which the devil did not know or practice, for he did not know how to raise himself up to the path of righteousness.

Therefore the salvation of love did not originate with us, for we neither knew nor were able to love God for our salvation; rather, it came from our Creator and Lord, who loved his people so much that he sent his Son for our salvation, as leader and savior of the faithful, who washed all our wounds. Thus also he shed that sweet balm from which all the good things of our salvation flow.

- Hildegard of Bingen,
12th century AD

From The Northland Archives

This article appeared in the Northland bulletin on October 18, 1998. It was written by Linda Chivington; she, her husband Kevin, and their children were at Northland during the 1990s and the early 2000s.

Love For God

Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go to prepare a place for you I will come again and take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. - John 14:1-3

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent his son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. - John 3:16-17

He created us. He loves us. He willingly gave up His son for us! That is certainly love beyond our frail human understanding. It's nearly impossible for us to imagine allowing someone to take our child and kill him, and not only that, but continuing to love the evil ones who murdered him. That is an amazing, supernatural love.

Jesus lets us know in the above scripture from John 14 that He's preparing a place for us in His Father's house. He promises to come back and take us to spend eternity with Him in paradise. What incredible love for us. When you consider that God made us exactly how we are and adores us anyway, how could we not love in return? It's ironic, too, that God wants us to love Him for our own good! When we try to please God, we're living a life that's better for us - "life to the full." We try to love, give and serve in our efforts to be godly, and in the end, everyone benefits. Our spirits are living and active; our lives are whole. Though our God himself claims to be a "jealous god," He also wants our hearts because it's what we need to be fulfilled as humans. Life without seeking God is sad, empty and void of meaning- for this life and the next.

Let's love this wonderful Creator, living our lives for here on this earth and for our home in heaven.

God is the reason we exist, the key to life and the route to a home in heaven. He is all-loving and above all else that we could imagine . . . Let's pray that we can love God with all of our hearts and appreciate who He is, not only what He does.

-Linda Chivington



“ Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith... Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering.”

Hebrews 10:22-23