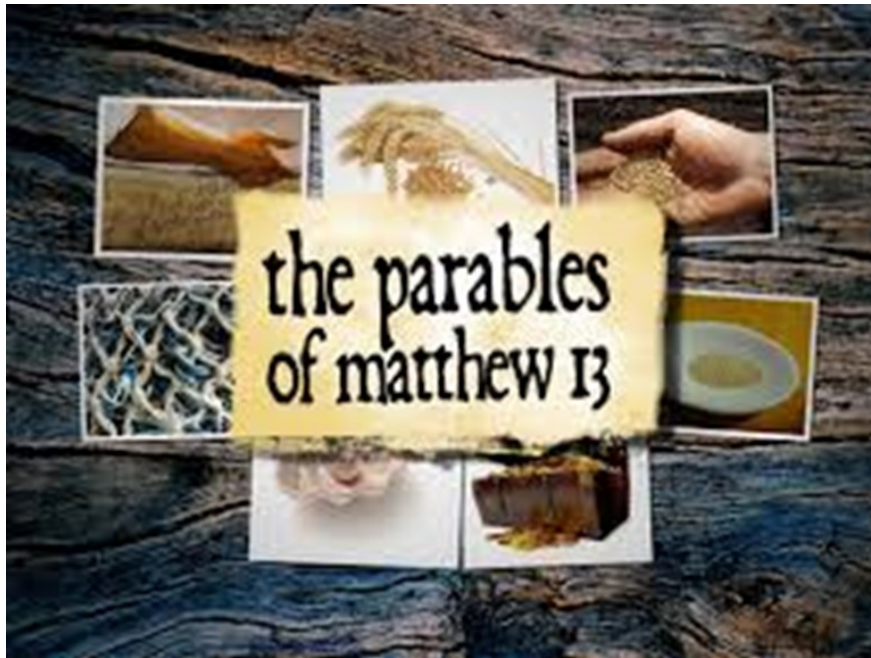


The Chapel in the Pines

July 30, 2023

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to Glory of God by Rev. Paul and Julie James
In honor of Ryland's 14th birthday.**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Call to Worship

The Parables of Matthew 13...

He put before them another parable:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed
that someone took and sowed in his field;
it is the smallest of all the seeds,
but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,
so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

You are like mustard seeds.

Praise be to God for the wonders that are hidden within you,
yet to be uncovered and grow,

Mustard seeds? That doesn't sound like much.

They are just something to be thrown down in the dirt.

What's so good about being mustard seeds?

Within each of you are wondrous gifts and talents
that you haven't found yet. Be patient and wait.
God will reveal those gifts
and you will discover the many ways in which you are called to serve.
You may be those who offer shelter and nurture
for others who feel lost or alienated.
Just wait and be ready!

God, give us patience and help us to wait for you to work within us.

The Parables of Matthew 13 continue...

He told them another parable:
"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast
that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour
until all of it was leavened."

You are yeast!
Praise be to God for the wonders that are hidden within you, yet to grow!

**Yeast? It is a mysterious thing,
using sugar and sweetness to help it grow.
Why in the world would God call us yeast?**

Energy and joy abide within you!
You may be those who influence people,
who invite them to open their hearts to God.
One thing is for sure, you will transform people's lives in God's name.
Lord, give us patience and help us to be ready to work for you!

The Parables of Matthew 13 continue...

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
which a man found and reburied;
then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
on finding one pearl of great value,
he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

You are treasures of great value.
Praise be to God for the wonders that are hidden within you,
yet to be discovered!

Treasures! Now that's more like it! We are already special!

The luster that you have is only the beginning of things.
Your deep and abiding faith
will lead others to new lives of hope and courage.
**Help us, O Lord, not to get too impressed with ourselves.
Give us hearts that focus on others in your name.**

Come this day and discover who God calls you to be.
**We come, O Lord, offering our praise and our prayers to you
in confidence of your abiding presence and creative intention
within each one of us.**



The Invocation and 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.**

*The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise

Adapted from Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Eternal, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to the Lord, sing praises to the Eternal;
tell of God's wonderful works.**

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and God's strength;
seek the presence of the Eternal continually.**

Remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles and the judgments the Lord uttered.

**Sing to the Lord, sing praises to the Eternal;
tell of God's wonderful works.**

*Hymn

#64 All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice with us and sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Amen.



***The Passing of the Peace**

The grace and peace
of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ be with you all...
and also with you.

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 13:24-30, 47-50

Special Music

Homily Totally Unpalatable! Unless...

The Prayers of the People

The Call to the Offering

The Offertory

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

**We dedicate our lives to you this day
and seal that promise by way of this offering.
We give out of the abundance of our hearts,
that the treasure of your kingdom may be shared with many.
Thank you for giving us grateful hearts
and a spirit of generosity for the flourishing of your kingdom.
In Christ's name and for his sake we pray...Amen.**



***Hymn** #1 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

- 1** Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
- 2** All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.
- 3** Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother—
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.
- 4** Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Amen.

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** #42 Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His right-eous-ness.
And all these things shall be add-ed un-to you
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!**

**Ask and it shall be giv-en un-to you. Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be o-pened un-to you
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!**

***Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Evangeline Caliandro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Mary Faas, Olivia McDonald, Lerici Racine, Joe Currie, Kevin Carter, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Nell Ostby, Bob Macdonald, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Elsie Keeshen, Elaine Bertino, Mary Farley, Abbe Wells, Kitty Price, Kerri Klein, Kate Halus, Nancy Campbell, Jean Schmidt, Watts Auman, Ed Barry, Bill Bohl, Cynthia Fetty, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, the people of Ukraine, Turkey, and Syria, and the people devastated by wind, rain, hail, and tornados in the South.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Nancee Letter, Dave Westerman, Meta Evans, Mary Tuft, Charles Hinson, Tamara Lee, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Glenda Clendenin, Jean Lawrence, Bob Dantzer, Cathy Grubbs, Phillip Thingstad, Jane and Jeff Lowe, the family of Lore Olsen and the family of Ed True.

August Announcements



Monday-July 31
Marilyn Holzerland



Monday-July 31
Steve Welch & Alicia Delong
Friday-August 4
Dan & Asa Stoltz

Altar Flowers

August

- 8-6** Bill & JoAn Moses
- 8-13** Joan & Bob Tourt
- 8-20** Dennis & Sandy Cifranic
- 8-27** **Volunteer Needed**



Looking Ahead!

Thursday-August 3	2:30 pm	<i>Fran's Friends</i>
Sunday-August 6	9:00 am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday-August 10	5:30 pm	The Gathering
Saturday-August 12	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship
Sunday-August 13	9:00 am	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		Time & Talent Fair
Wednesday-August 16	4:40 pm	Chapel Choir Practice
Sunday-August 20	9:00 am	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		Holy Communion
		Chapel Board Meeting
Sunday-August 27	9:00 am	1st Sunday in Kingdomtide

Coffee Fellowship



August

- 8-6** Bill & JoAn Moses
- 8-13** Jimmy & Marilyn McCaskill
- 8-20** Tracey Olsen & Frank Carney
- 8-27** **Volunteer Needed**

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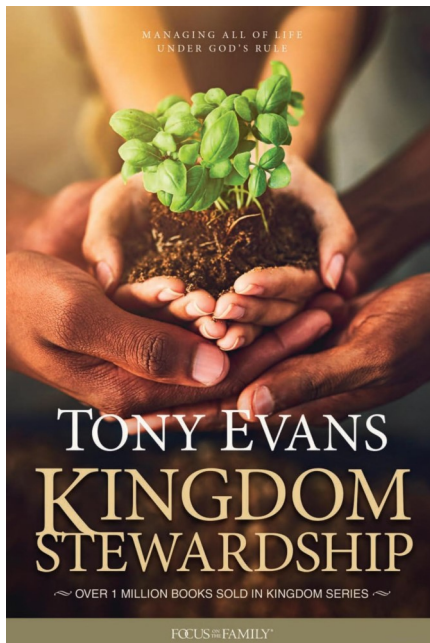
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Kingdom Stewardship; A Bible Study in Four Parts

"Stewardship, in it's broadest, practical, and most spiritual meaning should call us to devote all we are and all we possess toward growing God's kingdom here on earth...If it were only about money, it would be easy. But stewardship has to do with every single area of our lives..."

-Reverend Doctor Tony Evans

This year during Stewardship Season here at the Chapel we will embark on a four-part Bible study that will broaden our perspective on stewardship. Let's be honest about the need to give of our resources to further the ministries of this chapel that we all love so much, but let's also consider that the concept of stewardship should be foremost in all areas of our lives. Let's imagine that this holistic approach to stewardship is that for which we were created by God and it's what will ultimately bring all of us the deepest sense of purpose, fulfillment, and blessing.

Our study will meet on four consecutive Thursday afternoons at 4:00 pm beginning on August 17:

August 17 The Covenant August 31 The Priority
August 24 The Spheres September 7 The Strategy

Each lesson is self-contained so it is not essential that you attend every session. There is no book to purchase. We will enjoy a short DVD presentation by the author of *Kingdom Stewardship*, focus on the biblical basis for his comments, followed by a time of discussion. Each session should last about 60 minutes.

Please sign up for this study by Monday, August 14, by calling or emailing Susan in the Chapel office or by filling out this form and dropping it in the offering plate.
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