welcome

We hope and fully expect that you'll encounter God this morning and even meet a few warm-hearted people as well.

You can expect the service to last around an hour and a half.

reservoir families

We're excited about your kids! We have designed special programs and services just for them that happen concurrently with the 9:30am service. Kids are also always welcome in the main services.

today's service

OPENING SONG

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON Val Snekvik

WORSHIP An opportunity to take Communion, receive prayer in the Chapel, and participate in musical worship.



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Discovering the love of God, the joy of living, and the gift of community.

Luke 8:1-15, 18 NIV

¹ After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ² and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³ Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

⁴ While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: ⁵ "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up.⁶ Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants.

[verse 7 in NLT: Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants.]

[verse 7 in The Message: Other seed fell in the weeds; the weeds grew with it and strangled it.]

⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

⁹ His disciples asked him what this parable meant.

¹⁰ He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has

been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

"'though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.'

¹¹ "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹²Those along the path are the ones who hear. and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts. so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. ¹⁴ The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear. but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. ¹⁵ But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart. who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

...¹⁸ Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them."

Matthew 4:8-11 NIV

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"
¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him." "How to Face Your Fears and Keep Growing Up" Eighth in the Series, "Stories Jesus Told" VAL SNEKVIK

Some suggestions for maturing in public and private life:

With regards to civic engagement:

With regards to our personal lives: