

Upcoming Events/Announcements

If you know of someone who has become homebound or moved to a care center, please let us know so that we may include them in our caring ministries. We love our whole church family and want to ensure that everyone is included, remembered, and loved.

Script Cards are for sale in the back outside the sanctuary or ask a pastor to get them from the safe. When you buy a gift card a percentage of that money goes back to the church for kids and youth ministries!

Lent Information-

Bible Studies on Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts and Outlaws offered Sunday during the education hour, Tuesday at Noon on Zoom (Sign up in Lobby), Wednesday evenings at 7, and Thursdays at 1 PM beginning Sunday February 26th .

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil April 6th 7:30 AM-5 PM

Maundy Thursday Service April 6th 6:30 PM

Good Friday Service April 7th 6:30 PM

Easter Services April 9th: Sunrise 6:30 AM, Traditional 8 AM, Traditional w/Choir 9:30 AM, Contemporary 11 AM



**For the week of
March 19, 2023**

**Canyon Lake
United Methodist Church
In Rapid City, SD**

“Luke: On the Journey to Jerusalem”

Jesus lived in the north, up in Galilee. Although still very Jewish, it was definitely it's own area. Their accent was different, their clothing style was subtly different. Jesus could have stayed in the Galilee for the rest of his life and probably lived to be an old man. But that is not what he chose to do. He was drawn to the heart of the Jewish nation, into the heart of the Roman rulers. He was drawn to Jerusalem. There, he would confront both Jew and Roman while seeking to bring the Kingdom of God into a world that desperately needed it.

Prayer: As you journeyed to Jerusalem, Lord Jesus, you showed God's love and mercy to those whom others pushed away or overlooked altogether. Fill us with your compassion for those who are marginalized, despised, and ignored,, for as we draw closer to them, you draw us closer to yourself. Amen.

This week in Adam Hamilton's "Luke" read Chapter 4 "On the Journey to Jerusalem"

Monday 3.20 "Found, Found, and Found!" Luke 15:1-32

As Jesus traveled south with thousands of others who were going to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration, he continued to teach and to heal. Luke 15 is one of the most famous chapters. It is here that we find the story of the Good Samaritan. The whole chapter is about those moments when something... or someone... has been found. Who do you think Jesus is trying to reach with his message? How does this story touch you?

Tuesday 3.21 “Rich?” Luke 16:1-31

The parable of the Shrewd Manager. The story of Lazarus and the rich man. Jesus is talking to people about what really, really matters to them: Having enough to survive in a difficult world. He is teaching people how to handle their personal resources. This has a direct tie to the journey down into Jerusalem. The fact of the matter is that the Passover celebration was a cash cow for both the Jewish leadership and the Roman Empire. A huge amount of money passed over the tables in this huge annual event. And with all that money came corruption. The rulers lived in unbelievable opulence while the common people barely scraped by. How is it that your money and your faith fit together? Or do they?

**Wednesday 3.22 “Faith, Healing, and a Coming Kingdom”
Luke 17:1-37**

In what ways do you see Jesus ministering with the outsider, outsider, and outlaw in these stories? Jesus is again speaking some of the hard sayings, aiming care and compassion at those on the lower end of society while blasting those who have wealth and power. Who in your community or in our world would be critical of Jesus today? What would they criticize about him? How do you think Jesus would respond?

Thursday 2.23 “Justice and Blessing” Luke 18:1-17

Notice in this chapter that justice and blessing are linked together with wealth and power. Justice is given for those who are faithful, not for those who have the money to throw around. With this in mind, where in your life do you behave more like the religious leaders than Jesus toward others? Where do you find hope in these stories of Jesus’ encounter with the religious leaders and with the outsiders and outcasts?

Friday 3.24 “The Eye of a Needle” Luke 18:18-43

“It’s very hard for the wealthy to enter God’s Kingdom! It’s easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God’s Kingdom.” That’s Jesus speaking in verse 25. Think about this: As Jesus traveled to Jerusalem, he was increasingly

confronting negative elements of his culture. It is really easy for us to read this passage and say to ourselves, “Thank heavens I’m not rich!” In reality, even the poor among us has more than huge parts of the rest of our world. We are rich. How do you react to that statement? How do you use your resources in God’s Kingdom here and now?

Saturday 3.25 “Zaccheus and Faithful Living” Luke 19:1-28

The question in these stories is how do you remain faithful to God in a life filled with distractions and wrong priorities? When you think of your faith, what are your greatest distractions? Take a moment and examine your priorities. What are they? What are the things that are most important in your life? How do you think they fit in with your faith? Or do they at all?



Sermon Notes
