

# The Drug Dealer and the Evangelical



Laketon Bethel Church

September 26, 2021

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

## **Order of Worship-9:00am**

### ***We Approach Our Friend***

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

Special Music

#218 "Jesus Paid It All"

#130 "I will Sing of My Redeemer"

#44 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#102 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Congregational Prayer

### ***Offerings-We Give Back***

Special Music

### ***We Learn, Remember and Renew***

Crosstalk - "The Drug Dealer and the Evangelical"

### ***We Respond to Our Friend***

Benediction

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"



## **Order of Worship-11:00am**

### ***We Approach our Friend***

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

"Your Grace Finds Me"

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Congregational Prayer

### ***Offerings-We Give Back***

"Washed Clean"

### ***We Learn, Remember and Renew***

Crosstalk - "The Drug Dealer and the Evangelical"

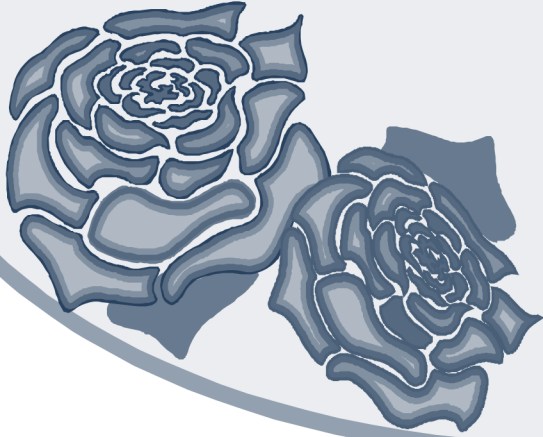
### ***We Respond to Our Friend***

Benediction

"Washed Clean"

**Special Senior of the Week:**

*Please show your support by signing the cards located  
on the table in the entryway.*



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***Please remember in prayer our friends who are  
battling long-term illnesses:***

***Donald Bayne***

***Jana Belladone***

***Betty Bonneville***

***Larry Budreau***

***Patti Buurma***

***Craig Carlson***

***Amanda Cihak***

***Stephanie Cutler***

***Amy Fredericks***

***Jacob Geers***

***Bob Hanson***

***Scott Hladki***

***Avery Lynn***

***J.T. Maskell***

***Tom McKee Sr.***

***Patti Mercer***

***Paul Ortquist***

***Lynn Pluger***

***Shirly Pummell***

***Aaron Rop***

***Gary Samples***

***Joe Shavalier***

***Ida Shealy***

***Sandy Streeter***

***Kathy Tabor***

***Inga Weavers***

***Marv Wegner***

# Today's Scripture

## Luke 18.9-14, New Living Translation

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

<sup>13</sup> "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.'<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

# The Drug Dealer and the Evangelical

[a place for your notes]

## Questions for your consideration:

Why are all churches and religious organizations always flawed?

What is the original meaning of the word “evangelical?”

Why was the drug dealer justified before God and not the evangelical?

Can you repeat the prayer, “Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner?”

## Other notes:

## September Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
26	Su	Acts 22			Exodus 7	
27	Mo	Acts 23			Exodus 8	
28	Tu	Acts 24			Exodus 9	
29	We	Acts 25			Exodus 10	
30	Th	Acts 26			Exodus 11	
01	Fr	Acts 27			Exodus 12	
02	Sa	Acts 28			Exodus 13	
03	Su	Romans 1			Exodus 14	

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## THE PURPOSE OF LAKETON BETHEL:

*“To trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.”*

## Laketon Bethel’s Core Values:

### A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

### B. BIBLE:

The Bible is the final authority for faith and practice. We will study it with open minds and the best scholarship available.

### C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

## OUR CONSISTORY

### Elders

Gay Hudson, Larry Joslyn, Amy Kunnen,  
Ed Luzadder, Grant Meyers, Jason Peterson,  
Louanne Utzinger, Ron Zant

### Deacons

Kathy Andrews, Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick,  
Kathy Forrester, Mike George Alex  
Lassow, Rita Sikkenga, Kathy Young