

## Prelude

### Call to Worship

The tongue is a small part of the body with great power.

**We may use it to bless or to curse, to encourage or to destroy.**

Our words may impart wisdom or may be nothing but foolishness.

**Let us use our tongues to praise God and build up others!**

We want to avoid careless, thoughtless speech.

**We want our words to be infused with love and grace.**

Let us think before we speak.

***With our tongues let us glorify God and cheer one another!***

**Hymn**      *Come All Christians Be Committed*      #498-W, #507-B

### Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

O God, guard my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile!  
Let there be in me no malice, but a prayer for the good of all. Show me  
the way of righteousness, that I may hurt no one, and help me to bring  
the blessings of love to others. Open my heart to do your will;  
strengthen my desire to obey your commandments. May my thoughts  
and prayers be acceptable to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

*Gates of Prayer (New York: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1975)*

### Words of Assurance

#### Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was  
in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Scripture Reading    Psalm 52

You people may be strong and brag about your sins, but God can  
be trusted day after day.

You plan brutal crimes, and your lying words cut like a sharp razor.  
You would rather do evil than good, and tell lies than speak the truth.  
You love to say cruel things, and your words are a trap.

God will destroy you forever! He will grab you and drag you from  
your homes. You will be uprooted and left to die.

When good people see this fearsome sight, they will laugh and say,  
“Just look at them now! Instead of trusting God, they trusted their  
wealth and their cruelty.”

But I am like an olive tree growing in God's house, and I can count  
on his love forever and ever. I will always thank God for what he has  
done; I will praise his good name when his people meet.

### 1 Peter 3:9-10

Don't pay back evil for evil or insult for insult. Instead, give blessing  
in return. You were called to do this so that you might inherit a  
blessing. For those who want to love life and see good days should  
keep their tongue from evil speaking and their lips from speaking lies.

**Sermon**      Just Words

**Hymn**      *Take My Life and Let it Be*      #385-W, #458-B

### Prayers of the People

Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer – *Cares Chorus*

*I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your  
feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I'll cast all my cares  
upon you.*

### Offering our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory Music

Doxology

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

### Pastoral Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn**      *Lord, I want to be a Christian*      #338-W, #421-B

### Benediction

Let our lives witness to Christ's love.

**Let our words bring reconciliation.**

Let our thoughts be of peace.

**Let our touch bring healing.**

Let our actions count for justice.

**Let us be a sign of hope and a beacon of joy.**

Go and may God's blessing go with you.

### Postlude

## Prayer Corner

### In Our Prayers:

Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, Larry Teschendorf,  
Bill Jones, Lois Schroeder, Bill Lehnertz, JoAnne Martens

### Homebound:

Gaylord  
Pauline Woehler – Bayside Manor

LeSueur

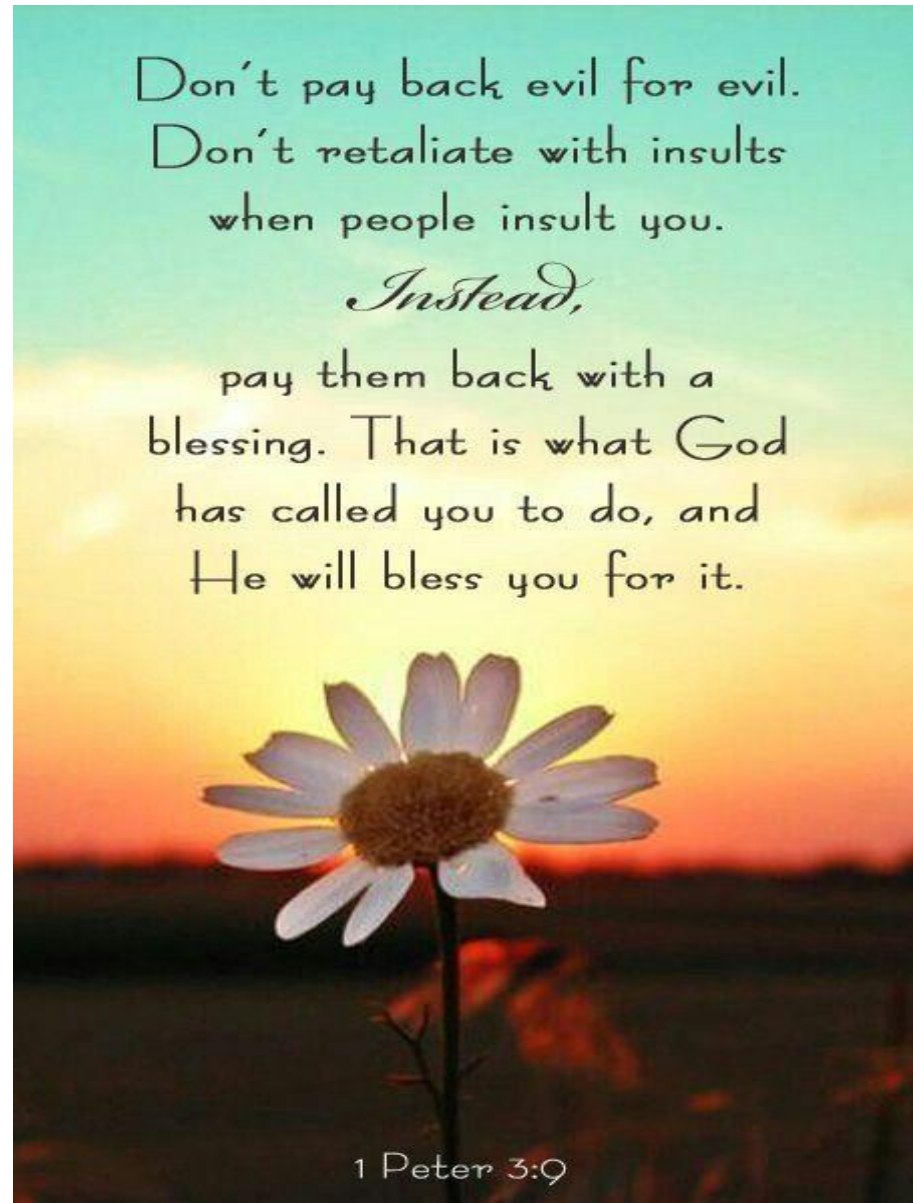
Ed Nye – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home  
Sharon Nagel – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home  
Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace  
Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

At Home:

Larry McConnell

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