

Sunday, June 18, 2017
Second Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table, we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”** **ELW #669**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ✚ forgives you all your sins.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

“Lift Him Up”

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, “You shall be my treasured possession,” and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God’s will.

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 100

We are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture. (Ps. 100:3)

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! ²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

We are no longer God’s enemies but have peace with God, because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ’s death. A tested character has been forged for us which empowers endurance in the midst of suffering and hope for final salvation.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in

our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]

Glory to you, O Lord

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave

that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

Praise to You, o Christ

SERMON: “Go, Work in the Fields!”

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” ELW #579

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Called together in the Spirit’s embrace, let us pray for the mending of God’s world.

A brief silence.

Steadfast God, you send your church as laborers into your harvest. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Make us one at your table. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful Creator, protect your earth and breathe life into its future. Stir our hearts to compassion, that we become healers for the sake of your whole creation as it is made new. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, you desire peace for all nations. Give rulers and citizens wisdom in the use of power, that wars may cease and all who suffer exile, hunger, and terror find safe haven. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate One, you have brought us to yourself. Stay near to all who suffer broken hearts, fearful spirits, and disruptive illness (*especially*). Bring healing and hope to your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abba, Father, your love for your children is boundless. Bless all who father among us and all who yearn for a protective father. Grant wisdom, patience, and good humor.

Thank you for those who have shown us fatherly care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living Lord, all who live and all who die belong to you. Thank you for all whose lives have witnessed to your glory (*especially*). Comfort all who mourn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.

Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again

by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: “I Love to Tell the Story” ELW #661

Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir & Digital Organ

Greeters: Marge Garbo, Winnie Z.

Ushers: 8:30am Skip & Lynn Hansen

10:00am Dick & Sue Stebbins

Lectors: 8:30am Dawn Kellen

10:00am Myra Honl

Hospitality Hosts: Steve & Melody Lackner, Wayne & Janice Olson, Winnie Zahradka

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: June 11, 2017: 8:30am: 68 10:00am: 26

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

June 19 through June 25, 2017

Monday	6/19	9-11:30 am	VBS!
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/20	9-11:30 am	VBS!
		3:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
		5:30 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	6/21	9-11:30 am	VBS!
		5:00 pm	Lion's Free Community Picnic all Welcome
		6:00 pm	Choir & Praise Sings at Community Picnic
Thursday	6/22	9-11:30 am	VBS!
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	6/23	9-11:30 am	VBS!
Sunday	6/25	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew.

FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC sponsored by Isle & Malmo Lions. Wed, June 21st at 5:00 pm for the meal. Lakeside Park in Malmo. Activities will include kid games, informational booths and demonstrations (K9 unit, squad car, fire truck, snowmobile groomer, Mounted Police, etc). Music at 6:00 pm from Bethesda Choir, Bible School Students, Praise Choir and more.

LAWN MOWING the list is in the Narthex – Please pick a week to mow. Thank you.

VEGGIE STAND The next time the Veggie stand opens is on July 1st and every Saturday until Labor Day. Donations of baked goods: pies, cookies, bars, breads, etc. are always welcome. The stand opens at 7:30 am. Hope to see you there bright and early. All proceeds go to the Benevolence fund. Let's make this a wonderful year. Any questions please contact Elsa Carlson: home 218-678-3408 cell 218-251-4551

VBS MISSION PROJECT Each child attending VBS will be packing a shoebox for Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Items needed include washcloths, bar soap, combs, toothbrushes, jewelry/hair fasteners, t-shirts, hats, socks, dolls, balls, cars, jump ropes, crayons, colored pencils, pencils/sharpeners, erasers, pens, scissors, small notebooks, construction paper, solar calculators or other small gifts. No liquids, toothpaste or candy. We have enough stuffed animals, but need empty shoeboxes. **Items can be brought to church all week for the packing of the boxes on Friday.**

DONATIONS NEEDED for Community Picnic. Instead of Bethesda donating money we will be looking at our members to donate **cookies** or **bars** toward the meal. (Any extra will come back to the church for Sunday coffee or be sold with money going to Veggie stand) Have any cookies/bars at the church Tuesday, June 20th and thank you for anyone who can help.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE, if you are able, would you stay to help move tables and chairs to make room for VBS program after coffee today? Thank you.

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

- Maria Burman, Aicota
- James, grandson of Judie & Jim Birk

CONGRATULATIONS to Judy Wurio and Ray Piispanen who had their relationship blessed last Saturday in Duluth!

MUSIC MINISTRY Our church would like to experience the talents of your family and friends. Our hope would be to incorporate a one piece selection of special music into our Sunday worship services. Please contact the church office for complete details.