

**Sunday, June 25, 2017**  
**Third 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

*Jeremiah knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that his words may not bring peace, but division. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid. The hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.**

**OPENING HYMN: "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"**

**ELW #848**

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



### **BAPTISM (10:00am)**

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Today a new sister in Christ will join us in baptism.  
Isabella Lea Berry.

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## PSALM: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

[<sup>11</sup>I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup>**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD: "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup>**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.]

<sup>16</sup>**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup>**Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

## Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death. Our lives in the present are marked and shaped by his crucifixion, just as our lives in the future will be marked and shaped by his resurrection.*

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition, requiring absolute trust in God and an unswerving commitment to their Lord.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to You, O Christ**

**SERMON: “For I am Not Ashamed of the Gospel”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” #800 ELW**

### **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.**

### **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.*

God of grace, we give you thanks for renewing the church in every age (*especially through Philipp Melancthon and the witness of the Augsburg Confession*). Bless missionaries who boldly proclaim your mercy throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Generous God, you love the sparrows and shower your whole creation with abundance. Guide our stewardship by your wisdom so that all life flourishes as you intend. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, change the hearts of leaders who go to war. Enlighten their minds with your holy imagination, opening new paths to peace and renewed life. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, you tell us not to fear, but we do. Give courage to everyone who faces oppression and bigotry, hunger and homelessness. Bring healing and hope to all your people (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of community, thank you for the gift of this congregation. Bless all who are new here. Teach us how to welcome one another. Unite us as we proclaim your love. Shine through our common life. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for all who have been baptized into Christ Jesus and now rest in the fullness of Christ's resurrection (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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

**Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.  
Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## 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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## 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: “Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing” #807 ELW**

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

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Bell Choir & Digital Organ

Greeters: Wally & Bev Swanson

Ushers: 8:30am Skip & Lynn Hansen

10:00am Dick & Sue Stebbins

Lectors: 8:30am Steve Lackner

10:00am JoAnn Haglund

Hospitality Hosts: Penny Sjoquist, Rich & Karen Carron

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: June 18, 2017: 8:30am: 91 10:00am: 33

## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

June 26 through July 2, 2017

Monday

6/26

1:00 pm

Double Deck Pinochle

7:00 pm

AA/Alanon

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA (continued)****June 26 through July 2, 2017**

Tuesday	6/27	9:00 am	Crafters
		9:00 am	Quilters
		10-12 am	Pastor's text study
Wednesday	6/28	8:30 am	Women's Bible Study
		9:30 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/29	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Funtimers
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	6/30	10:00 am	Bones
Sunday	7/2	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.

**PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS**

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

**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.

**BELL CHOIR** If you are interested in joining the bell choir show up at practice on Thursday nights at 6:00pm. All are welcomed.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Isabella Lea Berry, infant daughter of Roy and Amy Berry, who is baptized this morning at the 10:00am worship. Isabella's sponsors are Teriann and Seth Johnson. Her proud grandparents are Marvin and Theresa Berry.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Nicole Berry recent graduate of Isle High School. Nicole and our other two graduates; Zach Simonson & Tom Petersen received a gift quilt today from our Quilters!

**THANK YOU** to all Vacation Bible School volunteers who celebrated another great group of children last week around the theme: "Maker Fun Factory"!

**THANK YOU** to all who worked to promote and support this year's Community Picnic, especially those that supplied the event with cookies, bars, and talent.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** Patti Smith's mother will turn 101 years old next week. She loves getting cards. Brighten her day! Send her a birthday card: Elma Lepej, c/o Woodhaven Care Center, 510 W 7<sup>th</sup> #17, Ellinwood, KS 67526

**MALMO AREA LIONS** would like to thank all who helped make the Community Picnic a success. Especially the voices of the Vacation Bible School children.





## **Planes, Trains and Automobiles to Holden Village!**

It's an adventure to get there and it's a blessing to be there! Holden Village is a Retreat Center in the Cascade Mountains of the State of Washington. Eleven miles up and into the mountains from Lake Chelan, Holden Village welcomes groups and individuals from all over the world.

This Swiss Chalet style Village was the home of Copper Miners and their families who worked for the Holden Mining Co. during the 1940's. When the Village was abandoned due to the cost of mining and the low market value of copper, the rights to the Village were sold to The Church and Holden Village Retreat Center was born – a Retreat Center for the whole Church!

Our group will be at Holden August 27 – September 1, 2017 (Sunday thru Friday, 5 nights and 6 days). Just to get to Holden is a two day journey filled with adventure! You can travel by plane, train or automobile! Details and discussions will be made at an information and planning meeting soon. July 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at church.

Group rates for adults are \$325 (\$65/day). Group rates for youth, ages 6-17, are \$230 (\$46/day). Children 5 and under are FREE! Non group rates for adults are \$400. We need 15 registered guests to qualify as a group. Sign up soon! Our group is limited to 30 persons. You do not need to be a member of Bethesda to go on this trip!

To register please make a \$100 deposit for each person over 5 years of age. Checks are to be made to: Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo. Please return the registration form below along with your deposit on or before July 19, 2017.

Planes, trains and automobiles to Holden Village! It's a vacation you will treasure for a life time! Check out Holden's website at: <http://www.holdenvillage.org> for lots of detailed information.

Hope you can go!  
Pastor Terry Frovik, Interim

# Holden Village Registration, August 27 – September 1, 2017

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Youth (6-17): \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with \$100 deposit per person by July 19, 2017. Please make checks payable to: Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo.

Thank You!