

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Fifth 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

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

CALL TO WORSHIP: "This Is the Day"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "All of My Life"

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.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "I Have This Hope" Jim Christensen & Sheila Penoyer

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:

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG BEFORE READINGS:

“Thy Word”

Praise Team

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God’s covenant with Israel, they are designated as “prisoners of hope.”

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Glory to you, O Lord

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON: “The Answer is Blowin’ in the Wind”

HYMN OF THE DAY: “We Believe”

Praise Team

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY 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 PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION

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

A brief silence.

Humble God, lead your church in the way of service. Prosper the work of campus ministries and Young Adults in Global Mission as they raise up leaders to serve the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Cultivating God, bless and encourage all who work the land to feed your people. Give them joy in their vocation. Shower rain on crops and health on livestock. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy One, you command peace to the nations. Give peaceful hearts and discerning minds to world leaders and citizens alike, that all who suffer violence and hunger come to know the fullness of life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you bid the weary come to you for rest. Renew energy for bone-tired people. Support our brothers and sisters who are burdened by grief, loneliness, and illness (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of everything, you have compassion for all that you have made. Show our congregation what mercy looks like in our own community, that we become faithful partners in your ministry. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, we give you thanks and praise for all the people who have blessed our lives, for saints among us whose steadfast faith has strengthened ours (*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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM

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.

CLOSING HYMN: **“This Land is Your Land”** Praise Team

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music:	The Praise Team	
Greeters:	Jerry & Carolyn Morris	
Ushers:	8:30 – Rich & Marge Nelson	10:00 – Ron & JoAnn Haglund
Lector:	8:30 am Sheila Penoyer	10:00 am Sheila Penoyer
Hospitality Hosts:	Barry, Donna & John Ansell, Jeannine Brusewitz	

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, July 2, 2017: 8:30am 81 10:00am 45

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

July 10 through July 16, 2017

Monday	7/10	8:00 am	Kitchen clean up
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/11	9:00 am	Quilters
		10:00 am	Pastor's text study
Wednesday	7/12	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Stitchers
		1:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	7/13	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	7/14	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	7/15	7:30 am	Veggie Stand
		11:00 am	Funeral- Maria Burman
Sunday	6/18	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. Information will be gathered for Evangelism.

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS - Both passed away on Friday, July 7.

• Maria Burman

• Regina Johnson

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. There will always be someone to help you with making coffee and running the dishwasher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

HOLDEN VILLAGE TRIP Information meeting today, Sunday July 9th at 11:30am. All are welcome! The week at Holden Village is August 27-September 1. Holden's website: <http://www.holdenvillage.org> We have 16 in our group traveling on Amtrak. We can add to our group one time before we depart on Aug. 26th.

VEGGIE STAND is now open every Saturday morning at 7:30am. Donations of baked goods: pies, cookies, bars, breads, etc. are always welcome. Drop off your donations that morning or leave at the church on Friday. 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.

BEEF & CORN FEED the Annual Beef and Corn Feed is scheduled for Saturday, July 29th from 4:30 – 7:00pm. *Volunteer signup sheets are available in the Narthex.*

FOOT CLINIC Our next Foot Care Clinic will be held on Saturday, August 5th, 2017. Call the church office to make an appointment: 320-684-2123 (M-F 11:00am – 3:00pm).

NOTE TO VISITORS: Today is Praise Team Sunday! One Sunday a month we enjoy the musical gifts of our Praise Team. Thank you Praise Team Members: Jim Christensen, Director, Darlene Christensen, Sheila Penoyer, Sharon Whipple, Val Benton and George Smith.

THANK YOU to all who participated and decorated our "Float" for the Annual Glen 4th of July Parade.

LECTORS – Thank you for your weekly gift of sharing God's word with the congregation. If anyone is interested in joining the team of lectors, please contact Paula Spetz (218 678-2138) or Carol Bakken (218-678-3563)

KITCHEN CLEANUP is scheduled for Monday, July 10th. Please show up at 8:00am to help.