

Celebrating Our New Parsonage!
on
Sunday, August 6, 2017
Ninth 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

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

GATHERING MUSIC: Dakota Road

"All Of My Life"

"All Are Welcome"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Come & See" **Dakota Road**

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

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DAKOTA ROAD ANTHEM: "Praise To You"

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

Glory to you, O Lord

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON: “You Give Them Something to Eat!”

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.

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of the covenant, call your church on earth to worship together to glorify your name in every language and in every land. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of abundance who provides fields of wheat and vineyards of grapes, bless farmers and growers who furnish bread and wine for tables of abundance. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all compassion, raise up just leaders who care for the poor and hungry. Let nations share your bounty across the world and assure that no one goes without food. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all, fill those who are starving whether they long for food or companionship. Comfort the lonely and grieving; heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God who satisfies, bless the feeding programs of this congregation and community. Be with sandwich makers and cookie bakers, with those who stock food pantry shelves and those who point out need whether in our neighborhood or half a world away. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of joy and thanksgiving, today we honor the gifts of members and friends of Bethesda who made it possible to provide a new parsonage for our ministry. We celebrate the work and ministry of Dakota Road as they lead our music in this morning's worship! Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless us as we remember the saints at your everlasting feast until we join them at your bountiful table. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING HYMN:

“Messiah”

Dakota Road

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.

(You are invited to share a free will offering for Dakota Road expenses in a basket as you depart. Thank you!)

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Abundant God, in the gift of your Son, Jesus, our Lord, we have received more than we either deserve or could desire! Help us, we pray, to be thankful servants—offering our gifts of time, talent and treasure for the work of ministry at Bethesda through Christ our Lord.

Amen

OFFERTORY Dakota Road: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ELW #836

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Closing Celebration

Thank you!

- **Parsonage Building Committee:** Pat Becker, Sue Samuelson, Jerry Morris, Kathy Berland, Craig Kullberg, Merrily Jones, Lee Forrester, Barry Ansell
- **Church Council:** Randy Tofteland, Craig Kullberg, Lee Forrester, Melody Lackner, Mary Braun, Tom Christensen, Judie Birk, Ron Mehlhop
- **Capital Fund Drive Chairperson:** Val Benton
- **Construction Supervisor:** Barry Ansell
- **Tom Siems:** for his father Dale's inspiring gifts

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings: our table is richly furnished, our cup overflows, and we live in safety and security. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Celebration Music: "Your Love Is Everlasting"

Benediction

Table Prayer for the Picnic!

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: Dakota Road

Greeters: Wayne & Janice Olsen

Ushers: Lynn Hansen & Sue Samuelson

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: July 30, 2017: 8:30am: 87 10:00am: 23

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

Aug 7 through Aug 13, 2017

Monday	8/7	1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/8	10:00-Noon	Pastor Text Study
		9:00 am	Quilters
		5:30 pm	Special Council Meeting-Budget & Constitution
Wednesday	8/9	8:30 am	Women's bible study
		9:30 am	Stitchers
		1:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting
		5:30 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	8/10	8:00am	ROMEOS
		12:30pm	Funtimers
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	8/11	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	8/12	7:30 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/13	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.

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.

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES – The movie “The Shack” will be shown in the fellowship hall on Sunday, August 13th at 11:30am. Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE: The Jamboree this year will be one performance only, Friday, September 22, 2017 at 7:00pm

BLESSING BOX For the months of June, July & August the contributions to the Blessing box will be used for local benevolence. These funds will be going to: Camp Onomia, BLCM Emergency Fund, Christmas Joy, Aitkin Social Services, and True Friends Camp in McGregor. If you have somehow been blessed this past month, please consider giving to the Blessing Box today to help out your neighbors who may not be as fortunate as you.

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

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.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION communion will be distributed on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in September. Lay people will be preaching the 1st and 3rd Sundays and Pastor Nathan Lundgren, from Pulpit Supply, will be serving on September 10 & September 24.