

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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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 gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Dance with Me"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

"Father I Adore You"

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Please Stand

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain and snow, for [local water sources may be named].

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into

Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

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:

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "Praise You in the Storm" by Mercy Me

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: "Thy Word"

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection."²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Psalm: Psalm 1

The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Please rise for the Reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

Glory to you, O Lord

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death. This gospel reports the words of Jesus' prayer, a prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the

words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Put Your Hand in the Hand”

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 to the dead. 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.

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

End divisions within your church, O God. Open us to receive your testimony.

Make us one as you are one. Make our joy complete. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Nourish the soil of your earth, holy God. Bless the trees planted by the water, and bless the seeds planted by birds and by our hands. Bring forth fruit in due season.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for warring nations, political refugees, and peacekeepers (*especially*).

Wash away the fear and hatred that tear us apart. Let justice roll down like a mighty stream. Quench our thirst for peace in every land. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are homeless, naked, hungry, imprisoned, abandoned, or sick (*especially*). Send us to shelter, clothe, feed, and visit those in need. Make us your healing and compassionate presence in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for mothers we love and mothers we struggle to love. For adoptive mothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers. For those who long to be mothers. For everyone who has mothered us in the faith. Give rest, healing, wisdom, and strength, mothering God. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You give us eternal life in your Son. When doubts and fears arise, give us peace in the resurrection promise. Sanctify us in your truth and unite us with all the saints.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

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

OFFERING HYMN

“Jesus My Lord”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: “Shout to the Lord”

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Praise Team

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forester

Ushers 8:30am: Chuck & Elsa Carlson

10:00am: Dick & Sue Stebbins

Lectors: 8:30 Sue Samuelson

10:00 Darlene Christensen

Hospitality Hosts: Lee, Barb & Wendy Forrester



Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week:

Sunday, May 6th: 8:30am: 99 10:00pm 20

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**May 14 through May 20, 2018**

Monday	5/14	8:00 am	Jelly Making
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/15	12 – 2 pm	Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday	5/16	8:00 am	WIC
		9:30 am	WELCA
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Catechism
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	5/17	8:00am	ROMEOS
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers – Potluck (noon) Cards (12:30)
Friday	5/18	9:00 am	Council Meeting
		10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	5/20	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship with Confirmation



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the attendance registry folders which you will find at the end of the pew.

PRAYER & CARE CONCERNS Owen Heins passed away. Funeral will be June 2nd, at 11:00am.

MEMORY GARDEN Paver orders will be taken now through mid-June. We have a new preferred customer status that will allow you to purchase pavers at a reduced cost. A 3 line pavers is now \$25.00 and a large paver of up to 5 lines is \$35.00. Order forms are in the narthex and can be completed and returned to the Memory Garden/Nature Trail office mailbox. They can also be given to either church secretary or Val Benton.

HYMN SUGGESTIONS If you have a favorite hymn you would like us to play there is a suggestion basket in the Narthex. Let us know what you want to sing.

WELCA MEETING will be on Wednesday, May 16th at 9:30am.

CRAFTER'S will be meeting on May 22, 2018 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am in the fellowship hall.

AITKIN COUNTY TRIAD invites you to “**Personal Safety and Elder Abuse**” Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 11:00 am, at the Fireside Restaurant, 415 Meadows Drive, Hwy 210 & 65, McGregor, MN 55760. Free lunch served following program. Call Ginny Ekstrand at 219-752-1111

THE VEGGIE STAND is in need of baked goods and plants for Saturday, May 26th. Please bring baked goods to church on Fri., May 25th or early Saturday morning. Plants should be brought to the Veggie building (please label). The stand opens at 7:30 am. All proceeds go to local benevolence.

NO BIBLE STUDY there will be no Bible Study this coming Wednesday morning, May 16th at 9:00am.

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CHANGES TO WORSHIP AT BETHESDA Starting on May 27th, we will have communion every Sunday at every service. We will also be testing the "Narrative Lectionary" series this summer. The goal of the summer session, which runs from May 27 – Sept. 2, 2018, is to cover the sweeping story of God's people from the beginning through the life of Jesus and the early church. This summer's worship will consist of four series that are more topical sounding, but are based on Scripture. The series will include: The Ten Commandments, I John, Ruth, and Stewardship.



COMMUNION SERVERS Starting May 27th, we will be having communion every Sunday. Ron Mehlhop, Skip and Lynn Hansen will be picking out the servers for the 8:30 service and Darrell Kelly and Dick Stebbins for the 10:00 service. When you are asked, please remember you will be doing this 2 weeks in a row. If you can't do both Sundays, it will BE UP TO YOU to get a replacement. We hope this will go well and that you will be receptive to help out. The sayings you will use, either for bread or wine, will be on the alter as a reminder. Lynn

COMMETTIEE CHAIRPERSONS each of you have a copy of the Budget Worksheets for 2018-2019 in your "In Boxes" and emailed to you. Final budgets are due no later than June 15th. Please return you completed worksheets to the Stewardship & Finance "In Box".

MALMO LIONS are looking for gently used stuffed toys to use as prizes for this summer's Community Picnic which will be held in June. You can give your donations to Sherri Whipple.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY Next Sunday we will be celebrating the confirmation of Ellee Johnson and Emilie Vukelich at our second service.