

Sunday, May 27, 2018

The Holy Trinity
First 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

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" # 326 ELW
Please Stand on the Last Verse

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 for reflection and self-examination.

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 heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit,

that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; God's glory fills the whole earth. *Alleluia.*

Please be seated

READING: Exodus 19:1-6, 20: 1-2

¹On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ²They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then 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."

¹Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-40

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #773 ELW

Please stand if able

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

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence.

Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-saving love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness. Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In our living and in our dying, we belong to you. In loving remembrance, we

honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us your ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness (*especially John Calvin, renewer of the church*). Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in your name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus 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 stand 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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**

CLOSING HYMN:

“You Are Mine”

#581 ELW

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: Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Keith & Dawn Kellen

Ushers: 8:30am Judy Wozney, Winnie Z.

10:00am Barry & Donna Ansell

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, May 20th: 8:30 am 92 10:00 am 43

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

May 28 – June 3, 2018

Sunday-Today	5/27	2:00 pm	Graveside Services-Malmo Cemetery
		3:00 pm	Graveside Services-Lakeside Cemetery
Monday	5/28	Memorial Day	
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/29	12:00-2:00	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	5/30	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	5/31	8:00 am	R.O.M.E.O.’s
		12:00 pm	Funtimers-Pot Luck (Noon) & Cards(12:30pm)
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	6/1	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	6/2	11:00 am	Owen Heins Funeral (luncheon after cemetery)
Sunday	6/3	8:30 am	Worship – New Member Sunday
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY *Please* sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

PRAYS AND CARE CONCERNS: Family of Owen Heins, MaryLyn Hass & Carol Hass.

LAWN MOWERS NEEDED: If you enjoy the outdoors, we have an opportunity for you. Please sign up to help mow the church lawn. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Training on use of mowers is available if needed. Contact Lee Forrester.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS each of you have a copy of the Budget Worksheets for 2018-2019. Final budgets are due no later than June 15th. Please return you completed worksheets to the Stewardship & Finance “In Box”.

“NO BAKE” BAKE SALE We are having a bake sale but with a twist. Instead of baking anything, just figure out what you would bake, how much it would cost and put that amount in an envelope marked “No Bake” Bake Sale beginning June 1. Why? Because we will give the money raised to local food shelves so that they can supply food to needy families. Oftentimes when the holidays are over, the donations to food shelves decreases and they don’t have the resources to take care of everyone in need. We want to make sure that doesn’t happen. Checks can be made to “*Bethesda WELCA*” and placed in the “No Bake” Bake Sale envelopes.

LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY will be here August 15-18 to take pictures for our new church directory. Schedules will be available as we come near to those dates.

VBS SHOEBOX MINISTRY On Thursday, June 21st at 11:35am (right after Vacation Bible School ends for the day) there will be a Thrivent sponsored event to pack shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child project. All VBS kids, parents and any other interested adults are invited to participate and pack boxes. If you want to donate items for the shoeboxes bring them to the display in the Fellowship Hall before June 21st. There is a list of items needed by the display. Plastic shoeboxes have been purchased so after using the wrapped shoeboxes we have on hand we will not need any additional ones. No liquids, toothpaste or candy can be accepted and all items must be new.

ALTAR CARE MEMBERS Altar care members will have a round table meeting between services on May 27th. The basic motivation for serving in the altar guild is GRATITUDE. We welcome anyone to join our group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

HORSESHOE PIT If anyone is interested in starting and running a Horseshoe Pitching League, please let us know. If no one is interested, we will be removing the pits.

OUTDOOR SERVICE Sunday, June 3rd, 8:30 am and 10:00 am in the Garden. Please bring your lawn chairs and dress accordingly to the weather. Our hope is that you come and worship with us out in God's sanctuary.

NEW MEMBERS We will be receiving new members on a quarterly basis. Our first New Member service will be on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at our outdoor service. If you are interested in membership or associate membership, please talk to Pastor James Muske.

FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC sponsored by Malmo Lions. Wed, June 20th at 5:00 pm for the meal. Lakeside Park in Malmo. Activities will include kid games, informational booths and demonstrations. Music at 6:00 pm from Bethesda Choir, Bible School Students, Praise Choir and more.

DONATIONS NEEDED for Community Picnic. Instead of the church donating money we will be looking at our members to donate cookies 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 at the church Tuesday, June 19th and thank you for anyone who can help.

SPRING CLEAN-UP Monday, June 4, 9 a.m. It's time to clean the yard. We could use your help with clearing the parsonage garden and under the pine trees. The fence around the garden will be taken down and debris removed. Please bring a shovel, hoe, rake, and a pair of gloves. We should be finished by noon. Come enjoy the outdoors. If you have any questions, contact Lee Forrester.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 18-22. There will be a planning session June 5 at 12:00. Please consider joining us or talk to Joanne Stueven or Dianne Jones about ways you can support "The Best Week of Summer".

MEMORIAL DAY – Today there will be graveside services at the Malmo Cemetery at 2:00pm & Lakeside Cemetery at 3:00pm. See the attached list that has the names of past Bethesda members who are buried there.

GROUP PHOTO – We will be taking a group photo of our congregation on Sunday, June 17th, 2018 for our new picture directories that will be out by the end of the year. The picture will be taken outside, in between services. Please be sure to show up!