

Sunday, June 10, 2018

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

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

OPENING HYMN: “God of Grace and God of Glory” # 705 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

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Wake Up Church”

READING: Exodus 20:12-16

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

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: “Lord Jesus Think on Me”

#599 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.

Lord God, you call your church to be one and teach us that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Overcome our separations in the body of Christ and make us one diverse family, the brothers and sisters of Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, with you there is forgiveness and hope, and you love your whole creation. Help us order our lives so that human activity in your creation gives voice to hope. Empower us to bring healing in your world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, you still walk among us and we still hide ourselves from you out of fear. We withdraw from strangers and those unlike ourselves, the very people you call us to love. Replace our fear with trust, remove enmity between nations, and grant us peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, your compassion continually reaches into the lives of your people. Visit with lovingkindness those experiencing afflictions of any kind (*especially*). Renew all of us and prepare us for glory so that we do not lose heart. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, more than those who watch for the morning, our souls wait and watch for you. In the coming months of summer, help us to be refreshed and at play, watching and waiting for you at every turn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord God, you raised Jesus from the dead and promise to raise us with him and bring us into his presence. We remember those who have died (*especially*), and we thank you for your steadfast love and power to redeem. 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:

“Drawn to the Light”

#581 ELW

DISMISSAL

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.

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir & Digital Hymnal Greeters: Wayne & Janice Olson

Ushers: 8:30am Ron & Joanie Mehlhop 10:00am Dick & Sue Stebbins

Hospitality Hosts: Judy Wuorio & Ray Piispanen

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, June 3rd: 8:30 am 72 10:00 am 25

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

June 11 – June 17, 2018

Monday	6/11	9:00am	Women's Devotion at Pat Beckers
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/12	9:00am	Quilters
		12:00-2:00	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	6/13	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/14	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	6/15	9:00am	Adopt-a-Highway Clean UP
		9:00am	Council Meeting
		10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	6/17	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
			(Help is needed after both services to help set up for bible school)

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.

BLESSING BOX: Contributions this month for the Blessing Box was \$136.34. That money will be going to local benevolences.

PRAYS AND CARE CONCERNS: Family of Rose Pedersen – funeral will be Saturday, June 23rd, here at Bethesda.

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 Will continue through the month of June. Instead of baking anything, just figure out how much it would cost you to bake something, then put that amount in an envelope marked “No Bake” Bake Sale. 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 or WELCA*” and placed in the “No Bake” Bake Sale envelopes and dropped into the offering plate this month. Extra envelopes are available in the Narthex.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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 cookies at the church Tuesday, June 19th and thank you for anyone who can help.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 18-22. Check the bulletin board in the Narthex to see if you can help with any needed items. Help is needed next Sunday after both services to help set up for bible school.

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!

WOMEN'S DEVOTIONS will be on Monday, June 11th, 9:00 am at Pat Becker's home.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY DITCH PICKUP Will be on Friday, June 15th at 9:00am. Those of you, who would like to help with our 2 mile stretch of road, meet at the church at 9:00am. Dress for the weather and long pants are suggested (to keep ticks off us). See Mary Braun if you have any questions.

MINNESOTA ALL-STATE LUTHERAN CHOIR CONCERT AND HYMN SING IN PRINCETON The 50-voice Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir will perform a concert and hymn sing in Princeton at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 20 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 111 6th Ave. N. A free-will offering will be collected. The ensemble is comprised of high-school-aged singers auditioned from a three-state region and is a summer camp program of Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. They will perform a variety of music from classical choral works to Broadway tunes. Also, audience members will be joined in the pews by our singers for a rousing hymn-sing!

Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Here comes the sun. The night is un - done and now we have



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
none but a joy - ful sight, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

(Sing Refrain twice after 3rd verse)

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