

Sunday, June 24, 2018

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

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

“I Love to Tell the Story”
Please Stand on the Last Verse

#661 ELW

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

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM: “Light of the World”

READING: 1 John 1:1-4

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL John 1:14-16

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Joy to the World”

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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

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Empowering God, you call your church to boldly proclaim your day of salvation. Bring unity to the faithful and provide opportunities for collaboration as we bring your good news to the world. Let the youth of our churches hear your love for them (*as they gather in Houston this coming week*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, you call forth life from the swirling waters of chaos, and you pour out water that nourishes the earth. Send forth ample rain for crops to flourish. Speak peace wherever homes, towns, businesses, and lands are damaged by hurricanes, floods, and tropical storms. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Powerful God, come to the aid of all nations and leaders who fear storms of conflict, violence, or injustice (*especially*). Raise up advocates and peacemakers to speak truth and hope into the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Saving God, grant endurance and comfort to all who suffer affliction, hardship, hunger, violence, or sleepless nights of pain or anxiety. Give your promise of healing to all who long for salvation (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Covenant God, you call us by name and claim us as your own. We pray for those who prepare for baptism, those who have recently been baptized, and all who are called by baptism into lives of proclamation and service. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we give thanks for all the saints who have commended themselves to you in every way and who have endured in faith (*especially John the Baptist*). Bring us at last to the acceptable time of salvation for all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, 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, 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:

“Peoples Church”

Insert

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: Bell Choir & Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Paula Spetz & Bev Wedig

Ushers: 8:30am George & Kathy Larson

10:00am Ron & JoAnne Haglund

Hospitality Hosts:

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, June 17th: 8:30 am 88 10:00 am 23

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

June 18 – June 24, 2018

Monday	6/25	1:00 pm	Stewardship meeting
		1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/26	9:00 am	Quilters
		9:00 am	Crafters
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor’s Text Study
Wednesday	6/27	9:00 am	Bible Study (starting New Testament)
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		10:00 am	Property Committee meeting
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/28	8:00 am	ROMEO’s
		12:00 pm	Funtimers (12:00 Potluck, 12:30 cards)
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	6/29	10:00am	Bone builders
Sunday	7/1	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. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

PRAYERS AND CARE CONCERNS: Morgan Vedders (VBS student), Lee Forrester

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.

“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. 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.

ELCA - All Ages Retreat at Camp Hiawatha August 24-26. Rates include bunkhouse lodging, dinner Friday through breakfast Sunday, full access to Camp Hiawatha (36944 Camp Hiawatha Rd, Deer River, MN 56636) and endless activities (or rest and relaxation!) Adults • \$100; Kids 4-11 • \$75; Kids under 4 • FREE; Maximum Family Cost = \$400. Registrations due by August 6. Questions? Contact First Lutheran Church 218-927-2028 or office@flc-aitkin.com or see the information on the table in the Narthex.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will be starting the New Testament in their study of the *Genesis to Revelation* course by Dr. Craig Koester of Luther Seminary. We meet at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall restarting June 27th.

THANK YOU The Malmo Area Lions would like to thank all that participated, donated cookies and stuffed animals, and for coming to the Community Free Picnic. Hope you all had a good time.

CENTENIAL CELEBRATION Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo will be celebrating 100 years of service in 2019. Included in this week’s bulletin is a survey to find out what type of celebration you would like and looking for volunteers to plan and execute this wonderful event. Please fill out the survey and either place it in the offering plate or leave it in the in the basket on the secretary’s desk in the office.

THANK YOU! to Val Benton who donated an Angel statue to decorate the memory garden. Take a walk down there and enjoy the beauty of the earth.

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