

Sunday, June 3, 2018
Second 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

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:

“The River”

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:3-11

³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

SERMON

Presentation of New Members (8:30am service)

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Gina Rosa

Kevin & Sandy Skow

Bob & Jan Walrod

Please Stand

THE PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION

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

A brief silence.

God our strength, you command your people to keep sabbath. Coax your church away from the busyness of the world and give us holy rest, so that, refreshed, we will give vibrant witness to your world-healing love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our strength, you restore what is withered. As all creation stretches forth in hunger and thirst for you, revive what has ceased to flourish and repair what has fallen into decay. Make us partners in your holy healing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our strength, we ache for peace. Teach nations that you carry our burdens, you free human hands, and you rescue us in distress. Raise up leaders in the world who listen to your voice and walk in your ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our strength, people are afflicted and perplexed, persecuted and struck down. Shine the light of your glory into the hearts of your suffering ones (*especially*) so that they will not be crushed, driven to despair, or forsaken. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our strength, you grieve our hardness of heart whenever we turn your holy counsel into rules to control others. Open our hearts to your loving will for these times, for our neighbors, and for this community of faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our strength, death is at work in us, but life is in you. Free us now to live into your promise of indestructible life and, in the end, restore us with all the saints (*especially the Martyrs of Uganda and John XXIII, bishop of Rome*). 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.

Please be seated

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

OFFERTORY HYMN:

“Michael Row the Boat”

Insert

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 – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM

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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN:

“I Shall Walk in the Presence of God”

Insert

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: The Praise Team

Greeters: Dick & Sandy Pullen

Ushers: 8:30 – Ron & Joni Melhlop 10:00 – Ron & Joann Hagland

Hospitality Hosts: Jack & Paula Spetz

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, May 27, 2018: 8:30am 82 10:00am 39

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

June 4 through June 10, 2018

Monday	6/4	9:00 am	Church & parsonage outside clean up
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/5	9:00 am	Quilters
		12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School planning
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday	6/6	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/7	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		10:30 am	Worship & Music meeting
		12:00 pm	Funtimers-Pot Luck (Noon) & Cards(12:30pm)
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	6/8	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	6/10	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS! Today we worship in the great outdoors of our backyard. The Creation Story in Genesis, celebrates this amazing, changing, fragile and beautiful world we call home. Enjoy communing with The God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gave us “the world and all who dwell therein!”

SPRING CLEAN-UP Monday, June 4, 9 a.m. I'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.

VEGGIE STAND Our next opening will be July 7th, then every Saturday until Labor Day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is scheduled for June 18-22. Can you help out? Please look at the bulletin boards in the Narthex or contact Joanne Stueven at 218 678-2778.

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS Lyn Hass, Carol Hass, the family of Owen Heins, and the family of Rose Pedersen

LAWN MOWING the list is in the Narthex – Please pick a week to mow. Thank you.

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 or bars 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/bars at the church Tuesday, June 20th by 3 pm and thank you for anyone who can help.

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.

FOOT CARE Foot care will no longer be available at Bethesda Lutheran Church beginning the month of June. The nurse who was doing it is no longer available to drive up from the cities. There is an outpatient clinic at Riverwood Health Care Center, the cost is \$25.00 but if you are a diabetic and on Medicare it should be covered. There is also a free foot care clinic the first Thursday of the month from 9am-11am at the seniors building (the “high rise”) in Isle.

CONGRATULATIONS to three members of our church that are graduating members of the Aitkin High School Class of 2018. Anna Westerlund, Grace Liljenquist, and Chandra MacDonald.

Presentation of New Members

June 3, 2018

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Name/s have come to join our congregation.

The presiding minister may introduce the Creed.

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. *Sisters and brothers* in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Those being welcomed face the assembly.

Let us welcome *these sisters and brothers* in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.