

Sunday, August 5, 2018

Eleventh 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

One of the lessons we learn from Ruth chapter 3 is that hope helps us dream. Hope helps us think up ways to do good. Hope helps us pursue our ventures with virtue and integrity. It's hopelessness that makes people think they have to lie and steal and seize illicit pleasures for the moment. But hope, based on the confidence that a sovereign God is for us, gives us a thrilling impulse which can be called strategic righteousness. We see it in Naomi in 3:1–5, in Ruth in 3:6–9, and in Boaz in 3:10–15. And the chapter closes again with Naomi full of confidence in the power and goodness of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” #712ELW
(Verses 1,3,4) 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

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Reach You"

READING: Ruth 3:1-18

¹Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ²Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." ⁵She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

⁶So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. ⁷When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and he was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet, and lay down. ⁸At midnight the man was startled, and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! ⁹He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin." ¹⁰He said, "May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. ¹²But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. ¹³Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin for you, good; let him do it. If he is not willing to act as next- of-kin for you, then, as the LORD lives, I will act as next-of-kin for you. Lie down until the morning."

¹⁴So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before one person could recognize another; for he said, "It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." ¹⁵Then he said, "Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley, and put it on her back; then he went into the city. ¹⁶She came to her mother-in-law, who said, "How

did things go with you, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her, ¹⁷saying, "He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, 'Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.' " ¹⁸She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest, but will settle the matter today."

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL Matthew 7:7-8

Glory to you, O Lord

⁷"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Day by Day”

#790 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

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you give gifts and talents to every member of the church. Strengthen all your children and bring them to a full understanding and maturity in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creator God, our complex and wonderful world is a sure sign of your abundance and care. Provide for every creature, and rain down the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Peaceful God, draw the nations of the world to harmony and mutual understanding. Bind all of humanity in the unity of love and peace that comes through the Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for those who are hungry, homeless, and who have lost family or friends. Lead them to places of safety, food, and rest. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you have brought us all together in this time and place. Bless this congregation, including those who are absent, and draw us into closer communion with you, each other, and our community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Infinite God, we praise you for the lives of those who have died in Christ. Keep our hearts in hope, for we have all received the food that endures to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Invitation to Communion

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. All are welcome.

(Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

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: “On Eagle’s Wings” #787 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: Adult Choir & Digital Hymnal Greeters: Barry & Donna Ansell
Ushers: 8:30am Chuck & Elsa Carlson 10:00am Carolyn Morris
Hospitality Hosts: Ron & Jan Aho, Ron & Joni Mehlhop, Judy Wuorio

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, July 29th: 8:30 am xx 10:00 am xx .

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

August 6 – August 12, 2018

Monday	8/6	1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/7	12 – 2 pm	Pastor's Text Study
		3:30 pm	Outreach Program Meeting
Wednesday	8/8	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
Thursday	8/9	8:00 am	ROMEO's
		10:30 am	Mission & Evangelism Meeting
		12:00 pm	Funtimers (12:00 Potluck, 12:30 cards)
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8/10	10:00am	Bone builders
Saturday	8/11	7:30am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/12	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

{ Guest Music: 1st Lutheran Church
of Aitkin's Praise Choir
Guest Preacher: Pastor Terry Frovik

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE DAY we haven't had a coffee day in a long time because we had a big surplus in the pantry. We now need coffee, so bring a big can of Folgers (or your favorite coffee) to church with you in the month of August. Then come for coffee & fellowship on Sundays.

Offer to host. Invite a friend! Thanks for your participation!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY will be here on August 15-18 to take pictures for our new church directory. Everyone will be getting automated phone calls and emails about scheduling your photo shoot. To schedule an appointments go to our web site (blcmalmo.org) and find the link to schedule your appointment time. You may also call one of the secretaries during normal working hours (M-F 11:00am -3:00pm). If you have your photo taken by Lifetouch, you will receive a single complementary photo and 1 picture directory per family that will be free. If you miss the scheduled times with Lifetouch, you can still be in the directory, but the cost of the directory to you maybe \$10. **So be sure to schedule your appointment with Lifetouch!** No purchases are required; just get your photo taken for the directory. There are special discount coupons available in the Narthex that you can use if you wish to purchase additional photos from Lifetouch.

VEGGIE STAND is now open every Saturday from 7:30-11:00am. Donations from your garden or kitchen will be welcomed. Deliver to the church by 3 pm Friday, or bring to the stand on Saturday morning. If you don't bake, you can help those that do by purchasing items listed on slips on bulletin board in narthex. Mark items "Veggie Stand" and place on back counter under the window in the kitchen.

HOSPICE KITS The women of Bethesda will be assembling Hospice Kits at their August meeting for Global Health Ministries because there is a great need for the kits. Please see the Women of the ELCA bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for items that are needed for the kits. All are welcome to join us to assemble these kits.

BETHESDA OUTREACH PROGRAM The Faith, Health and Wellness Committee is looking for individuals to be part of an outreach team that will call and visit members who are homebound, in a nursing home or those with a chronic illness. This would be done either as an individual or as part of a team. A home communion program is also being started. An orientation/training meeting will be scheduled for interested individuals. Contact Pastor or one of the Parish Nurses if you would like to be part of either of these programs to help our homebound members stay connected with Bethesda. ***An informational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th at 3:30 pm for anyone interested in being a part of this program.***