

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Twelfth 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

Today we see the blessing of God restored to Naomi. Naomi has gone from a bitter back-slidden woman, to a blessed and famous mother in Israel. We have also seen the life of the humble and dedicated Ruth who has gone from a widowed gentile to become a mother in a line that would not only produce King David, but would one day give to the world their redeemer, the Messiah, Jesus Christ. This story is not only about Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz. It is also about our relationship with Jesus Christ. It is about our full redemption and what Jesus can do with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “Because of Your Love” by Paul Baloche & Brenton Brown
Please Stand on the Last Verse

Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah

As we come into Your presence,
We remember every blessing
That You’ve poured out so
freely from above.

Lifting gratitude and praises,
For compassion so amazing.
Lord, we’ve come to give You
thanks for all You’ve done.

Because of Your love, we’re forgiven.
Because of Your love, our hearts
are clean.
We lift You up with songs of freedom.
Forever we’re changed,
Because of Your love.

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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.**

KYRIE: Heal Us, Lord by Marty Haugen & Tom Witt

L: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Bring new life to all Your people;
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Be the light within the darkness;
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: As we come to You in prayer.
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Heal us Lord and renew our lives.
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Come release us from our demons;
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Comfort us in times of trial;
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: In our troubles be our strength.
C: Heal, us Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.

L: Come and bind the broken-hearted;
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Free the captives still imprisoned;
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Be the hope of all who mourn.
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Shield us from all kinds of danger;
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: Give us strength to serve the stranger;
C: Heal us, Lord, and renew our lives.
L: So that no one feels alone..
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

SONG OF PRAISE: "Hallelujah" by Hans Peterson

Hallelujah, maples flow. Hallelu, an acorn grows.

Hallelujah, there is hope we know.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, grace is green. Hallelu, with ev-rything.

Hallelujah, wherever beauty is seen.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, daffodil. Hallelu, come drink your fill.

Hallelujah, where, oh heart is your will?

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, you give sight. Hallelu, the moon shines bright.

Hallelujah, we make it through the night.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, breath you bring. Hallelu, death lose your sting.

Hallelujah, to the One we sing.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, life has come. Hallelu, warmth of the sun.

Hallelujah, peace for everyone.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, the world sighs. Hallelu, Christ is alive.

Hallelujah, from ashes we all arise.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

READING: Ruth 4:1-22

¹No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin, of whom Boaz had spoken, came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over, friend; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. ²Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here"; so they sat down. ³He then said to the next-of-kin, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. ⁴So I thought I

would tell you of it, and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here, and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." ⁵Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." ⁶At this, the next-of-kin said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

⁷Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. ⁸So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal. ⁹Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." ¹¹Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; ¹²and, through the children that the LORD will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

¹³So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

¹⁸Now these are the descendants of Perez: Perez became the father of Hezron, ¹⁹Hezron of Ram, Ram of Amminadab, ²⁰Amminadab of Nahshon, Nahshon of Salmon, ²¹Salmon of Boaz, Boaz of Obed, ²²Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of David.

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL Luke 1:46-55
Glory to you, O Lord

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now
on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts
of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his
descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON: KINSWOMEN

SONG OF THE DAY: "Bind Us Together" WOV #748

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.

Lord God, we pray for the whole church. Sustain all who have tasted the bread of heaven and found solace in the promise of eternal life. Teach us to forgive one another in love and build each other up. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, save and protect your creation. Feed, nourish, and encourage all living creatures, and teach us to practice faithful stewardship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, you rule the nations. Lead all people to speak truth and kindness to one another, walking in the paths of justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, we pray for those in need. Comfort those who mourn, encourage the fearful, and tend the sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, we pray for those gathered here today. Feed us well so that the difficult journey of life may not be too much, and sustain us through times of trial. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord God, we bless you for the lives of those faithful ones who have gone before us. Raise all at the last day, that we may exalt your name together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

SENDING SONG: "All the People Said Amen"

by Paul Moak, Trevor Morgan & Matt Maher

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy;
To be forgiven and be free.
It's all you've got to lean on but thank God it's all you need.

And all the people said Amen. Whoa-oh,
And all the people said Amen.
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.
And all the people said Amen.

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know, love is what we're after.
We're all broken but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all.

And all the people said Amen. Whoa-oh,
And all the people said Amen.
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.
And all the people said Amen.

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start.
For this is the kingdom, the kingdom of God!

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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: 1st Lutheran Church of Aitkin's Praise Choir

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forrester

Ushers: 8:30am Skip & Lynn Hansen 10:00am Dick & Sue Stebbins

Hospitality Hosts: Wayne & Janice Olson; George & Patti Smith; Ron & Arty Heins

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, Aug. 5th: 8:30 am 85 10:00 am 28

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

August 13 – August 19, 2018

Monday	8/13	9:00 am	Women's Devotion @ Pat Beckers
		1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/14	9:00 am	Quilters
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday	8/15	8:00-12:00	WIC
		9:30 am	WELCA
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		2:00-8:00	<i>Lifetouch Pictures</i>
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	8/16	8:00 am	ROMEO
		12:00 pm	Funtimers (12:00 Potluck, 12:30 cards)
		1:00-8:00	<i>Lifetouch Pictures</i>
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	8/17	9:00 am	Council Meeting
		10:00 am	Bone builders
		1:00-8:00	<i>Lifetouch Pictures</i>
Saturday	8/18	7:30am	Veggie Stand
		10:00-5:00	<i>Lifetouch Pictures</i>
Sunday	8/19	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. Information will be gathered for Evangelism and also used for reports to the synod.

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS Jerry Becker

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!

THANK YOU! Judy Wuorio and Daisy Beth would like to thank you for your donations towards vet bills. It is very much appreciated.

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.

LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY will be here this week 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 appointment 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

SAVE THE DATE: The Jamboree this year will be one performance only, Friday, September 21, 2018 at 7:00pm

ANNUAL MEETING Our Annual Meeting will be held on 23rd at 10:00am. We will only have one service that day at 9:00am. Annual Reports will be available two weeks prior to the meeting in the office.

COMMITTEE AND ANNUAL REPORTS All committee and event annual reports need to be in to Judie Birk by August 30th in preparation for the congregational Annual Report which will be distributed mid-September. You can email your reports to: jimjudiebirk@gmail.com

HOSPICE KITS The women of Bethesda will be assembling Hospice Kits at their August 15th meeting for Global Health Ministries. 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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS WANTED Please consider serving on your church council for the upcoming fiscal year. We will need 2 new council members beginning in October and we'd ask you to consider this opportunity.

Please contact any of the current council members with questions, or to let them know of your interest to serve.

*No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.
Join the Church Council; see what a difference you can make.*



THANK YOU and WELCOME to the Praise Team from First Lutheran Church in Aitkin for their joyful sound to this morning's worship. Our Praise Team is performing as an exchange at their church this morning. What a great way for our churches to experience the talents of others.