

Sunday, August 19, 2018

13th 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 common truisms about generosity is that it does as much or more for the giver as it does for the one to whom generosity is given. The idea is that in giving there is a reciprocal benefit to one's self.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **“This Is My Father’s World”** #824 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

Ever-loving God, **your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “How Great is Our God”

READING: Matthew 6:19-34

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; ²³but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL Psalm 51:6-9

Glory to you, O Lord

⁶You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “We Plow the Fields and Scatter” #680 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.

O Lord, you build your church, the body of Christ, and sustain it with living bread. Let wisdom guide your church, and teach all its members the way of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, bless the work of musicians, composers, writers, and all artists. Move us to even greater praise through their gifts of creativity. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, we thank you for the diversity of the nations. Shower your wisdom and mercy upon all leaders and citizens. Give us all the courage to seek peace and pursue it. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, send calm and perseverance to those who are in trouble or who live daily with great stress. Fill them with your Spirit and satisfy them with your presence (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, we thank you for this congregation. Give us gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy, and inspire us to give thanks at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O Lord, we bless you for family, friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ who have guided us in wisdom and insight. Lead us into peace with all people until the day of Christ. 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: “Seek Ye First” #783 WOV

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: Sylvia Tapelt & Marge Garbo

Ushers: 8:30am Dennis & Audrey Bistodeau 10:00am Ron & JoAnn Haglund

Hospitality: Mark, Mary, Emilee & Will Vukelich; Barry & Donna Ansell

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, Aug. 12th: 8:30 am 82 10:00 am 52

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

August 20 – August 26, 2018

Monday	8/20	1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/21	9:00 am	Crafters
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor’s Text Study
Wednesday	8/22	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		6:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	8/23	8:00 am	ROMEO’s
		12:00 pm	Funtimers (12:00 Potluck, 12:30 cards)
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda continued

August 20 – August 26, 2018

Friday	8/24	10:00am	Bone builders
Saturday	8/25	7:30am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/26	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

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.

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.

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- **As of May 2018**, Bethesda has received **\$101.66** from parishioners shopping at AmazonSmile!

ANNUAL MEETING Our Annual Meeting will be held on September 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

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.

Join the Church Council; see what a difference you can make.

AITKIN AREA WOMEN'S RETREAT "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled" will be hosted by First Lutheran Church of Aitkin. Held on Tuesday, September 4th from 9:30am-2:30pm at Camp Onomia. See the bulletin board for more information.

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

OLD FASHIONED CHICKEN SUPPER: Saturday, Sept. 8th, 4:00-7:00pm at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. See poster on bulletin board for more info.

MALMO AREA LIONS CLASSIC/CUSTOM CAR SHOW – Saturday, September 22, 2018. See poster on bulletin board for more info.

JAMBOREE we are looking for Pictures from Past 25 years of the Jamboree. If you have any please email or bring the photos to the church office. They will be used for our 25th Anniversary show. All photos will be returned. Thank you!