

**Sunday, September 2, 2018**

Fifteenth 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**

**O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**CHOIR ANTHEM: “Down to the River to Pray”**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

**GOSPEL Luke 12:13-34**  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

<sup>22</sup>He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup>For it is the nations of the world that strive

after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

### **PSALM REFLECTION Psalm 51:15-17**

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

<sup>16</sup>For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" #694 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**

Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we pray for all those who labor to bear your word into the world by welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, and caring for the orphan. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Creative God, we pray for the earth. Keep watch over those who rescue endangered species and repair scorched landscapes. Make us good stewards of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we pray for the nations of the world, for governments, leaders, and citizens. Watch over refugees and immigrants. Inspire us to welcome them with glad hearts when they arrive on our shores and in our neighborhoods. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you call us to serve our neighbors. Bless our vocations as we fill the cups of the thirsty, the plates of the hungry, and the hearts of the lonely. Make our presence your presence for all who sorrow (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, at tables around the world, through story and meal, strangers become guests and guests become friends. Embolden this congregation to always extend the wide-armed welcome you extend to us. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses whose lives inspire us to loving service (*including Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, renewer of the church*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

**Special Music: “Be Still and Know”**

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box.*

*Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.**

**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

All are welcome.

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:                    “Be Thou My Vision”                    #793 ELW**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**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: Dick & Sandy Pullen

Ushers: 8:30am Don & Donna Myhre

10:00am Darrell Kelly

Hospitality Hosts: Jerry & Caroline Morris, Del & Dianne Jones

*Thank you for your service!*

## Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, August 26<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am 83 10:00 am 19

### **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda                      September 3<sup>rd</sup> thru September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Monday	9/3	Labor Day-1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	9/4	9:00 am	Crafters
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday	9/5	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		10:00 am	Centennial Meeting
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	9/6	8:00 am	ROMEO's
		10:30 am	Worship & Music
		12:00 pm	Funtimers (12:00 Potluck, 12:30 cards)
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	9/7	10:00am	Bone builders
Sunday	9/9	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
		11:00 am	God's Work/Our Hands-Beach Clean Up

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Ron & Carol Hass; Theresa Berry

**BLESSING BOX** Today is Blessing Box Sunday. If you feel you have been blessed in life, please consider donating to the Blessing Box. All donations go for Local Benevolence.

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

**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!

**WORSHIP & MUSIC SURVEY** There are surveys (printed on yellow paper) on the tables in the Fellowship hall that we would like you to fill out. Please place the completed surveys in the basket on your way out of church. Thank you!

**ANNUAL MEETING** Our Annual Meeting will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)**

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

**BETHESDA OUTREACH PROGRAM:** If you know of someone who may be homebound, has medical issues or recently suffered a loss and would benefit from short or long term visits from someone on Bethesda's visitation team contact Pastor James, a parish nurse or the office.

**DRIVER NEEDED** Jerry Becker would appreciate rides to chemo, a couple of days a week during the first week of each month. Jerry has chemo at Onamia at 10:30 and he is usually done in 35-45 minutes. Volunteer Signup sheet is in the Narthex.

**PHOTOS FOR DIRECTORY** If you were unable to get your picture taken from Lifetouch for the directory, contact Melody Lackner (218 232-7424 or mlackner912@gmail.com). For \$10 she will professional take your picture, give you an 8x10 color photo and submit your photo to the directory. Deadline for Melody to submit photos for the directory is September 30, 2018.

**GOD'S WORK-OUR HANDS** will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2018. Meet at Reddy Creek Beach for clean up at 11:00am. See Joanne Stueven if you have questions.

**MILLE LACS HOMEMAKERS CLUB** Have you heard about the Mille Lacs Home-Makers Club? We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 11 am or 12 noon from September thru May at the Mille Lacs Snowmobile Club. We are a service organization for area nursing homes in Aitkin, Onamia, and Isle. We make easy Easter and Christmas items to put on their breakfast trays and fleece robes to keep them warm—no sewing; you can cut, pin and other easy tasks. Come to our September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at 11:30 am to check us out. We have a fun time so come check us out. For more info contact Shirley Gosselin, President, at cell-320-339-5589; h-320-676-5589 or Ruth Hamman at 320-676-3976.

**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.*