

# Sunday, September 16, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



## **BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO**

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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**

**God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

**CHOIR ANTHEM: “Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 12: 1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

**GOSPEL Matthew 28:19-20**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY: \* “Come thou Font of Every Blessing” #807 ELW**  
*\* Parishioner Request*

*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.*

In every time and in every place, you have raised up examples of loving service (*including Cyprian, bishop and martyr*). Make us all good and loving witnesses to your extravagant compassion. 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**

*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.**



**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda (continued)****September 17- 23, 2018**

Friday	9/21	10:00 am	Bone builders
		7:00 pm	Jamboree
Saturday	9/22	11:00 am	Malmo Area Lions Classic/Custom Car~Tractor~Motorcycle Show
Sunday	9/23	9:00 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Annual Meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Ron & Carol Hass**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 September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am. We will only have one service that day at 9:00am. Annual Reports and *revised Proposed Budget worksheets* are available in the Fellowship Hall.**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.**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.*

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH** in Milaca will be celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special presentation, "The Immigrants and Their Faith" by Mark Granquist on September 20, 2018 at 6:30pm. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.**MALMO AREA LIONS CLASSIC/CUSTOM CAR SHOW** – Saturday, September 22, 2018. See poster on bulletin board for more info.**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE** Please give to Lutheran Disaster Response today for the effects of Hurricane Florence. Checks or money orders can be sent to: Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Write "Hurricane Response" on your check memo line. Give by phone at 800-638-3522 or online at <https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief>

# TRAVELERS ON THE JOURNEY

Larry Olson  
Hans Peterson



We are trav - 'lers on the jour - ney, yearn - ing to



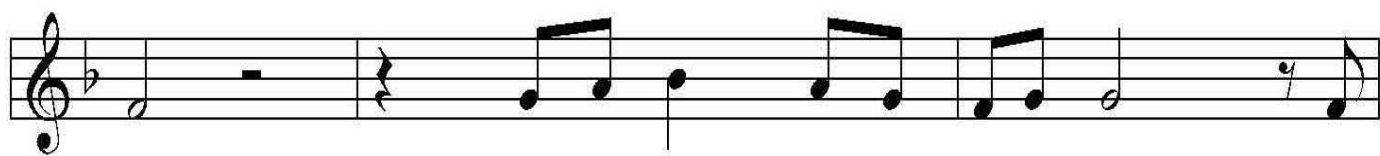
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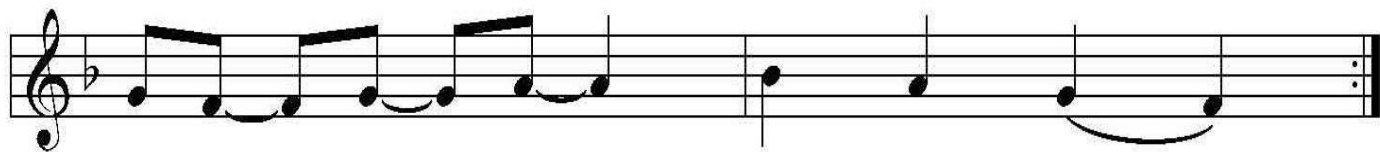
We are trav - 'lers on the jour - ney of love.



What is life real - ly all a - bout in the strug - gle of  
Do we walk in our foolish - ness with our hearts ev - er  
We are blessed in the gath - er - ing at the ta - ble of



faith? Hear the word reach - ing out to you,  
slow to the touch of the Ho - ly One  
grace. Free to see in an - oth - er's pain the



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who is with us on this road? \_\_\_\_\_  
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