

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

**Sixteenth 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's Gospel teaches some principles about trusting our Lord while we're in the midst of the storms of life. Even when we follow Jesus faithfully, unexpected storms will come. Yet, Jesus is able to change great storms into great calm with just a word.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** "Carrier"

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN:** "All of My Life"  
*Please rise 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, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✙ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**God of promise, you set a bow in the sky to remind us that you will never**

**again forsake your creation. Make us ever mindful of your promise, so that we might honor our covenant with you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

**PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "Our God"**

**SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: "Thy Word"**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17**

Chapter 6

<sup>5</sup>The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. <sup>7</sup>So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created — people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." <sup>8</sup>But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup>And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. <sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. <sup>13</sup>And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. <sup>14</sup>Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. <sup>15</sup>This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. <sup>16</sup>Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. <sup>17</sup>For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup>But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup>And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup>Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. <sup>21</sup>Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them." <sup>22</sup>Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

## Chapter 8

<sup>6</sup>At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup>and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; <sup>9</sup>but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup>He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; <sup>11</sup>and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup>Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him anymore.

## Chapter 9

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The word of the Lord

### **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

### **GOSPEL Matthew 8:24-27**

#### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>24</sup>A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup>And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" <sup>26</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. <sup>27</sup>They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

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

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**“We Believe”**

*Please Stand*

### **THE 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, you call your church to proclaim the love of Christ to a needy world. Embolden us to be your risen body by welcoming strangers and serving our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Creative God, small sprouts and tall trees proclaim your majesty. Give us clear eyes to see nature’s beauty and wise minds to protect our home, this earth, from misuse and harm. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you draw order from chaos. Watch over the nations of the world. Bless citizens and leaders who strive toward the beloved community for which you long. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you give us all that we need. When your children suffer from hunger, poverty, loneliness, persecution, injury, or illness, send generous helpers and companions. We pray especially for . . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, you set a table for us. Embolden this congregation to seek new ways of inviting others to the feast of all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You bless us with throngs of saints who witness to your compassion. With gratitude, we recall the lives and deeds of those who proclaim loving-kindness to a needy world (*including Peter Claver, priest and missionary*). 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.**

*Please be seated*

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.  
Please rise 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 – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM**

#### **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.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CLOSING HYMN:**

**“And the People Said Amen”**

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**Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.**

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: The Praise Team

Greeters: Jack & Paula Spetz

Ushers: 8:30 – Don & Donna Myhre 10:00 – Darrell Kelly

Hospitality Hosts: Chuck & Elsa Carlson, Lee & Barb Forrester

***Thank you for your service!***

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018: 8:30am 79 10:00am 24

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**Sept. 10 through Sept. 16, 2018**

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|-----------|------|-----------|--|
| Monday    | 9/10 | 9:00 am   | Women's Devotion at Pat Becker's           |
|           |      | 1:00 pm   | Double Deck Pinochle                       |
|           |      | 7:00 pm   | AA/Alanon                                  |
| Tuesday   | 9/11 | 9:00 am   | Quilters                                   |
|           |      | 9:00 am   | Crafters                                   |
|           |      | 12 – 2 pm | Pastor's Text Study                        |
| Wednesday | 9/12 | 9:00 am   | Bible Study                                |
|           |      | 10:00 am  | Stitchers                                  |
|           |      | 5:30 pm   | Choir Practice                             |
|           |      | 7:00 pm   | Praise Team                                |
| Thursday  | 9/13 | 8:00 am   | ROMEOS                                     |
|           |      | 12:00 pm  | Funtimers-Pot Luck (Noon) & Cards(12:30pm) |
|           |      | 6:00 pm   | Bell Choir Practice                        |
| Friday    | 9/14 | 9:00 am   | Council Meeting                            |
|           |      | 10:00 am  | Bone Builders                              |
| Sunday    | 9/16 | 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. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

**BLESSING BOX** We received \$154.44 in the Blessing Box last Sunday. Donations will go to Local Benevolence. Thank you! What a Blessing!

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

**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.

**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)**

**WOMEN'S DEVOTIONS** will be on Monday, September 10th, 9:00-11:00 am.

Please come join us; we are an informal group of women who seek to learn more about God and what He is saying to us through the study of His word. The study is facilitated by Pat Becker.

**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.

**MILLE LACS HOMEMAKERS CLUB** Have you heard about the Mille Lacs Home-Makers Club? We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Wednesday* 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 12<sup>th</sup>* meeting at 11:30 am to check us out. We have a fun time. For more info contact Shirley Gosselin, President, at cell-320-339-5589; h-320-676-5589 or Ruth Hamman at 320-676-3976.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH MEATBALL SUPPER & BAZAAR** is Wed., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:30 pm in Milaca. Meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, garden veges, scalloped corn, coleslaw, bread/butter, homemade pies & beverages. Cost is \$10.00 for adults & \$4.00 for children under 10.

**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 today. Meet at Reddy Creek Beach for clean up at 11:00am. See Joanne Stueven if you have questions.



"SERVICE TO OTHERS IS  
THE RENT YOU PAY FOR  
YOUR ROOM HERE ON  
EARTH."

-Muhammad Ali

## **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.



## **“All The People Said Amen” by 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 got to lean on, but thank God it's all you need

**Chorus:**       And all the people said Amen, woah  
                  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 love the world, He sent His son to save us all

**Chorus:**       And all the people said Amen, woah  
                  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

**Chorus:**       And all the people said Amen, woah  
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                  And all the people said Amen  
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                  And all the people said Amen  
                  Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
                  And all the people said Amen....And all the people said Amen

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*One Performance  
Only*

**Friday, September 21st, 2018 - 7:00pm**

*Come join in on the fun with wonderful music, laughter  
and refreshments!*

**ADMISSION IS \$5.00 & KIDS 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE**

