

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Twenty-first 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

CALL TO WORSHIP: **“Come Into God’s House”**
(Sung to tune of Beer Barrel Polka)

Come into God’s house, join us in worship and praise!
Come into God’s house, hearts, hands and voices we’ll raise.
Our God is present, standing with arms open wide,
Longing to forgive His children and draw us to His side.

Sing words to praise Him, lift up your voices in song!
Sing words to praise Him, honor His name all day long.
Join other Christians, pass on His name as you do,
Living and spreading the Gospel, as He commands us to do.

Come now and worship, come now and worship the Lord!
Come now and worship, join as we sign and adore.
Gather together, give God the praise that is due,
Hear us as we come to Your worship, singing praises to You.

One in the Spirit, eager to feed on Your Word,
One in the Spirit, sharing our love with You, Lord.
In prayer united, here at the throne of Your grace,
We’ll take the joy of Jesus with us when we leave this place!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **“He Is Lord Of All”**
(Sung to tune of It’s a Small World)

He’s the Lord of skies, He’s the Lord of seas,
He’s the Lord of you, He’s the Lord of me.
And He died for our sins, just to give liberty,
He is Lord, yes, Lord of all
Jesus is the Lord of all, Jesus is the Lord of all,
Jesus is the Lord of all, He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.

There is just one Lord, He’s the Father’s Son,
He was sent to die, die for everyone.
There’s so much that we share, that it’s time we’re aware,

He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.

Jesus is the Lord of all, Jesus is the Lord of all,
Jesus is the Lord of all, He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.

We will sing and praise Your holy name,
Forgive our sins and forget our blame,
Take our troubles away, we will worship and pray,
You are Lord, yes, Lord of all.

Jesus is the Lord of all, Jesus is the Lord of all,
Jesus is the Lord of all, He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.

(Please rise for the singing of 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of deliverance, you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26]

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ⁴and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. ⁶When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. ¹¹When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. ¹²I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant. ¹⁴Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and

among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good."²¹And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" ²²Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." ²³He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." ²⁴The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. ²⁶Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel: Matthew 4:8-10

Glory to you, O Lord

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please be Seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“You Give Us Sunshine”

(Sung to tune of You Are My Sunshine)

You give us sunshine and gentle rain, Lord,
The snow in winter, the morning dew,
All that we have, Lord, we have been given,
So we give our lives now to You.

The warmth of summer, the autumn breezes,
The winter frost, the green of spring,
The seasons' changes declare Your praises
And we join them as we sing.

You give us sunshine and gentle rain, Lord,
The snow in winter, the morning dew,
All that we have, Lord, we have been given,
So we give our lives now to You.

You are the maker of earth and heaven,
And stars and planets sing Your praise,
We lift our voices to join the chorus,
As we bless your wonderful ways.

You give us sunshine and gentle rain, Lord,
The snow in winter, the morning dew,
All that we have, Lord, we have been given,
So we give our lives now to You.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, holy and righteous, cut our hearts open by your living word. Break down our pride and self-assurance, and transform us by your gentle mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless workers who clear fields to prepare for the barren season to come. Bring the harvest of your creation to completion, even as we look forward to the blossoming of new life. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Exercise and establish your true justice in courtrooms, in prisons, and in neighborhoods. Guide those who manage great wealth to do so with generosity and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pour out favor this day upon those who are afflicted and feel far removed from you (*especially*). Send them companions who will show them you are ever near. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Build up relationships among people of different beliefs and backgrounds. Use the cooperation between this congregation and others in our community to reveal your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Gather us with all the saints whom you have made righteous in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through him give us all the gifts of your kingdom and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

Amen

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box.
Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Thanks To God”

(Sung to tune of Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain)

1. Thanks to God for my redeemer,
Thanks for all that You provide!
Thanks for times now but a mem’ry
Thanks for Jesus by my side.
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and dreary fall,
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul.

3. Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain,
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav’nly peace with Thee
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity.

2. Thanks for prayers that You have answered,
Thanks for what You have denied.
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all You have supplied.
Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair,
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare.

4. Now we leave to spread Your message,
Now we go to praise Your name,
Now we honor and obey You,
Now we live by words proclaimed,
Now we reach out to our neighbors,
Now we show our love to all.
Now our hope is all eternal,
In your grace, we shall not fail.

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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:

“Christ Jesus Lives Today”

(Sung to the tune of The Happy Wanderer)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

He lives! He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus is alive today!
He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!

2. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumph of His grace.

He lives! He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus is alive today!
He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!

3. In Christ, there is no east or west,
In Him, no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

He lives! He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus is alive today!
He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!

4. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

He lives! He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus is alive today!
He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: The Praise Team & Johnson Chicks

Greeters: Maynard & Kathy Berland Ushers: 9:00– George & Kathy Larson

Hospitality Hosts: Carolyn Morris, Shirley Gosselin

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 7, 2018: 8:30am 68 10:00am 21

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

October 15 thru October 21, 2018

Monday	10/15	12:30 pm	Stewardship Meeting
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/16	9:00 am	Crafters
		12-2 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	10/17	8-12:00pm	WIC
		9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		10:00 am	Centennial Meeting
		1:00 pm	Dementia Friends Workshop
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	10/18	8:00am	ROMEOS
		9:30am	Council Meeting
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	10/19	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	10/20	2:00 pm	Funeral for Wilma Heins
Sunday	10/21	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 yearly reports to the Synod.

FREE WILL OFFERING There will be a basket in the Narthex for today's special music.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR Saturday, October 27th Doors open at 9:00am. Work signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

FLU SHOT CLINIC will be held at Bethesda on Tuesday, Oct 23rd from 9:00-11:00am. Bring your insurance card. See bulletin board for other locations, times and dates.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, November 10th from 7am to 11am put on by the Malmo Lions with proceeds going towards community projects. Bake Sale also.

“MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTS & HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN CHANGES”

presentation will be given Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at St. James Catholic Church, 11:00 a.m. 299 Red Oak Dr., Aitkin. Speaker is Natalie Madgy, State Health Insurance & Assistance Counselor. Free lunch served following program (reservations for lunch encouraged by calling Pat Feyo at 320-684-2011). See notice on window in Narthex.

MEN'S ANNUAL FISHING TRIP is scheduled for Monday, January 21st – Wednesday, 23rd, 2019. We will leave the church Monday at 6:00am and stop at the Shining Light café in Northome for breakfast and to draw numbers for your fishing partner. Monday there will be a steak dinner at the lodge and on Tuesday they will serve breakfast, we will provide a sack lunch to take along fishing and then a fish fry for dinner. Wednesday morning you are on your own, headed home. A check for \$100 payable to Bayview Lodge will be required-the deadline for this is December 10th, 2018. Any questions – call Ron Mehlhop 507-276-0798 or Skip 320-684-2842 or 218-839-2005.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD On November 11th during coffee fellowship shoe boxes will be packed. The VBS kids packed 27 boxes and we have school supplies and hygiene packs left over for at least 20 more boxes and will need help putting them together. Small toys like cars, balls, jump ropes and dolls, t-shirts, solar calculators, sewing kits, small tool kits are still needed and can be placed in the collection box in the Narthex and join us on the 11th to pack.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS WORKSHOP On Wednesday, October 17th at 1pm Terri Mathis from Aitkin County Care will present a face to face presentation about dementia. In this one hour informal session you will learn what dementia is and tips for communicating with people who have dementia. Dementia Friends Minnesota is a growing movement of people who are helping fellow community members living with dementia. Come to this free session to learn about dementia-you never know when you may need to help a family member or a friend. For further information contact Darlene Christensen or Carolyn Morris.

ISLE SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY

How can students focus on academics when they are going hungry?

Items needed/wanted for Isle School's Food Pantry

1. Canned chicken, tuna and ham or hearty, ready-to-go meals like beef stew and chili with meat. Non-perishable items rich in protein are the most desired food drive donation items.
2. Canned vegetables: Potatoes, beans, carrots, spinach or peas, all with no salt added preferred – **THAT KIDS WOULD LIKE...**
3. Canned fruit ...plus individual fruit cups
4. Canned tomatoes & pasta sauces
5. Shelf stable milk and alternatives (rice, soy, etc.)
6. Snack items for kids to take to school: juice boxes, applesauce containers, granola bars
7. Single serve macaroni & cheese, microwavable foods, bowls, packets
8. Cereal cups
9. Nuts – sealed to take out of the building
10. Peanut or other nut butter, especially crunchy-sealed to take out of the building
11. Instant oatmeal, instant grits
12. Whole grain pasta, brown rice and quinoa
13. Biscuit or baking mixes (that only require water)
14. Spices like cinnamon, oregano, basil, salt, pepper
15. Items that have a long shelf life but always goes immediately-some breads-crackers-cookies
16. Bags of apples or potatoes.
17. Chocolate. It's not a necessity but just a pick-me-up that helps lift the heart of some

BEYOND FOOD

1. Toiletries: toothbrushes, soap, toothpaste, lotion, shampoo & conditioner, warm socks, deodorant, Chapstick, etc.
2. Feminine hygiene products
3. School supplies
4. Clothes – hats, gloves, etc?

WHAT FOOD BANKS CANNOT USE

1. Perishable foods
2. Expired foods
3. Food without a label
4. Homemade food
5. Food or packaging that's falling apart or damaged

Donation Box is in the Narthex

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.