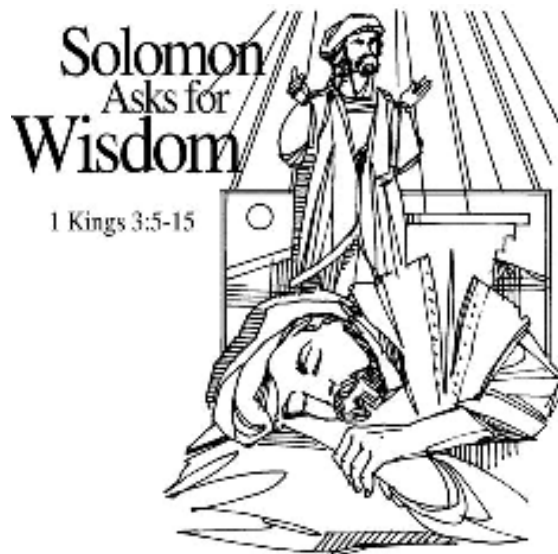


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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



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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

*Solomon's wisdom was more his glory than his wealth. He had what is called largeness of heart, for the heart is often put for the powers of the mind. He had the gift of utterance, as well as wisdom. It is very desirable, that those who have large gifts of any kind, should have large hearts to use them for the good of others.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN:**                    **“God Whose Almighty Word”**                    **#673 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, 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 for reflection and self-examination.*

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**

**Generous God, you gave your servant Solomon wisdom so that he might govern your people well. Grant us your wisdom, so that we might perform our life's duties with gratitude and wisdom. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28**

<sup>4</sup>The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." <sup>6</sup>Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. <sup>7</sup>"Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup>Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup>So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup>If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

<sup>15</sup>Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants.

<sup>16</sup>Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. <sup>17</sup>The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. <sup>18</sup>Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. <sup>19</sup>Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. <sup>20</sup>She got up in the middle of the

night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. <sup>21</sup>When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." <sup>22</sup>But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king.

<sup>23</sup>Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead'; while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.'" <sup>24</sup>So the king said, "Bring me a sword," and they brought a sword before the king. <sup>25</sup>The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one, and half to the other." <sup>26</sup>But the woman whose son was alive said to the king — because compassion for her son burned within her — "Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." <sup>27</sup>Then the king responded: "Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." <sup>28</sup>All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

**GOSPEL Matthew 8:2-3**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>2</sup>and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." <sup>3</sup>He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" #769 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**

*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.*

Holy and faithful God, make your church complete through the redeeming work of Christ, our great high priest. Set us apart for holy action, and reform this world through us. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Satisfy the needs of your creation through clean, flowing water, especially in dry and barren places. Bring rainfall in due measure, and let life blossom from it.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Set your compassion in us, and draw our attention to people who are too often neglected. By their leadership, teach us how vast and powerful your mercy is.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gather those who are suffering, and make well-being and salvation take root in their lives. Bring hope to those who are sick or suffering in any way today (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Pour out your Spirit on this assembly through word, water, bread, and wine.

Continually reshape us to be a community of welcome for people from near and far. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Let your grace be made known through the witness of saints who share your good news (*like the apostles Simon and Jude, whom we commemorate today*). Increase our faith until your word flows freely from us. 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.**

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.  
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:**

**“I Can Only Imagine”**

Insert

**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: Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forrester

Ushers: 8:30am Skip & Lynn Hansen

10:00am Ron & JoAnn Haglund

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, October 21<sup>st</sup>: 8:30 am 64 10:00am 24

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**October 29<sup>th</sup> thru November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Monday	10/29	1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/30	9:00 am	Quilters
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor’s Text Study
Wednesday	10/31	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		5:30-8:30pm	Trunk or Treat
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	11/1	8:00 am	ROMEO’s
		10:30 am	Worship & Music Meeting
		1:00 pm	Funeral-James Falk (No Funtiers)
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	11/2	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	11/3	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS – turn back your clock	
Sunday	11/4	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.

## **PRAYER & CARE**

George & Kathy Smith and Ron Aho who were in a car accident this week.  
The family of Marlys Beavers - she passed away on Tuesday.  
James Falk – Funeral Thursday

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

**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 11<sup>th</sup> to pack.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm, Bethesda will sponsor a “Trunk or Treat” event in our parking lot. Decorate your trunk and bring treats to pass out to neighborhood kids. See poster in the Narthex for more information. This will be a Fundraising Event for our Centennial Celebration.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** and bake sale, Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 11am put on by the Malmo Lions to honor Veterans with proceeds going towards community projects. VETERAN’S EAT FREE!

**THANK YOU** to all who helped make this year’s Bazaar a success! Lefse Makers & Cookie Bakers. Lefse makers made 197 packages of 4 each in a package! Caramel makers & wrappers. They cut, wrapped and bagged 64 bags with a dozen to a bag. We had lots of fun too!!!

**BAZAAR INVENTORY** If anyone would like to help with the after Bazaar inventory, please show up at the church at 9:00am on Monday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.



# I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

Bart Millard

I can only imagine what it will be like  
When I walk by your side  
I can only imagine what my eyes will see  
When your face is before me I can only imagine

## ***CHORUS***

Surrounded by your glory what will my heart feel  
Will I dance for you Jesus or in awe of you be still  
Will I stand in your presence  
Or to my knees will I fall  
Will I sing Hallelujah will I be able to speak at all  
I can only imagine I can only imagine

I can only imagine when that day comes  
And I find myself standing in the son  
I can only imagine when all I will do  
Is forever, forever worship you  
I can only imagine I can only imagine

## ***CHORUS (2XS)***

I can only imagine I can only imagine  
I can only imagine I can only imagine

I can only imagine when all I will do  
Is forever, forever worship you  
I can only imagine