

**Sunday, October 7, 2018**

Twentieth 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

*Covenant & Commandments - The first verse of the reading may seem something of a place holder -- further "setting of the stage," as it were -- but it contains all of the subjects that will prove important in what follows: "Moses," "God/the LORD," "the mountain," and "the house of Jacob/the Israelites" (note also "the covenant" in verse 5). God will speak to Israel, but has chosen to do so through Moses, up on a mountain.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN: **"I Have Brought You Out of Egypt"** **Please Stand on the Last Verse**

"I have brought you out of Egypt," Moses heard the Lord God say.  
"I have saved you! I have freed you! people, listen and obey.  
Have no other gods before me; don't make idols for yourselves.  
I will judge those who reject me; worship me and no one else."

"Do not use the Lord's name wrongly, use God's name for what is good.  
Keep the Sabbath; keep it holy; rest and worship as you should.  
Honor father, honor mother; do not murder! Honor life!  
Do not wander to another from your husband or your wife."

God continued these commandments: "Do not steal another's things;  
And you shall not bear false witness — see the anguish that it brings.  
Do not seek with bitter longing what you see across the street.  
Keep these laws and find within them where my love and justice meet."

God of grace, we see your promise in the covenant you give.  
For your law is wise and wondrous as it shows us how to live.  
Loving God and loving neighbor, may we follow where you call.  
Saved by grace, may we together seek to live your gracious law.

### 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**

**God of the commandments, you gave the Israelites laws so that they might live in harmony with one another. Show us how to live in peace, so that all may know of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Please be seated*

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "Blessing After Blessing"**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17**

### **Chapter 19**

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." <sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.

### **Chapter 20**

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the

house of slavery;<sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

**GOSPEL Matthew 5:17**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" #800 ELW  
(verses 1, 2, & 4)**

*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 God, send your blessing out into the world through missionaries, evangelists, and servants of your church. Through them spread good news to all who need it (*as you did through Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, whom we commemorate today*).

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We praise you for the animals of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and all the works of your hands. Let our care for all you have made reflect your desire for the health of all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Rule the nations of this world with the same grace you employ to align planets, stars, and moons. Where there is disorder, move us toward righteousness and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Deliver your care to your children who feel unworthy of care. Bend down low to lift up people who struggle to find others who will embrace them in time of need. We pray especially for . . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Bring reconciliation among this community. Heal relationships that are broken. When we face division, open our eyes to signs of new life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Along with all the saints, form us into a holy and loving community in which people can find abundant compassion and peace. Through us bring others into your unbreakable covenant. 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 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: YOUR LOVE IS EVERLASTING**

Hans Peterson  
Larry Olson



Since time be - gan, through cent - ur - ies God's  
A moth - ers womb, a brand new life God's  
Signs of hope, a voice of peace God's



love is ev - er - last - ing. To dis - tant un - known  
love is ev - er - last - ing. An emp - ty tomb, the  
love is ev - er - last - ing. The pro - phet's cry for



gal - ax - ies God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
ri - sen Christ God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
war to cease God's love is ev - er - last - ing. For the



Splen - dor springs forth 'cross the land God's  
Weep - ing may last for the night God's  
down and out and high and proud God's



love is ev - er - last - ing. A - bun - dance, shar - ing  
love is ev - er - last - ing. But joy breaks forth with  
love is ev - er - last - ing. Come all you peo - ple



hand in hand God's love is ev - er - last - ing. Your  
morn - ing light God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
shout out loud God's love is ev - er - last - ing.



love (your love) is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing. Your



love (your love) is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing.

## 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: Jerry & Pat Becker

Ushers: 8:30am George & Kathy Larson

10:00am Barry & Donna Ansell

Hospitality: Maynard & Kathy Berland (in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, September 30<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am 62 10:00 am 27

### THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

October 8<sup>th</sup> thru October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Monday	10/8	9:00 am	Women's Devotions @ Pat Becker's
		1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/9	9:00 am	Quilters
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday	10/10	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		12:30 pm	Stewardship Meeting
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	10/11	8:00 am	ROMEO's
		12:00 pm	Funtimers (12:00 Potluck, 12:30 cards)
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	10/12	10:00 am	Bone builders
Sunday	10/14	9:00 am	Worship
			<i>Polka Service with the Johnson Chicks</i>



## **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 LIST:** Ron & Carol Hass, George Smith, Jerry Becker, Barb Forrester, Del Jones, Family of Wilma Heins.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Maynard & Kathy Berland who are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary today. Congratulations!

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. There will always be someone to help you with making coffee and running the dishwasher.

**USHERS** If anyone is interested in ushering, please contact Skip or Lynn.

**WOMEN'S DEVOTIONS and BIBLE STUDY** is an opportunity to learn more about the bible and to join in deeper fellowship with other women. Over the next three months the group will be studying about repentance and how it shapes our relationships with God and with others. We meet once a month on the second Monday morning of the month. Come join us on Monday, October 8 at 9:00 A.M. at the home of Pat Becker.

**THANK YOU!** To the person who gave a generous gift to the Bethesda Rescue Dog Daisy for her upcoming surgery and Vet bills. You are a very kind and caring soul. May God bless you. We are very grateful to you. Judy & Daisy

**DEMENTIA FRIENDS WORKSHOP** On Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FOOD SAFETY TRAINING** Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:00-4:30 pm there will be a free 2.5 hr food safety & sanitation trainings session at Glory Baptist Church, 28053 360<sup>th</sup> Ave, Aitkin. Training is for faith based & non-profit organizations. It meets training requirements for the Church Lady Law. Register by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> by email [Michele.leitner@co.aitkin.mmn.us](mailto:Michele.leitner@co.aitkin.mmn.us) or call 218-927-7266 & leave a message. Sponsored by Aitkin Co Environmental Services. Notice on bulletin board in Narthex.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

**LUTEFISK DINNER** Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Holden Lutheran Church will be serving a Lutefisk, Meatballs, and Swedish Sausage Dinner with all the fixings including Lefse, Scandinavian Cookies & more. Craft & Bake Sale, too. **Serving from 1:00-5:00pm.** See poster in the Narthex for more information.



If you're too late for the Lutefisk Dinner at Holden, there's another that day!

**LUTEFISK DINNER** Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Lutheran Church in Milaca will be serving a Lutefisk, Ham and Potato Sausage Dinner with all the fixings and topped off with Scandinavian desserts. **Serving from 3:30-7:00pm.** See poster in the Narthex for more information

**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.

**ALFIE SANDELL'S BIRTHDAY** There will be birthday celebration at Golden Horizons today, Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00-4:00pm, for Alfie's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Stop in and visit for a while if you have a chance.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. There will always be someone to help you with making coffee and running the dishwasher.

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

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

**LEFSE MAKING** will take place on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am. Signup sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come learn a new craft.

**MINT MAKING** will take place on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Signup sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

