

Sunday, November 25, 2018
Twenty-seventh 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

Jesus warns that religious symbols cannot protect us from God's wrath. There is promised judgment on God's people who treated his temple as a safe haven for robbers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “The Church of Christ in Every Age” #729 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, ✝ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

Amen.

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God, our merciful redeemer,

we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ✝ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of cleansing, you showed the people of Israel how to behave in ways that honor you and your people. Show us how to behave so that your world might be blessed through our actions. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11

Chapter 1

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Chapter 7

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the LORD. ³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. ⁴Do not trust in these deceptive words: "This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD."

⁵For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, ⁶if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, ⁷then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors forever and ever.

⁸Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. ⁹Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, ¹⁰and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, "We are safe!" — only to go on doing all these abominations? ¹¹Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know, I too am watching, says the LORD.

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL Matthew 21:12-13

Glory to you, O Lord

¹²Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#434 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.

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you love us and free us through the death and resurrection of your Son. Lead your church through the gospel. Bless pastors, deacons, musicians, teachers, and all who speak your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You reveal your goodness through the majesty of what you have created. Bring favorable weather to places affected by storms, protect plants and animals from devastation, and guide us in our use of all natural resources. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You desire justice in the world. Grant to courts wise and discerning judges, attorneys, and public defenders, and guide the rulers of nations to bring about peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are our beginning and end. Soothe the afflicted, comfort the distressed, console the bereaved, and heal the sick (*especially*). Give all who provide care a measure of your compassion and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You call us to serve our neighbors. Nourish us with word and sacrament so that we serve as your hands and feet in the world. Protect those who are traveling, and bless those who are unable to attend worship today. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your dominion is forever and ever. We give thanks for the faithful departed who live with the saints of all ages in your infinite love (*including the hymnwriter Isaac Watts*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through 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 including the basket of food for Isle School Program.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God,

you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

(Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God surround you; the grace of ✝ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“People’s Church”

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DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

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: George & Patti Smith

Ushers: 8:30am Wayne & Janice Olson

10:00am Carolyn Morris

Hospitality: Carron Family

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sun, November 18th: 8:30 am 71 10:00 am 19

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

November 26 thru December 2, 2018

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| Monday | 11/26 | 1:00 pm | Pinochle |
| | | 7:00 pm | AA/Alanon |
| Tuesday | 11/27 | No Quilting today | |
| | | 12 – 2 pm | Pastor’s Text Study |
| Wednesday | 11/28 | 9:00 am | Bible Study |
| | | 10:00 am | Stitchers |
| | | 6:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| | | 7:00 pm | Praise Team |

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda (continued) November 26 thru December 2, 2018

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| Thursday | 11/29 | 8:00 am | ROMEOS |
| | | 10:00 am | Trim the Tree |
| | | 12:30 pm | Cards - Funtimers |
| Friday | 11/30 | 10:00 am | Bone builders |
| Saturday | 12/1 | 12:00 noon | WELCA Christmas Luncheon |
| Sunday | 12/2 | 8:30 am | Worship |
| | | 10:00 am | Worship |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

WORLD HUNGER November is an appropriate time to consider World Hunger. Please consider picking up a bank to collect your change or just use collection plate envelope to make a World Hunger Donation between Nov. 18 – Dec. 2. Banks and envelopes are available in the Narthex by Bulletin Board with more info. Thank You!!

WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Saturday, December 1st, noon. “Putting the Wonder Back in Christmas”, speaker Gail Smith. Bring a salad to share.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING will take place on Thursday November 29th at 10AM. We will welcome any interested helpers!

BETHESDA QUILTERS need donations of clean used mattress pads and blankets to make Lutheran World Relief quilts. Please leave in the Fellowship Hall by the Quilter’s Door. Many Thanks.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE You will find information in the Narthex on how you can help with the wildfires in California.

THANK YOU! Ron & Jan Aho thank everyone for their kindness and prayers following Ron’s accident.

2018 OPERATION CHRISTMAS The tree is up in the Narthex and ready for donations of hats, mittens, scarves etc. for distribution to local area children whom might not otherwise get a gift this year. Any questions see Sue Samuelson.

CHRISTMAS in MALMO Sponsored by Mille Lacs Trails. Sat. Dec 8 • 11AM-1PM. FREE FAMILY FUN! Gifts for all kids 12 and under! Free Lunch Served! SPECIAL GUEST: SANTA AND HIS ELF! Free Vision Testing (sponsored by Malmo Lions) (½ mile North of Malmo on Hwy 47)

PEOPLES CHURCH

Larry Olson

Verse



1. Oh it's a worn out church with a bro - ken down stee - ple;
 2. Ro - sa lost her son, Jim - my found his free - dom,
 3. You know a liv - ing church can make a Chris - tian nerv - ous.



it's filled with poor and home - less peo - ple. Kids in trou -
 Ni - ka - la has a place that needs him. There's a ba -
 It car - ries risk and leads to serv - ice, calls us all



- ble and the un - em - ployed gath - er there for
 - by in her grand - pa's arms. There's a wom - an seek - ing
 to get in - volved, to lose our com - fort and



Refrain

hope and joy. (Go to Verse 2)
 shelter from harm. Oh it's a peo - ples church for
 live God's love.



folks in need. It's a peo - ples church where the word meets deed.



It's a peo - ples church for ev' - ry race. At a



peo - ples church come and see Je - sus' face.



I'm pray - in' for the poor and the rich



to share the blood and bod - y gifts.



I'm pray - in' that in ev - e - ry place there's a



peo - ples church liv - ing out their faith.

to Refrain