

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Second Sunday after Epiphany



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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

Please be seated

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1-17

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 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.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. ¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 91:9-12

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
¹⁰**no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**
¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
¹²**On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Jesus Call Us; o’er the Tumult” #696 ELW

Please stand if able

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH OR APOSEL’S CREED?

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, and all who lead your people in ministry. Pour out your Spirit and make us bold to proclaim your reign of mercy and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the earth. For vineyards and orchards, fields and gardens, urban parks and wilderness areas. Fill the earth with your abundance and provide for the needs of all living things. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations. Guide leaders and decision makers toward the well-being of all in their care. Strengthen those who work to uphold human rights for the sake of the dignity of all people. Shelter communities threatened by violence and show us the way of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who face a scarcity of resources and those who struggle with debt. For all who suffer with chronic pain, all who grieve, and all who are ill (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Transform us and fill us with your life, so that we pour out your love in service to the world. Bless all who work to provide food for others.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith (*especially*).

Inspire us by their witness and unite us in the eternal light of your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our 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 all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

All are welcome! (Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God,

that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: “Goodness is Stronger than Evil” #721 ELW
(Repeat 3 times)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

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: Judy Wozney & Diane Sandberg

Hospitality: Dick & Sue Stebbins, Sylvia Tapelt, Theresa Barry

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, January 13, 2019: 9:00 am 83

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda January 21 thru January 27, 2019

Monday	1/21	Men's Fishing Trip Jan. 21-Jan. 23
		1:00 pm Pinochle
		7:00 pm AA/Alanon
Tuesday	1/22	Men's Fishing Trip Jan. 21-Jan. 23
		9:00 am Quilters
Wednesday	1/23	Men's Fishing Trip Jan. 21-Jan. 23
		9:00 am Bible Study
		9:30 am WELCA
Thursday	1/24	8:00 am ROMEOs
		12:30 pm Funtimers-Card Players
Friday	1/25	10:00 am Bone builders
Sunday	1/27	9:00 am Worship
		10:15 am Drawing for Snowflake Prize Winner
		10:30 am Praise Team practice

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.

JOIN IN THE FUN! Support our Centennial activities in 2019. For the month of January you have the opportunity to win a fabulous prize by purchasing a "Snowflake" for \$1.00 that we will use to decorate the fellowship hall. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month after first service. The prize for January is donated by our quilters. Buy tickets after Sunday service or find the can on the secretaries' desk during the week.

PICTURE DIRECTORIES are here! If you had your picture taken please pick up your complementary directory in the Fellowship Hall. If you didn't have your picture taken, updated smaller directories are available in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like a picture directory, but didn't have your picture taken, you can purchase a copy for \$10. See the secretaries in the office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

2019 BETHESDA CENTENNIAL FUNDRAISER CALENDARS are here! Only \$10 and available in the Fellowship Hall after service today and for weeks to come.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are here! Please pick up your envelopes in the Fellowship Hall.

YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS are available. They are on the table next to the Offering Envelopes in the Fellowship Hall.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIS Judie Birk is looking for old cross country skis that she plans to paint/decorate for this year's bazaar. You can leave them at the church office.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER AROUND THE WORLD – Feb. 6, 2019. We will be having a Service at 6:30pm on that Wednesday night. Fellowship afterwards.

MALMO LIONS' SWEETHEART DANCE Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 16th, 2019. \$15/per person, call the church office for reservations before Feb. 8th. See poster in Narthex for more information.

ISLE AREA FOODSHELF is in need of low sugar cereals (Cheerios, Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, etc), and individual Instant Oatmeal packets. There is a box in the Narthex under the table for these items. Monetary donations are always accepted.

SNOW DAY TODAY!

A winter fun day to begin our 100th Year Celebration! Sunday, January 20, 2019 from 2pm-5pm. Fun Indoor & Outdoor activities include Snow Shoeing, Bonfire, Exploring the Nature Trail, Making a Luminary, Games, Chili & fixings, Hot Chocolate. **FREE!** Fun for all ages.



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