Sunday, June 2, 2019 Seventh Sunday in Easter



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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.

<u>Hearing Assistance is available during the service.</u> <u>Please notify usher if you would like assistance</u>

Sunday, June 2, 2019 Hope of Resurrection

INTRODUCTION

Because we share in Christ's victorious action of defeating sin and death, we, like Christ, share in the wondrous consequence of that action. Our lives are now lived in the context of resurrection. Because we have died with Christ, death no longer reigns over us. Just as Christ lives, so will we (Romans 6:8). Together with Christ we will -- and do -- live resurrection life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

"Borning Cry" (Please Stand on the Last Verse)

#732 ELW(15 sec. intro)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

Here local bodies of water may be named.

All life is sustained by you, our Source. We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of resurrection,

you have promised new life to all who believe. Make us believers, and show us how to live into this new life. We pray these things in the name of Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Lord of Mercy, God of Grace"

FIRST READING: Romans 6:1-14 Glory to you, O Lord

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under

law but under grace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Please Stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL Matthew 6:24 Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Amazing Grace"

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.

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Bless diversity in worship and ministry across all nations and cultures. Unite us in Christ and keep us faithful in our calling to show your love to the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out over all the earth the water of life as a gift. Wash the wounds of creation and restore all living things to wholeness. Protect ocean habitats, river ecosystems, and wetlands. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give a spirit of collaboration to leaders of the nations, so that all people know safety, security, and dignity *(especially)*. Heal victims of torture and liberate those who are wrongfully imprisoned or detained. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come quickly to the aid of your people. Give wisdom and the gift of calm to military, prison, hospital, and hospice chaplains who stand as signs of your abiding presence. Refresh all who thirst for love, hope, or healing *(especially)*. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Let your word fill our hearts and our homes. Bless all who teach us the faith: pastors and deacons, Sunday school and confirmation teachers, public theologians, mentors, curriculum writers, and publishers. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Hold all the saints in the grace of the Lord Jesus (*especially*). Sustain weary souls with the promise that the morning star is coming soon to lead us into light. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen 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. <u>Please stand</u> as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One,

as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast. (Communion by intinction – red wine; white apple juice; gluten free available)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God,

you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father,
[⊥] Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. Amen.

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DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir & Digital Hymnal Ushers 8:30am: Chuck & Elsa Carlson Hospitality: Greeters: Dick & Sandy Pullen 10:00am: Barry & Donna Ansell

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, May 26, 2019: 8:30 am <u>57</u> 10:00 am <u>34</u>

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda			June 3, 2019 – June 9, 2019
Monday	6/3	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Pinochle AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/4	9:00 am 12:-2:00 pm	Crafters Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	6/5	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Clean Up Day Stitchers Choir Practice Praise Team
Thursday	6/6	8:00 am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm	ROMEOs Funtimers-Card Players Bells
Friday	6/7	10:00 am	Bone builders
Sunday	6/9	8:30 am 10:00 am	Worship Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>ATTENDANCE REGISTRY</u> Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

BLESSING BOX The first Sunday of every month we pass the "Blessing Box". If you feel blessed, please contribute to the Blessing Box today to help others. All donations will go to local area benevolences. Thank you! What a Blessing!

JOIN IN THE FUN! Support our Centennial activities in 2019. Our theme for June has changed. Purchase a \$1 raffle ticket and win a 4^{th} of July Picnic Basket from the Faith, Health & Wellness committee. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month during Fellowship hour between services. Thank you for your support.

VBS INVITES KIDS to discover that God is good even when life gets wild. Vacation Bible School will be held *June 17-21, 2019* for ages 4-12. 6th graders and older are welcome as helpers. Please invite your grand, great grand or neighbor kids to join us for the week. On line registration will also be available at <u>http://blcmalmo.org</u> or pick up a copy in the office. Join in on the fun that week by volunteering to help in any way you feel comfortable. Contact Joanne Stueven or Dianne Jones.

SPRING CLEAN UP Wednesday, June 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be cleaning yard, trimming trees, washing windows. Put on your calendar. We can use your help!

BUDGET REQUEST FORMS Each committee has receive the 2019-2020 Budget Request forms in their In Boxes. The Stewardship committee is requesting that all committees have these forms fill out and returned by June 13th.

<u>USHERS NEEDED</u> if you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Skip or Lynn Hansen 320 684-2842 or hansenlynn@yahoo.com

ISLE AREA FOOD SHELF There is still a need for cereals, individual packets of oatmeal and volunteers once a month to work for three hours. Please call George Smith (620 786-4865) if you have an interest in helping out once a month.

POSITION AVAILABLE Due to Judy Wuorio's recent resignation, we have a custodial position available. Judy has given Bethesda great service for the past six years. We thank Judy for her diligent work and wish her well and a speedy recovery. This position is part time, 8-10 hours per week. If you are interested, please pick up a job description and employment application in the office. We expect to fill the position in two weeks. If you have any questions, please contact anyone on the Personnel Committee.

VBS DONATIONS Please check the bulletin boards in the Narthex to see if there is a way you can help support the Vacation Bible School Program.

<u>COMMUNITY PICNIC</u> Wednesday, June 19th, 2019 at Lakeside Community Center. From 5-7pm. FREE! See poster in Narthex for more details. Put on by Malmo Area Lions.

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is Your faithfulness oh God You wrestle with the sinner's wrestles heart You lead us by still waters and to mercy And nothing can keep us apart So remember Your people, Remember Your children, Remember Your promise, Oh God

Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough for me, for me.

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of Your salvation And all Your people sing along So remember Your people, Remember Your children Remember Your promise, Oh God

Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough for me [x2]

So remember Your people, Remember Your children Remember Your promise, Oh God

Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough for me. God I see your grace is enough; I'm covered in your love. Your grace is enough for me.

"Your Grace Is Enough" by Matt Maher.