

# Sunday, May 26, 2019

## Sixth Sunday of 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.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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## God's Love Poured Out

### INTRODUCTION

*When Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest", that does not mean that God will take all of our troubles away. But he will help us. In fact, some of our struggles may help us to grow and become stronger. They may also help us to learn to trust in Jesus because there is no burden that is too heavy for Jesus.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN: "What a Friend we have in Jesus" #742 ELW**  
*(Please Stand on the Last Verse)*

### 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.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God,

**you have welcomed all people into your kingdom. Remove from us the barriers that we build to keep people from you, so that all might live in your grace and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **FIRST READING: Romans [3:28-30] 5:1-11**

<sup>3:28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

<sup>5:1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:28-30**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and

humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Word of the Lord

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## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**      **“Great is thy Faithfulness”**      **#733 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.*

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

*A brief silence.*

Prevail upon us with your Spirit. Convince us daily that you have called us to proclaim the good news of your grace. Let all who love you proclaim your word of life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Feed us with the bounty of your creation. Bless the earth with enough rain and sunshine for the flourishing of orchards, gardens, and fields. Give us thankful hearts as we share the fruit of the land with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The leaves of your tree of life are for the healing of the nations. Bring an end to civil war, genocide, terrorism, and violence. Overcome divisions of race, politics, and religion. Mend relationships across borders and across oceans (*especially*).

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Our hearts are troubled and afraid. Visit us again with your peace. Comfort those facing uncertain futures: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those in difficult relationships, those with chronic pain, those waiting for news about their health, and those who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for all who have died in service to nation. Inspire us to walk in your light and to live for the sake of freedom and justice for your children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Open the gates of salvation to all who are written in your book of life (*especially*). Lead us into the city that needs no light of sun or moon, where you will be our light forever. 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.*

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

## **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.**

**CLOSING HYMN: “Let us Talents and Tongues Employ” #674 ELW**

## **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: Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Char Berg & Paula Spetz

Ushers: 8:30am Don & Donna Myhre

10:00am Marilyn Andrews

Hospitality: Shirley Gosselin, Gina Rosa, Carolyn Morris

***Thank you for your service!***

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, May 19, 2019: 8:30 am 64

10:30 pm 13

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda****May 27, 2019 – June 2, 2019**

Sunday	5/26	1:00 pm	Malmo Cemetery-Graveside Service
		2:00 pm	Lakeside Cemetery-Graveside Service
Monday	5/27	MEMORIAL DAY	
		1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	5/28	9:00 am	Quilters
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	5/29	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	5/30	8:00 am	ROMEOs
		12:30 pm	Funtimers-Card Players
Friday	5/31	10:00 am	Bone builders
Sunday	6/2	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 annual reports to the Synod.

**JOIN IN THE FUN!** Support our Centennial activities in 2019. Our theme for May will be “Butterflies”. Purchase a \$1 “Butterfly” decoration to win, among other things, a hanging plant basket. The winner will be drawn today during Fellowship hour between services. Thank you for your support. *Need not be present to win.*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY** During the month of May will be collecting school supplies: pens, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, sharpeners, erasers, scissors, pencil pouches, small tablets, and construction paper. Plastic shoe boxes with covers are also needed. These items will be packed in shoeboxes by VBS kids in June. The collection basket is in the Narthex.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (continued)

**CENTENNIAL JAM** is on sale today for \$5/jar in the fellowship hall after worship. All funds raised will be used for our Centennial Celebration on August 11, 2019.

**VBS INVITES KIDS** to discover that God is good even when life gets wild. They will learn about animals and life in Africa. 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. If they have attended in the past the registration form will be mailed to them. On line registration will also be available at <http://blcmalmo.org> 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.

**MEMORIAL DAY** – Today there will be graveside services. Malmo at 1:00pm and Lakeside at 2:00pm. See the attached list of veterans from Bethesda that are buried at each cemetery. Memorial Day is the day of remembrance for those who have died while in service of the United States of America.

**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 13<sup>th</sup>.

**USHERS NEEDED** 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.

**SHIRLEY LILIENTHAL** Passed away on May 17, 2019 at the age of 91. Funeral was May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Gearty-Delmore Plymouth Chapel. Memorials were directed to Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo.