

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Second 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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Creation Sunday-“Comos”

INTRODUCTION

It is by the power of delight that God brought forth the world, and Proverbs 8 tells us that God delights particular in humanity. God’s delight is the power that drives Him to create human life, and guided by God’s Wisdom, draws human beings into delighted relationship with the divine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Pearl Crisis Center

OPENING HYMN:

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

#853 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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us ✝ all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God,

we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “You Give”

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:22-31

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth —

²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM RESPONSE Psalms 148

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

² **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶ **He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ **Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² **Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory

is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL John 6:41-5

Glory to you, O Lord

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Creating God, Your Fingers Trace” #684 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

Joining our voices with God’s people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

A brief silence.

For all servants of the gospel, for the church throughout the world, and for all who sing the praise and glory of God, that through the gift of faith, all declare the wonderful name of Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for mountains and lakes, for fields and forests, and for plants and animals, that God lift up good stewards to care for the entire earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations and their rulers, for aid workers, and for people in war-torn areas (*especially*), that God raise up leaders and advocates to work for the equality of all, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who cry out in need: the hungry and poor, the downtrodden and outcast, the grieving and the sick (*especially*), that all know that God is near and hears their cries, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For teachers preparing for the upcoming school year, for those who are traveling and absent from worship, and for those who visit our congregation, that God’s love lead them in their daily vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For all baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, including those who have died (*especially*). Confident that we belong to you in life and in death, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, 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

OFFERTORY

Ushers will begin passing the offering plate. Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,

for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

(Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice; gluten free available.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” #771 ELW”

DISMISSAL

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir & Digital Hymnal Greeters: Wally & Bev Swenson
Ushers: 8:30am George & Kathy Larson 10:00am Darrell Kelly
Hospitality Hosts: Dean & Cheryl Malotky, Mary Braun

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, June 16th: 8:30 am 69 10:00 am 31

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

June 24 – June 30, 2019

Monday	6/24	1:00 pm	Council Meeting
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/25	9:00 am	Crafters
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor’s Text Study
Wednesday	6/26	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/27	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Funtimers - Cards
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	6/28	10:00 am	Bones
Saturday	6/29	8-11:00am	Veggie Stand Opens
Sunday	6/29	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.

BEEF & CORN FEED - This will be the last year that Skip & Lynn Hansen will be doing the corn feed. They would like to ask for volunteers to take over this popular fundraising event. If you are interested let Skip & Lynn know so you can be included in this year's planning and to see how and what is done to keep the Beef & Corn Feed going! It's always the last Saturday of July. A big thank you for all the work Skip & Lynn have done over the years, you are appreciated!

THANK YOU The Malmo Area Lions would like to thank all that participated, donated cookies and stuffed animals, and for coming to the Community Free Picnic. Hope you all had a good time.

JOIN IN THE FUN! Support our Centennial activities in 2019. Purchase a \$1 raffle ticket and win a **4th 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. Need not be present to win.

GLEN 4th of JULY PARADE At this year's Glen parade, we are hoping to get at least 100 — Yes, 100 — participants to bike, walk or ride the parade route (mostly blacktop now) with everyone wearing their "Centennial Rejoice Always" t-shirts or sweatshirts. What a statement we can make! We will hand out balloons with our Centennial Date and message of 'Rejoice Always'. A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall soon. If you don't have a bike, or don't want to bike, you can donate candy for us to throw.

T-SHIRTS ARE HERE – If you ordered a Centennial T-shirt they are in. They are on a table in the Fellowship Hall with your name on them, in alphabetical order.

THANK YOU to all the people who helped to make Vacation Bible School a success! To all the teachers, kitchen help, activity helpers, music leaders and a special thanks to Joanne Stueven for coordinating the week. It is the best week of the summer for kids and adults to learn and to love the Lord. God is good!

BLANKET EXERCISE: Beginning this Tuesday, June 25, is the first in a series of educational programs led by our synod's Together Here team, helping us better understand Native American culture and history and form better relationships with our native neighbors. Pastor James will lead the first event - an interactive educational experience called a "Blanket Exercise." The event will be held in Brainerd at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1420 S 6th St, from 6:30-8:30 PM. A different program will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month from now until next April. For the entire schedule and more information, check the board in the Narthex.