

**Sunday, June 30, 2019**

Third 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

*Today's Psalm acknowledges that life is really messy, and we protest to heaven that things should not be as they are. But these psalms evoke action from God -- they help move the sufferer to a new place. They give us words for the deepest, darkest nights of our lives -- when the bottom drops out, when the pain seems too much to bear. They tell us that God is big enough for everything we've got -- our pain, our anger, our questions, our doubts, and that God is present with us precisely when it feels like God isn't there.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN:

**“My Life Flows On”**

**#763 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

Sovereign God,

**ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **BELL ANTHEM: “Open Our Eyes Lord”**

### **PSALM RESPONSE Psalms 69:1-16**

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

<sup>2</sup> **I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.**

<sup>3</sup> I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

<sup>4</sup> **More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; many are those who would destroy me, my enemies who accuse me falsely. What I did not steal must I now restore?**

<sup>5</sup> O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

<sup>6</sup> **Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, O Lord GOD of hosts; do not let those who seek you be dishonored because of me, O God of Israel.**

<sup>7</sup> It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

<sup>10</sup> **When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.**

<sup>11</sup> When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

<sup>12</sup> **I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help

<sup>14</sup> **rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup> Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the Pit close its mouth over me.

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

### **GOSPEL Matthew 7:7-11**

#### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.<sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.<sup>9</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone?<sup>10</sup> Or if the child

asks for a fish, will give a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Precious Lord Take My Hand” #773 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 followers of Christ; for the church and its ministers; and for the mission of the gospel, that all will know the gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the wilderness and deserts; for the rain forests and tundra; for native lands and farmland; and for all who tend the land, that God’s mighty work be seen in all creation, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who govern in Canada and the United States; for those responsible for peace among people and nations; and for those who strive for freedom, that all are guided by Christ’s commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For refugees in need of protection; for the homeless in need of shelter; for those

who work in the summer's heat; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*), that God provide compassionate advocates and skilled medical professionals to aid them, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who travel this summer; for those celebrating significant events in their lives; and for this community of faith, that the love of Christ be present in our joy and pleasure, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving for those who now rest in the hope of the resurrection, that with them we receive assurance that God does not abandon us in any time or place, 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:

“Praise You in this Storm”

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

Thanks be to God.

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

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Bell Choir & Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Keith & Dawn Kellen

Ushers: 8:30am Skip & Lynn Hansen

10:00am

Hospitality Hosts: Shirley Gosselin

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>: 8:30 am 74 10:00 am 25

## THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

July 1 – July 7, 2019

Monday	7/1	1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/2	9:00 am	Crafters
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday	7/3	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda (continued)****July 1 – July 7, 2019**

Thursday	7/4	12:00 pm	Glen Parade! Line up at 10:00am
Friday	7/5	10:00 am	Bones
Saturday	7/6	8-11:00am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	7/7	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.

**PRAYER & CARE REQUESTS** Elsa Carlson, Chad Vanden Bosch

**LAWN MOWERS NEEDED:** If you enjoy the outdoors, we have an opportunity for you. Please sign up to help mow the church lawn. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Training on use of mowers is available if needed. Contact Lee Forrester.

**BEEF & CORN FEED** - This will be the last year that Skip & Lynn Hansen we 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!

**JOIN IN THE FUN!** Support our Centennial activities in 2019. Purchase a \$1 raffle ticket and win a **4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 is in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

**CHURCH CUSTODIAN** We are pleased to welcome Shirley Gosselin as Bethesda's newest staff member. She has accepted the position of Church Custodian. Shirley has been filling in for the last several weeks and has been doing a great job! Welcome Shirley!

## PRAISE YOU IN THIS STORM

I was sure by now, God you would have reached down  
And wiped our tears away, stepped in and saved the day.  
But once again, I say amen and it's still raining.  
As the thunder rolls, I barely hear your whisper through the rain  
I'm with you. And as your mercy falls  
I raise my hands and praise The God who gives and takes away

### CHORUS

And I'll praise you in this storm  
And I will lift my hands  
That you are who you are  
No matter where I am  
And every tear I've cried  
You hold in your hand  
You never left my side  
And though my heart is torn  
I will praise you in this storm

I remember when I stumbled in the wind  
You heard my cry, you raised me up again  
My strength is almost gone how can I carry on? If I can't find you.  
As the thunder rolls, I barely hear you whisper through the rain  
I'm with you and as your mercy falls  
I raise my hands and praise The God who gives and takes away **CHORUS**

I lift my eyes unto the hills Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord The maker of heaven and earth  
I lift my eyes unto the hills Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord The maker of heaven and earth **CHORUS**

(repeat after last Chorus)  
And though my heart is torn  
I will praise you in this storm

### Casting Crowns

Songwriters: Mark Hall, Bernie Herms