

**Sunday, July 21, 2019**  
**Sixth 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

*The psalms are not meant primarily to be sung in worship, but rather we are to sing the songs in daily life. When we are wallowing neck deep in the mire of life, we are invited to sing the songs of lament: "O Lord, have mercy." When we are in a tough spot, but remember God's presence, we are invited to say, "I trust you O God, you are with me." And when we see God at work in the world, we are invited to point to God's invisible hand and say, "Praise the Lord!"*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN:**                    **"I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me"**    **#860 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.**

### PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God,

**you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **CHOIR ANTHEM: "How I Love to Hear from You "**

### **PSALM: Psalm 146**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

*Please Stand for the Gospel*

### **GOSPEL Luke 7:18-23**

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

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples <sup>19</sup>and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>20</sup>When the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'" <sup>21</sup>Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #855 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.*

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

*A brief silence.*

For the church, visible and invisible; for all servants of the gospel; and for the holy people of God, that we hear your word and share your supper, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For favorable weather; for calm waters and seas; and for all creation, that it become for us a reflection of God’s glory. For those affected by natural disasters, that they be provided relief, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who help make our communities safe: police officers and firefighters, military and international peacekeepers, local and national leaders, that God’s peace and compassion come also to us, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned, those living with HIV/AIDS, those awaiting the birth of children, and all people in need (*especially*), that Christ, our great physician, care for all who are in distress, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are distracted by overwork and those who seek more adequate employment, that we recognize God's goodness in vocations of all kinds, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving for those who have died and are now at peace, and for their lives that bear witness to the hope promised in the resurrection, 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*

## **OFFERING**

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box.*

*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:                   “How Great is Our God”**

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the Earth rejoice, All the Earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in light, And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice

### **CHORUS:**

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, The Godhead Three in One  
Father Spirit and Son, The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb   **CHORUS**

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing, How great is our God  
You're the name above all names, You are worthy of our praise  
And my heart will sing, How great is our God   **CHORUS**

How great is our God, How great is our God,  
How great, how great is our God  
The whole world sings, the whole world sings  
How great is our God, How great is our God  
How great, how great is our God

*Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash / Jesse Reeves*

## 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: Adult Choir & Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Ushers: 8:30am: Skip & Lynn Hansen

10:00am: Marilyn Andrews

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, July 14, 2019: 8:30 am 58 10:00 am 32

## THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

July 22, 2019 – July 28, 2019

Monday	7/22	11:30 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/23	9:00 am	Quilters
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	7/24	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	7/25	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		11:30 pm	Funtimers-Card Players
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	7/26	10:00 am	Bone builders
Saturday	7/27	7:30-11am	Veggie Stand
		4:30-7:00pm	Beef & Corn Feed
Sunday	7/28	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** Jerry Becker, Char Berg, Dean Malotky, Jerry Morris, Donna Myhre.

**JOIN IN THE FUN!** Support our Centennial activities in 2019. Our theme for July is "Make a Joyful Noise. Purchase a \$1 raffle ticket and win a **\$100 Visa Gift Card and Musical items** from the Choir. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month during Fellowship hour between services. Thank you for your support.

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

**LAWN MOWERS NEEDED:** If you enjoy the outdoors, we have an opportunity for you. Please sign up to help mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet 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!

**ANNUAL MEETING** The date and time for our Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, September 22, 2019. We will have one service that day starting at 9:00am with the meeting to follow service. All committee chairpersons are requested to have their annual reports in to Judie Birk by August 31, 2019.

**WORSHIP WITH THE BISHOP** Bishop Tom Aitken will be leading our worship services on Sunday, August 18, 2019. He is unable to attend our Centennial Service on the 11<sup>th</sup>, so he will join us the following Sunday. Let's make a good showing to welcome him that day!



### **WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY**

Why have churches (including the NE MN Synod) been voting to repudiate it, and how does it impact the lives of all Americans?

Join us to watch The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking The Domination Code directed by Sheldon Wolfchild and co-

produced by Steven Newcomb. After the video, there will be opportunity for guided reflection and conversation. Refreshments served. Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1420 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Brainerd, MN 6:30-8:30PM