

**Sunday, July 7, 2019**  
**Fourth 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**



## **CHOIR ANTHEM: “Only A God Like You ”**

### **PSALM READING: Psalm 27:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh — my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**<sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**<sup>6</sup>Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

*Please Stand for the Gospel*

### **GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-34**

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

<sup>25</sup>Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?<sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup>So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” #634 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 and its ministries; for pastors and musicians; for teachers and leaders, that their joyful noise clearly announces your reign of peace come near, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For your works revealed in creation: for rivers and streams; for thunderstorms and sunshine; and for those preparing for harvest time, that you inspire our care for the earth, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For peace and justice in the world; for all levels of government; for areas affected by strife, that those in authority always work for the good of all, bringing your justice to all people, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who console them; for prisoners and those who show them mercy; for the downtrodden and those who help them flourish; for those suffering from malaria and zika; and for all in need of care (*especially*), that you comfort them as a mother comforts her child, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those spending time with friends and family this summer; for those making employment decisions; for those uncertain what the future holds, that they set their minds on Christ who has called us to himself, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who have inspired us by their witness to the gospel, that with them we will know the confidence of being held in your embrace, 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:** "Lord of Light" page 8

## 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: Lynne Meidlinger

Ushers: 8:30am: Skip & Lynn Hansen

10:00am: Dick & Sue Stebbins

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, June 30, 2019: 8:30 am 81 10:00 am 19

## THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

July 8, 2019 – July 14, 2019

Monday	7/8	10:00am	Property Meeting
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		1:00 pm	Stewardship
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/9	9:00 am	Quilters
		9:00 am	Women's Devotions – at church
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
		1:30 pm	Personnel Meeting
Wednesday	7/10	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		10:00 am	Centennial Meeting
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda (continued)****July 8, 2019 – July 14, 2019**

Thursday	7/11	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		11:30 pm	Funtimers-Potluck-Card Players
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	7/12	10:00 am	Bone builders
Saturday	7/13	7:30-11am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	7/14	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** Dean Malotky, Frank Dressely

**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 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!

# LORD OF LIGHT

**CHORUS:** The Lord of light is my sal - va - tion. Whom shall I fear? God's the

source of life. *(Repeat Chorus Twice)*

Though wars may rage and  
Wait, be still. God's

pain sur - rounds you, your heart will hope. God's the source of life. The  
strong arms keep you. Wait, be strong. God's the source of life.

*Coda*  $\emptyset$

For in the day of trou-ble, God will keep me safe.

Though en-e-mies sur - round me, I will sing to the Lord. The