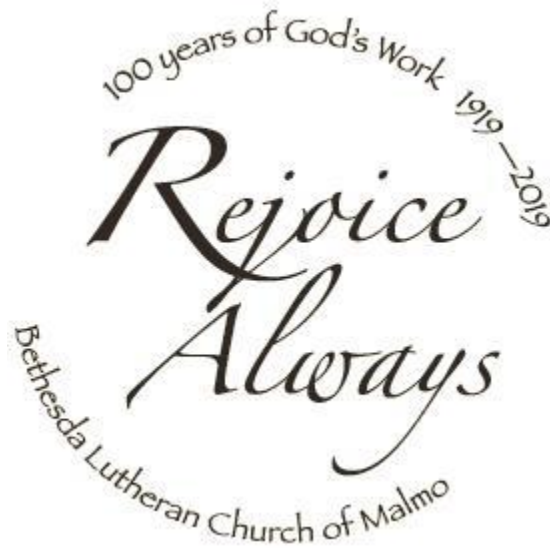


Sunday, August 11, 2019

Ninth 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

John's exaltation of Jesus as the transcendent Word is only one side of story. The other is his claim that the Divine Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. John's exaltation of Jesus to unimaginable heights of transcendence serves his even more crucial interest of proclaiming that in Jesus, the barrier between the divine and human realms are breached to a degree never before realized. In the Word, John claims, God's mercy and truth now flow in measures never possible before: "from his fullness, we receive grace upon grace."

CALL TO WORSHIP: "We Welcome You"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. 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, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

"Shall We Gather"

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(Please Stand on the Last Verse)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Wake Up Church"

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and

redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Please Stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL John 1:1-18
Glory to you, O Lord

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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Please stand if able

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

A brief silence.

Lord God, bless and send your church out from each place of worship to be a light to the nations. Wherever we set out in faith, equip us to share our hope in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless and protect your creation, raising up stewards and innovators to nourish and sustain natural wonders too many to number. Protect bees and butterflies, and send sun and rain where they are needed. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless and govern the nations, uniting all humankind in seeking justice and peace. Fashion our hearts and guide our deeds in love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless and comfort those in need, providing shelter to those without homes, food for those who hunger, companionship to those who are lonely, and health to the sick (*especially*). Be their help and their shield. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless and sustain those wanting but unable to bear children, those in the adoption process, and children longing for parents. Welcome in love those who seek homes in a new community or country, and give us eyes to see and hearts to respond to the needs of our newest neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Keep in your care the faithful loved ones who have died in Christ (*especially Clare, abbess of San Damiano*), until we join them in the everlasting city, whose architect and builder is God. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of this congregation: for those who had the vision to begin this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Old Church Choir”

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. All are welcome. (Communion by intinction – red wine; white apple juice; gluten free available)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HYMN

“God Is Here!”

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BLESSING OUR NEW STAINED GLASS:

Scripture Reflection

1 Thessalonians 5:12-26, 28

¹²But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil. ²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. ²⁵Beloved, pray for us. ²⁶Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. ²⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

BLESSING & DEDICATION

Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God’s blessing on this new artwork, that it both speak to our gratitude for 100 years of God’s presence in this place and that it may continue to give witness to the glory of God alive and active in and through this community of faith.

Let us pray.

Ever-living and loving God, send your blessing on this stained glass which we set apart today; as the light shining through it is transformed into still greater splendor, so may our lives show the beauty of your manifold gifts of grace. Help us to rejoice always, uniting in prayer and thanksgiving for all you have done and all you continue to do in our church and in our world. To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

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BLESSING and DISMISSAL

Go forth in peace and with the courage of faith. Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.
Amen.

Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir, Praise Team, & Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forrester Ushers: 10:00 am: Skip & Lynn Hansen

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, August 4, 2019: 8:30 am 71 10:00 am 19

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**August 12, 2019 – August 18, 2019**

Sunday	8/11	12:00-2 pm	Pig Roast with fixings
		1:00-4:00pm	Praise Music, Fun & Games
		4:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Monday	8/12	11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/13	9:00 am	Quilters
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	8/14	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		5:30 pm	Jamboree Practice
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	8/15	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		11:30 am	Funtimers-Card Players
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	8/16	10:00 am	Bone builders
Saturday	8/17	7:30-11am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/18	8:30 am	Worship with the Bishop
		10:00 am	Worship with the Bishop

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 Ted Jaszczak,

JOIN IN THE FUN! Support our Centennial activities in 2019. Our prize for August is Pottery by the Pullens. Purchase a \$1 raffle ticket to win. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month during Fellowship hour between services. Thank you for your support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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.

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 Aug 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 11th, so he will join us the following Sunday. Let's make a good showing to welcome him that day!

SURVEY In the Narthex are copies of the survey regarding our Mission Statement. Your thoughts and feedback are requested. There is a basket in the Narthex to deposit your completed survey. Thank you.

THANK YOU! A big thank you to the Centennial Committee who worked so hard to make sure our Centennial Celebration is a success today. Especially Judie Birk who lead the committee since the beginning of the year. Her vision and direction is truly appreciated.

POWWOW The 53rd Annual Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Traditional Powwow will be held August 16-18. Grand entries (when all the dancers and flagbearers enter the circle) are Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 1pm and 7pm, and Sunday at 1pm. A group from our church has expressed interest in going together on Saturday around noon. If you are interested in carpooling, please meet at the church parking lot around 11am. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor James. The powwow grounds are 2 1/2 miles north of the casino along Mille Lacs Lake.

BLESSING BOX We received \$154.14 in the Blessing Box last Sunday. Donations will go to Local Benevolence. Thank you! What a Blessing!

WELC MEETING The WELCA meeting on Aug 21st will be at 9:30am. All women of the church are welcome.

HWY CLOSURES Aug. 19 to mid-September: Highway 47 will close north of Malmo to replace the Morman Creek bridge. Those living north of church plan accordingly. View detour map at: www.mndot.gov/d3/projects/malmo/

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed between the two staves of each system.

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

HYMN

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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CLOSING HYMN:

THANKFULNESS

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4 (KJV)

① Unison

Re - joice in the Lord al - ways: a - gain I say, Re - joice!

②

Re - joice, re - joice, and a - gain I say, Re - joice!

③

Re - joice in the Lord al - ways: a - gain I say, Re - joice!

WORDS: Philippians 4:4
MUSIC: Unknown

REJOICE
Irregular meter

100 years of God's Work 1919—2019

*Rejoice
Always*

Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo