

**Sunday, August 18, 2019**

**Tenth 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

*For many, the Holy Spirit is the hardest confession of faith either to understand or to make. For humankind to identify the work of the Spirit is either hindsight, or an act of purest optimism -- or do we call that trust?*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN: “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” #400 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 God, judge eternal,

**you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**CHOIR ANTHEM: “Worthy of the Call”**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come; they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

*Please Stand for the Gospel*

## **GOSPEL Matthew 28:17-20**

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

<sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lord You Give the Great Commission” #579 ELW  
(verses 1-4)**

*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.*

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.*

O God, you have given us your word. Like a fire, kindle its flame within and among us. Empower us for the work of breaking down walls, reconciling the divided, and building faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You formed the furthest reaches of the universe, yet your spirit dwells within each life. Be the companion and keeper of every creature, and redeem all your creation in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You rise up to rule the nations. Bless grassroots movements and guide elected officials. Teach the nations to be good neighbors to each other. Inspire us all to share food, land, knowledge, and our arts for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You rescue those in any need. Be with surgeons, nurses, and all medical personnel who care for the sick (*especially*). Shelter all who need homes and feed all who are hungry. Comfort those who are bereaved. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the friendship, community, and witness of those gathered here today. Send us out to welcome those estranged from family or experiencing difficult separations. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Be with us in the tragedies and troubles of this world, and join us and all the saints with Christ in perfect joy. 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*

## **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:

“Go Now With God”

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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: Adult Choir & Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Marge Garbo, Paula Spetz

Ushers: 8:30am: Skip & Lynne Hansen

10:00am: Barry & Donna Ansell

Hospitality: Council Members

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019: 10:00 am 214 4:00 pm 33

## THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

August 19, 2019 – August 25, 2019

Monday	8/19	10:00 am	Property Meeting
		11:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		1:00 pm	Women’s Devotion @ Pat Beckers
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/20	9:00 am	Crafters
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	8/21	8:00-Noon	WIC
		9:30 am	WELCA
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		5:30 pm	Jamboree Practice
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda (continued) August 19, 2019 – August 25, 2019**

Thursday	8/22	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		11:30 pm	Funtimers-Card Players
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	8/23	10:00 am	Bone builders
Saturday	8/24	7:30-11am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/25	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** Ted Jaszczak, Vienna Sorby (great granddaughter of Marilyn Andrews)

**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.

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

**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.*

**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.

**CENTENNIAL BOOKLET** A historical booklet was compiled, and limited copies were available at the event. If you want to view and/or print the booklet you can go to our website: <http://blcmalmo.org/WP2016/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Bethesda-100th-booklet-all-pages.pdf>.

**THANK YOU!** To all who helped with the table and chair setup in the Fellowship Hall before and after the Centennial Celebration. Stuevens & Pullens on setup and the Choir for restoring order to the hall on Wednesday after practice. Many hands make for light work. God's many blessings to you all.

# GO NOW WITH GOD

Hans Peterson  
Larry Olson



vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it  
 vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu San - to* go now with God,  
 vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger *va - mos con Dios,*  
 vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us  
 vs. 4 Cross - ing ev' - ry bound' - ry, ev' - ry na - tion



go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant  
*En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir*  
*va - mos con Dios.* Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior  
 Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us  
 Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go now,  
*va - mos con Dios, va - mos con Dios. Va - mos,*



go now, go now with God.  
*va - mos, va - mos con Dios.*



Go now, go now, go now with God.  
*Va - mos, va - mos, va - mos con Dios.*

alt. *Las aguas de piedad nos acogen*  
 vs. 3 *La gracia del Señor nos acompaña*

Spanish translation  
Jim Trelstad-Porter