

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**  
**Eleventh 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

*We never suffer injustice without God suffering it first and more than we. God the Father's solicitude for us is so great that God feels our suffering before we do and bears it with greater resentment than we ourselves.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN:

**"Beautiful Savior"**

**#838 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, mighty and immortal,

**you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**BELL ANTHEM: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

**FIRST READINNG: Job 39:1-8, 26-30**

<sup>1</sup>"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? <sup>2</sup>Can you number the months that they fulfill, and do you know the time when they give birth, <sup>3</sup>when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? <sup>4</sup>Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. <sup>5</sup>"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, <sup>6</sup>to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling place? <sup>7</sup>It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. <sup>8</sup>It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

<sup>26</sup>"Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, and spreads its wings toward the south? <sup>27</sup>Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up and makes its nest on high? <sup>28</sup>It lives on the rock and makes its home in the fastness of the rocky crag.

<sup>29</sup>From there it spies the prey; its eyes see it from far away. <sup>30</sup>Its young ones suck up blood; and where the slain are, there it is."

**PSALM: Psalm 104:14-23**

<sup>14</sup>You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,

<sup>15</sup>**and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

<sup>16</sup>The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

<sup>17</sup>**In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

<sup>18</sup>The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.

<sup>19</sup>**You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.**

<sup>20</sup>You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

<sup>21</sup>**The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.**

<sup>22</sup>When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

<sup>23</sup>**People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-23**

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For 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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where 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? <sup>21</sup>For 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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

*Please Stand for the Gospel*

## **GOSPEL Luke 12:22-31**

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

<sup>22</sup>He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup>For it is the nations of the

world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**      “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”      #742 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.*

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 of mercy, we cry to you for help, trusting in your compassion for your whole creation. Raise up the baptized to offer Christ’s healing and forgiveness to all in distress. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We rejoice in your creation: water that nourishes lands and creatures, gardens and fields with a diversity of plants. Bless scientists and artists who show us new ways of understanding the complex beauty around us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We seek the kingdom that cannot be shaken. Come to the rescue of those who are displaced by war, famine, or other disasters. Bless diplomats, peacekeepers,

rescue workers, and all who are given aid through their efforts, so that peace and plenty prevail. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You provide deliverance and justice for all who are oppressed. Free those in bondage to substances, gambling, or other forms of addiction. Release victims of human trafficking and bring them to safety. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You know our needs in this community. Heal the hurts of all bent over with sickness, aging, or suffering (*especially*). Accompany those who visit homebound members, the hospitalized, and those who are in prison. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You raise up witnesses in every generation. As we remember those who have passed into your peace before us, comfort us in the sure hope of your Son's resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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:**                      “Blessed Assurance”                      #638 ELW

## 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: Bev Wedig, Winnie Z.

Ushers: 8:30am: Skip & Lynn Hansen

10:00am: Ron & JoAnn Haglund

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019: 8:30 am   57   10:00 am   33  

## THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

August 26, 2019 – September 1, 2019

Monday	8/26	11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/27	9:00 am	Quilters
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	8/28	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		10:00 am	Mission & Evangelism Meeting
		5:30 pm	Jamboree Practice

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda (continued)****Aug 26, 2019 – Sept 1, 2019**

Wednesday	8/28	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	8/29	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		11:30 pm	Funtimers-Card Players
		6:00 pm	Bells Practice
Friday	8/30	10:00 am	Bone builders
Saturday	8/31	7:30-11am	Veggie Stand-Last One of the Year
Sunday	9/1	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** Sheila Penoyer's mother, Dick Wozney

**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 on Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

**NATIVE NATIONS: STANDING TOGETHER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS** is a one-hour documentary produced for and funded by the ELCA that explores the role of the Lutheran church in the American Indian civil rights movement of the 70's & 80's. The event will be held in Brainerd at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1420 S 6th St, from 6:30-8:30 PM.

**GOD'S WORK-OUR HANDS** Members of Bethesda are invited to meet on Saturday September 7 at 10:00am to clean the Reddy Creek Beach on the North Shore of beautiful Lake Mille Lacs