

Sunday, August 4, 2019
Eighth 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 Creator cares for ALL of creation and for EVERY creature. God clothes the grass (and the lilies) and will clothe us as well. Why? Because the Creator loves this creation, and this creature. To say “I believe in God the Father,” is to say, “I hold and believe that I am a creature of God; that is, that God has given and constantly sustains my body, soul, and life.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Pearl Crisis Center Needs

Sandy Pullen

OPENING HYMN:

“Morning Has Broken”

#556 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

Benevolent God,

you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Have Faith”

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Please Stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL Matthew 6:30-34

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁰But 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? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴"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: “Thy Strong Word Did Cleve the Darkness” #511 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.

Your people struggle with the weariness and toil of living in a broken world. Work through your church to restore justice and mercy, and send rest and comfort to all who are bowed down. Trusting in God, our abundant provider, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Your creation longs for generous care. Give growth to the fields, strength to farmers, ranchers, and laborers who toil in summer's heat, and wisdom to us to respect earth's bounty. Trusting in God, our loving creator, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life—low and high, rich and poor—and sway every heart toward your merciful will. Trusting in God, our Sovereign, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Your people in this congregation praise you and pray for your almighty help. Comfort those who suffer from anxiety, depression, or stress. Provide for those in need (*especially*). Trusting in God, our purpose and goal, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Your communities near and far lack basic resources. Supply work, food, and health care for all who are in need. Bring relief to those who are overworked. Trusting in God, our help, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your saints who have died now rest in your merciful care. Comfort us in faith and love as we continue our labor on earth. Trusting in God, who gives life to the dead, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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:

“We Believe”

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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 & Lynn Hansen

10:00am: Barry & Donna Ansell

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, July 28, 2019: 8:30 am 72 10:00 am 8

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

August 5, 2019 – August 11, 2019

Monday	8/5	10:00 am	Property Meeting
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		1:00 pm	Stewardship
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/6	9:00 am	Crafters
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	8/7	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		10:00 am	Centennial Meeting
		5:30 pm	Jamboree Practice
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	8/8	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:00 pm	Pot Luck/Funtimers-Card Players
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	8/9	10:00 am	Bone builders
Saturday	8/10	7:30-11am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/11	CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION	
		10:00 am	Worship
		11:00 am	Stain Glass Window Dedication
		12:00 Noon	Pig Roast Starts
		1:00-4:00pm	Praise Bands, Singing Groups, Games

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, Ted Jaszczak, Sheila Penoyer's mother

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.

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!

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 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 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.

“We Believe”

by: Newsboys

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's comin' back again, we believe

So, let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's comin' back again

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now, let love invade
Let the church live love our God will see
We believe, we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the power of God, has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father
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We believe

Songwriters: Jeremy Lynn Epperson / Matt Hooper / Richie Fike



CHOIR NEWS

The choir has been very busy learning new songs and bringing back old favorites. We sang in June at the Lions Community Picnic and went to see our friend Jerry Becker. We sang to he and Pat on their front lawn, Jerry & Pat loved the music and we so happy we made the trip out to see them. Both the picnic & singing to a friend are just what we are asked to do from our Lord. Show our love to strangers, and to love those close to us. We are called to do this as the children of God! I want to thank the choir for their love of music, and for showing others the joy we have in singing together and showing how much we love our Bethesda church in Malmo & also showing one of our members how much we love and miss seeing him at church.

August is going to be a busy Month for our Church, as we are getting closer to the Celebration of the 100 years as the family of Bethesda! On Aug. 4th the choir will be singing, "Then Sings My Soul", a new song we have been working on, but have had to push it back a couple of times, as we have not had enough of the choir members to give this song the justice it deserves! The choir and the Praise Team will be singing at the Celebration service on Aug. 11th & the Praise Team will be singing at the Praise Fest we have planned for the afternoon. It will be a wonderful day of Celebrating the start of Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo! Then on Aug.18th the choir will be singing, "Have Faith".

Pastor James, Val, Sheila, Jim and the choir, are starting to put together ideas for our Annual Jamboree. The choir will be starting to practice at 5:30 on July 31st until the Jamboree. Which will be performed on Fri., Sept. 20th at 7:00 PM. The theme this year we will continue with our Celebration, with the theme being songs from 1919 thru 2019. Please put this date on your calendar and plan on coming, as it is looking to be another show of great songs and lots of laughs!!!! Next month I will give more hints as to what to expect for the 2019 Jamboree!!! On to the next 100 years!!!! Sheila Penoyer/Choir Director

Pearl Crisis Center

Emergency Items Needed for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence

Diapers – all sizes

Gas Cards (Holiday Station)

Personal Care Products

Shampoo/Conditioners

Deodorant – (men and women)

Toothpaste/Brushes

Tampons/Pads

Lotions/Soaps (face soap/body wash)

Razors (men and women)

Other:

New underwear (women/men/children/teens)

New socks (women/men/children/teens)

Quilts