

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**  
**Fourteenth 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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## Isaac Born to Sarah

### INTRODUCTION

*The child Isaac is born -- the child whose very name means Laughter. Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me". It is especially important here to note that today's reading emphasizes God's faithful to Sarah. Genesis 21 begins, "The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised." Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS


### OPENING HYMN:

### "Come and See"


### Dakota Road

*(Please Stand on the Last Verse)*


Refrain



Come and see what God has done. The earth is a - live;




thanks to the sun. Ev' - ry plant that grows ev' - ry ri - ver that flows what a




mir - a - cle gift of cre - a - tion!


Verse



The song of a wren, the flight of a hawk, a ba - by's first bond with her  
Pon - der the vast - ness of the night sky. The dis - tance you see is a -  
Look at a seed, it knows what to do; new life will spring forth from its  
Peo - ple of Faith, Grace beck - ons you home to E - den in all of its



moth - er; first flow - ers of spring a - rise \_\_\_\_\_ and sing. The  
maz - ing. The light trav - els o - ver thou - sands of years be -  
fall - ing. And we as peo - ple of the Di - vine can  
splen - dor. Do you hear the call? Re - new \_\_\_\_\_ the earth! With



world \_\_\_\_\_ is filled \_\_\_\_\_ with won - der!  
fore \_\_\_\_\_ you see it star - gaz - ing.  
lis - ten as we know our call - ing.  
care \_\_\_\_\_ now gar - den and tend her.

to Refrain

## 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, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our helper,

**we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of promise,

**Abraham scoffed and Sarah laughed when they were told of your plans for them and their family. Yet you remained faithful to your promise, and gave them a son, Isaac. Help us to trust in your promises for our lives, and to live according to your will. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**CHOIR ANTHEM: “No Other Name”**

**FIRST READINNG: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7**

### Chapter 18

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your

servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

## **Chapter 21**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup>Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." <sup>7</sup>And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

*Please Stand for the Gospel*

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 10:27**

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

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lord Teach Us How to Pray Aright"**

**#745 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.*

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Bless pastors, deacons, and all church leaders in their ministries, so that your gospel is shared through their faithful leadership and living. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Protect and preserve habitats and biospheres, especially in places damaged by natural disaster or human alteration. Restore balance to deserts, oceans, polar regions, and temperate areas. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Instruct all the world's people, nations, and governments in ways of justice, mercy, and peace. Lead us away from the idols of power, war, self-centeredness, and fear. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Show mercy to the lost, welcome to the outsiders, and comfort to the suffering and dying. We pray for all who need your healing and constant presence (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Strengthen those who work with people in crisis: firefighters, police officers, hospital staff, chaplains, nurses, doctors, emergency responders, staff and counselors in rehab centers and women's shelters. Give them wisdom and compassion, so that those in need are well-supported and cared for. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the beloved sheep of your fold who have died and who now find life in your eternal glory. Embrace us as we hope and rejoice in your unfailing redemption. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our 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**

God our provider,

**we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.  
(Communion by intinction – red wine; white apple juice; gluten free available)

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ✝ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Go My Children with My Blessing" #543 ELW**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Coir & Digital Hymnal                      Greeters: Wayne & Janice Olson  
Ushers: 8:30am: Nancy Hansen, Dianne Sandberg 10:00am: Sylvia Taplet  
Hospitality: Pat Becker, Denny & Lynne Meidlinger

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, September 8, 2019: 8:30 am 56 10:00 am 35

### THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Sept. 16, 2019 – Sept. 22, 2019

Monday	9/16	11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	9/17	10:00 am	Council Meeting
		10:00 am	Women's Meeting
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	9/18	8-12	WIC
		9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		2:30 pm	WELCA
		5:30 pm	Jamboree Practice
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	9/19	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		11:30 pm	Funtimers-Card Players
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	9/20	10:00 am	Bone builders
		7:00 pm	Jamboree
Saturday	9/21	11-3:00	Lion's Car Show
		1-3 pm	Junk Bingo
Sunday	9/22	9:00 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Annual Congregational Meeting
		10:15 am	Sunday School

## **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**

**JOIN IN THE FUN!** Support our fund-raising activities in 2019-2020. Our theme for September is “Fall Harvest Basket” which includes a Silent Walker donated by Pat Becker and a basket of locally canned products. Purchase a \$1 raffle ticket to win. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month during Fellowship hour between services.

**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. Annual Reports are ready.

**ATTN WOMEN** Would you like to travel, maybe a cruise or tour? Or a long weekend or day trip? But you don't want to travel alone? If interested, come to a meeting on Tue. Sept 17 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall or talk to Pat Becker if you can't make the meeting.

**LION'S CAR SHOW** The Malmo Lions are having a car show in our parking lot on Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00-3:00pm.

**JUNK BINGO** Join us as we continue our Centennial Celebration with Junk Bingo and win yourself some good stuff on Saturday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm. Bring an appetizer to share. Free will donation for the bingo cards.

**CENTENNIAL PHOTOS** anyone who has some good snapshots from the Centennial Celebration please send them to the church or to Judi Birk at birkfamily@frontiernet.net, and put in the subject line Centennial photos. This will be for a Shutterfly book Judi plans to do. Appreciate it!!

**FLU SHOT CLINIC** Aitkin County Health services has scheduled a Flu Shot Clinic here on Mon., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30am. More information to follow.

**LOCAL LIONS & KIDS AGAINST HUNGER** will be packing meals for food shipments to the Bahamas. If you can assist these folks to pack meals for the people in the Bahamas, who are in desperate need after hurricane Dorian, please contact Sherry Whipple or Carol Bakken (Malmo Lion members). Their scheduled times to pack are Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am;1:00pm;2:30pm.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** are ready to pickup in the Fellowship Hall for next week's annual meeting.