

Sunday, September 8, 2019
Thirteenth Sunday of 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

God's call is always into an uncertain future. When we enter into our callings, we have no idea how it will all end up. We choose our careers and jobs hoping that we can use the gifts and talents God has given us, but there are no guarantees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK **Multi-Media Expansion** **Julie Swaggert**

TEMPLE TALK: **Dara & Mozambique** **Sandy Pullen**

OPENING HYMN: **“Let All Things Now Living”** **#881 ELW**
(please stand on the last verse)

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

Holy Creator,

you created women and men in your own image to till the earth and help one

another. Give us hearts to continue tending to all that you have made so that the earth will sustain life for generations to come. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING – Genesis 2:4b-25

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord GOD made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord GOD had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — ⁷then the Lord GOD formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the Lord GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the Lord GOD made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹²and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The Lord GOD took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord GOD commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

¹⁸Then the Lord GOD said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord GOD formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord GOD had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they

become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Please Stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:16-20 (or Mark 10:6-8)

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace" #684 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

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

Turn our hearts, O God. Make us attentive to your call to take up the cross-shaped way of life, and to share your good news with a world in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn our hearts toward life in all its infinite varieties. We pray especially for all vanishing and endangered creatures who struggle to find a home in this world. Open our eyes to the value of our interconnected relationships within your natural world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn our hearts toward all who yearn for calm and fairness. Where there is violence and conflict, grant peace. Where there is disparity, grant justice. Where there is hatred and fear, grant compassion and empathy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn our hearts toward all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those in bondage to sin, addiction, poverty, physical slavery or human trafficking, and those incarcerated or detained. For those in any need we pray (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Turn our hearts toward the ministries of our congregations that feed the hungry, share with the needy, advocate for the silenced, and work for your justice. Embolden our hearts to labor without fear. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Turn our hearts toward your eternal reign. We give thanks for our sisters and brothers who have died, trusting the promise of life forever with you. Marked by the cross of Christ, inspire us by their examples to live in faith. 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.

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

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

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:

“Come and See”

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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: Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Dick & Sandy Pullen

Ushers: 8:30am: George & Kathy Larson 10:00am: Darrell Kelly

Hospitality: Wally & Bev Swenson, Wayne & Janice Olson

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, September 1, 2019: 8:30am 55 10:0am 22

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**September 9 – September 15, 2019**

Monday	9/9	10:00 am	Centennial Committee Meeting
		11:30 am	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	9/10	9:00 am	Crafters
		9:00 am	Quilters
		12–2 pm	Pastor’s Text Study
Wednesday	9/11	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		Noon	Homemaker’s Meeting at Bethesda
		2:00 pm	Care Giver Support Group
		5:30 pm	Jamboree Practice
		6:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	9/12	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		11:30 pm	Pot Luck/Funtimers Card Players
Friday	9/13	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	9/15	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRAYER & CARE:** Irene Manning**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.**BLESSING BOX** We received \$158.59 in the Blessing Box last Sunday. Donations will go to Local Benevolence. Thank you! What a Blessing!**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.**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.**CARE GIVER SUPPORT GROUP** Aitkin County CARE is offering a support group for anyone who is caring for a loved one who may feel overwhelmed or stressed and would like to meet others who are dealing with the same issues. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 11th at 2 pm at Bethesda and will be held the second Wednesday of each month. CARE is also looking for volunteer respite workers (or paid) for the Malmo/McGrath area. Contact Terri Mathis at 218-927-1383 for more information or if you would like to participate in either of these programs.**WELCA** will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 18th at 2:30pm. All women church members welcome!**MALMO HOMEMAKERS** will meet in the back-conference room on Wed, Sept 11, at 12:00 noon, due to construction on Hwy 47 this month. Monthly meetings are usually held at the Snowmobile Club. If you would be interested in seeing what we’re all about and helping with our projects for the nursing homes during the year, please join us.

“Come and See”

Hans Peterson-Dakota Road

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