

# Sunday, October 13, 2018

## Eighteenth 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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## Ruth

### INTRODUCTION

*Themes of emptiness and fullness abound in this book of Ruth: famine turning to abundant food, loss turning to love, bitterness turning to joy, barrenness giving way to birth. And the improbable catalyst for all this is Ruth, neither king nor prophet, but only a widow and a foreigner. This tale is a story of God's faithfulness, God's covenant love, lived out in the lives of everyday, ordinary human beings, much like you and me.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

#### **"Come Into God's House"**

(Sung to tune of Beer Barrel Polka)

Come into God's house, join us in worship and praise!  
Come into God's house, hearts, hands and voices we'll raise.  
Our God is present, standing with arms open wide,  
Longing to forgive His children and draw us to His side.

Sing words to praise Him, lift up your voices in song!  
Sing words to praise Him, honor His name all day long.  
Join other Christians, pass on His name as you do,  
Living and spreading the Gospel, as He commands us to do.

Come now and worship, come now and worship the Lord!  
Come now and worship, join as we sign and adore.  
Gather together, give God the praise that is due,  
Hear us as we come to Your worship, singing praises to You.

One in the Spirit, eager to feed on Your Word,  
One in the Spirit, sharing our love with You, Lord.  
In prayer united, here at the throne of Your grace,  
We'll take the joy of Jesus with us when we leave this place!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN: "He Is Lord Of All"** (Sung to tune of It's a Small World)  
*(Please rise for the singing of the last verse)*

He's the Lord of skies, He's the Lord of seas,  
He's the Lord of you, He's the Lord of me.  
And He died for our sins, just to give liberty,  
He is Lord, yes, Lord of all

Jesus is the Lord of all, Jesus is the Lord of all,

Jesus is the Lord of all, He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.  
There is just one Lord, He's the Father's Son,  
He was sent to die, die for everyone.  
There's so much that we share, that it's time we're aware,  
He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.

Jesus is the Lord of all, Jesus is the Lord of all,  
Jesus is the Lord of all, He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.

We will sing and praise Your holy name,  
Forgive our sins and forget our blame,  
Take our troubles away, we will worship and pray,  
You are Lord, yes, Lord of all.

Jesus is the Lord of all, Jesus is the Lord of all,  
Jesus is the Lord of all, He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.

## **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 the people,

**Your servant Ruth showed great love when she clung to Naomi. Teach us to show great compassion, and to turn to you when we are in need. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading: Ruth 1:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup>Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup>They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." <sup>14</sup>Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die, I will die — there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

*Please rise for the reading of the Gospel*

### **Gospel: Mark 3:33-35** **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

## **Thanks be to God**

*Please be Seated*

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: "You Give Us Sunshine"**

(Sung to tune of You Are My Sunshine)

You give us sunshine and gentle rain, Lord,  
The snow in winter, the morning dew,  
All that we have, Lord, we have been given,  
So we give our lives now to You.

The warmth of summer, the autumn breezes,  
The winter frost, the green of spring,  
The seasons' changes declare Your praises  
And we join them as we sing.

You give us sunshine and gentle rain, Lord,  
The snow in winter, the morning dew,  
All that we have, Lord, we have been given,  
So we give our lives now to You.

You are the maker of earth and heaven,  
And stars and planets sing Your praise,  
We lift our voices to join the chorus,  
As we bless your wonderful ways.

You give us sunshine and gentle rain, Lord,  
The snow in winter, the morning dew,  
All that we have, Lord, we have been given,  
So we give our lives now to You.

*Please Stand*

## **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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

O God, you promise your church: if we die with you, we will also live with you; if we endure, we will also reign with you; even when we are faithless, you remain faithful. Strengthen us to believe your gracious promises. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great are your works, O Lord, and we delight in the wonder and majesty of creation. As the earth brings forth its fruit, renew your creation so that all creatures are sustained and nourished. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The heritage of nations belongs to you and your Spirit fills the earth. Bless presidents, prime ministers and chancellors; lawmakers, judges, governors, and county officials, so that they reflect your faithfulness and uprightness in their work for the people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You wash us and we are made clean. In your compassion, immerse all who are sick and suffering in your care (*especially*). Heal us, even when there may be no cure, and give us thankful hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You called a people to be your own and yet you have shown limitless love and mercy to people of every nation. Open our hearts so that, like you, we welcome the stranger in our midst. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

With love and thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in you (*especially*). Give us certainty to trust the salvation that is in Christ Jesus. Lord,

in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands.  
We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please be Seated*

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.  
Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN: “Thanks To God”**

(Sung to tune of Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain)

1. Thanks to God for my redeemer,  
Thanks for all that You provide!  
Thanks for times now but a mem’ry  
Thanks for Jesus by my side.  
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,  
Thanks for dark and dreary fall,  
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,  
Thanks for peace within my soul.

3. Thanks for roses by the wayside,  
Thanks for thorns their stems contain,  
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,  
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.  
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,  
Thanks for heav’nly peace with Thee  
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,  
Thanks through all eternity.

2. Thanks for prayers that You have answered,  
Thanks for what You have denied.  
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,  
Thanks for all You have supplied.  
Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure,  
Thanks for comfort in despair,  
Thanks for grace that none can measure,  
Thanks for love beyond compare.

4. Now we leave to spread Your message,  
Now we go to praise Your name,  
Now we honor and obey You,  
Now we live by words proclaimed,  
Now we reach out to our neighbors,  
Now we show our love to all.  
Now our hope is all eternal,  
In your grace, we shall not fail.

## **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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### 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: "Christ Jesus Lives Today"

(Sung to the tune of The Happy Wanderer)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me,  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

He lives! He lives! He lives!  
Christ Jesus is alive today!  
He lives! He lives!  
Christ Jesus lives today!

2. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumph of His grace.

He lives! He lives! He lives!  
Christ Jesus is alive today!  
He lives! He lives!  
Christ Jesus lives today!

3. In Christ, there is no east or west,  
In Him, no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

He lives! He lives! He lives!  
Christ Jesus is alive today!  
He lives! He lives!  
Christ Jesus lives today!

4. Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.

He lives! He lives! He lives!  
Christ Jesus is alive today!  
He lives! He lives!  
Christ Jesus lives today!

### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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

### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: The Praise Team & Johnson Chicks

Greeters: Maynard & Kathy Berland      Ushers: 9:00– Chuck & Elsa Carlson

Hospitality Hosts: The Praise Team

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 6, 2019:    8:30am 65    10:00am 18



**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda                      October 14 thru October 20, 2019**

Monday	10/14	11:30 pm 7:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/15	9:00 am 12-2 pm	Crafters Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	10/16	8-12:00pm 9:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	WIC Women's Bible Study Stitchers Caramel Wrapping/Wild Rice Packing Choir Practice Praise Team
Thursday	10/17	8:00am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm	ROMEOS Fun Timers Bells
Friday	10/18	10:00 am 10:00 am	Bone Builders Ditch Pickup-Volunteers needed
Sunday	10/20	8:30 am 10:00 am 10:15 am	Worship Worship Sunday School

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BAZAAR RAFFLE TICKETS** Your raffle tickets are available to pick up in the Fellowship Hall. Money and Tickets can be dropped off in the basket on the secretary's desk.

**FREE WILL OFFERING** There will be a basket in the Narthex for today's special music.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR** Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Doors open at 9:00am. Work signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

**FLU SHOT CLINIC** will be held at Bethesda on Monday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:30am. Bring your insurance card. See bulletin board for other locations, times and dates.

**CARAMEL WRAPPING** Join in on caramel wrapping on Wednesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. After caramels are wrapped, we'll be bagging Wild Rice for the Bazaar. Rice was harvested and donated by Ray Piispanen.

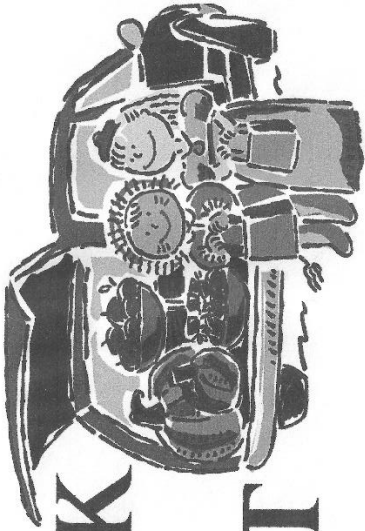
**THANK YOU!** Ted & Ruth Jaszczak want to thank everyone for their prayers for Ted as he went through his recent surgery and rehab. He is happy to be home now and well on the road to recovery.

**DITCH PICKUP** Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> will be ditch cleaning day. Volunteers are needed to help. Please meet at the church at 10:00am with appropriate shoes/clothes.

**MOVING SALE** (Marge Garbo) Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, Oct. 17-19. Opens at 9:00am. 47921 Outlook Ave, Isle. See Poster in Narthex for more information.

# UP COMING EVENTS AT BETHESDA

## TRUNK OR TREAT

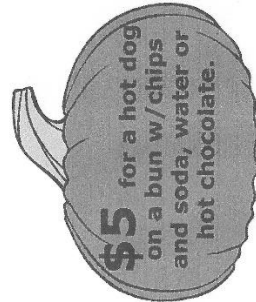


Parking Lot of Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo — 21590 State Hwy. 47

**Thursday, October 31st**  
**5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**KIDS WANTED!**  
**ADULTS TOO!**

CONTEST FOR BEST HALLOWEEN TRUNK AND COSTUME!



**\$5** for a hot dog on a bun w/ chips and soda, water or hot chocolate.

People are invited to decorate the trunk of their cars and have yummy treats to pass out to children or adults!

Stick around for a bonfire!

If the weather is bad, the event will be held inside the church.

**FREE**  
 S'Mores  
 Roast them in our fire pit!



## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**SATURDAY**  
**OCT. 26**

**9 A.M.**  
**2 P.M.**

*Beautiful  
 crafted  
 gift ideas!*



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- Crafts
- Quilts
- Raffle
- Lunch Counter
- Reduced Price Area

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