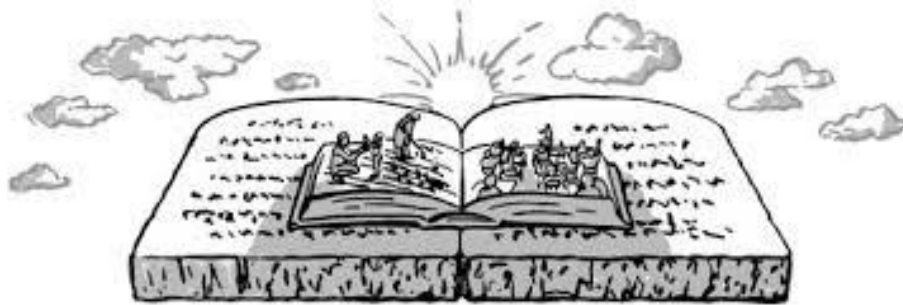


Sunday, October 6, 2019
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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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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Hear O Israel

INTRODUCTION

In today's reading we're on the cusp of the Promised Land, and Moses, that great preacher, is reviewing for this new generation of Israelites what has come before. He brings them rhetorically to the base of Mt. Sinai (called Horeb here) and preaches to them: The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. Not with our ancestors did the LORD make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “My God How Wonderful Thou Art” #863 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, 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

Loving Lord,

You gave commandments to your people as a gift. Teach us to be obedient to your word and to care for each other as we do your will. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “The Wonder of His Love”

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

Chapter 5

¹Moses convened all Israel, and said to them:

Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances that I am addressing to you today; you shall learn them and observe them diligently. ²The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. ³Not with our ancestors did the LORD make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. ⁴The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the fire. ⁵(At that time I was standing between the LORD and you to declare to you the words of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said: ⁶I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ⁷you shall have no other gods before me.

⁸You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁹You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, ¹⁰but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

¹¹You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

¹⁶Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹⁷You shall not murder.

¹⁸Neither shall you commit adultery.

¹⁹Neither shall you steal.

²⁰Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.

²¹Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife.

Neither shall you desire your neighbor's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Chapter 6

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Please Stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-31

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Jesu Jesu, Fill Us with your Love" #708 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

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.

Increase the faith of your church. Give us courage when we are reticent in sharing your love. Renew in us your holy calling, according to your own purpose and grace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Tend the garden of your creation that teems with all kinds of life. Restore us as caretakers of animals and plants, mindful of the generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Destruction and violence are ever before us, and strife and contention rise up in many nations. Draw to yourself all the people of the world, emboldening them to strive for peaceful and just solutions to conflict. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You promise life and wholeness to those who wait patiently for you, and you hear those who cry out to you for help. Heal the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and attend to all in need of your care (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Rekindle your gift of love in this community. Bind together in Christ the weak and the strong, those with little faith and those with much. Help us to respond to one another with Christlike compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember with gratitude the faithful who have guided the next generations. Gather us and all your holy ones (*especially William Tyndale*) into the eternal, risen life in Christ. 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

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: "Blessed be your Name" Page 8

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: Choir & Digital Hymnal

Greeters: George & Kathy Larson

Ushers: 8:30am: Lee & Barb Forrester

10:00am: Dick & Sue Stebbins

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, September 29, 2019: 8:30 am 59 10:00 am 31

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**Oct. 7, 2019 – Oct. 13, 2019**

Monday	10/7	10:30 am	Spread your Wings meeting
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		1:00 pm	Stewardship meeting
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/8	9:00 am	Quilters
		12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	10/9	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		2:00 pm	Caregiver Support Group Meeting
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	10/10	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		11:30 pm	Funtimers: Card Players & Potluck
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	10/11	10:00 am	Bone builders
Saturday	10/12	11:00 am	Funeral for Meldon Liljenquist
Sunday	10/13	9:00 am	Worship-Polka Service
		10:15 am	Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** The Family of Meldon Liljenquist.**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.**JOIN IN THE FUN!** Support our fund-raising activities in 2019-2020. Our raffle item for October is a handmade Quilt. Purchase a \$1 raffle ticket to win. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month during Fellowship hour between services.**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet Wednesday, October 9th at 2 pm.

Anyone who is currently a caregiver or who has been a caregiver in the past is invited to come and be a part of this group. It is an opportunity to learn self-care while taking care of someone else and to receive support from other caregivers.

MALMO AREA LIONS OKTOBERFEST Saturday, October 12, 2019 at Mille Lacs Trails Snowmobile Club. Authentic German meal, Bonfire, Live German Band, Dancing & Fun! See poster in Narthex for more details.**LUTEFISK DINNER OPTIONS** On Saturday, Oct. 26 there are two local churches having Lutefisk dinners. Trinity Lutheran from 3:30-7:00pm and Holden Lutheran Church from 1:00-5:00pm. See posters in the Narthex for more information.**CARAMEL WRAPPING** Join in on caramel wrapping for the Bazaar on Wednesday, Oct. 16th 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

POLKA SERVICE – one service only next Sunday; 9:00am. Praise team will be serving brats, sauerkraut, pretzels, & root beer after service.

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BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Songwriters: Beth Redman / Matt Redman

Blessed Be Your Name, In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed Be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed Be Your name.
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

CHORUS: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say *[Repeat Chorus twice]*

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name
God you give and take away, Oh you give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name *[Repeat Chorus twice]*

Blessed be Your name, You give and take away, God you give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.
God you give and take away, You give and you take away.
But my heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name
Oh You give and take away, You give and take away
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At the second service, the choir will sing immediately following the ANNOUNCEMENTS.

They are excused immediately following their song.