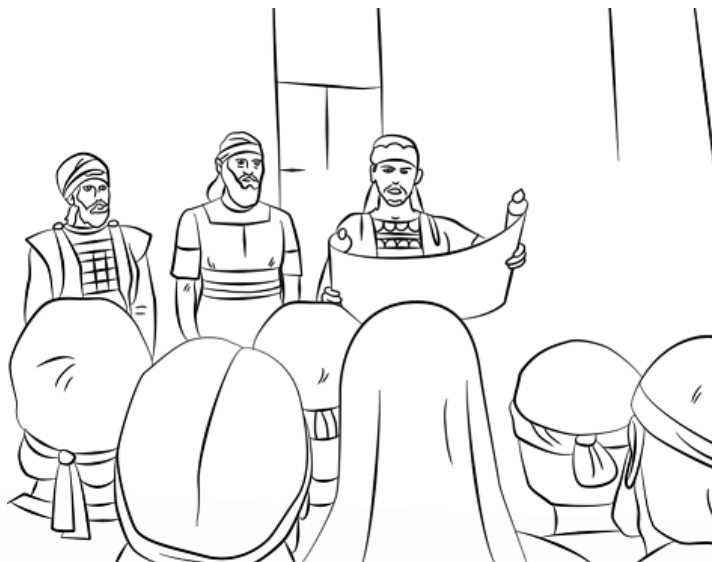


Sunday, November 24, 2019

Twenty fourth 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

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 22:1-10, 23:1-3

Chapter 22

¹Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. ²He did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

³In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the LORD, saying, ⁴Go up to the high priest Hilkiah, and have him count the entire sum of the money that has been brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people; ⁵let it be given into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of the house of the LORD; let them give it to the workers who are at the house of the LORD, repairing the house, ⁶that is, to the carpenters, to the builders, to the masons; and let them use it to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the house. ⁷But no accounting shall be asked from them for the money that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly."

⁸The high priest Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." When Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, he read it. ⁹Then Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workers who have oversight of the house of the LORD." ¹⁰Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "The priest Hilkiah has given me a book." Shaphan then read it aloud to the king.

Chapter 23

¹Then the king directed that all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem should be gathered to him. ²The king went up to the house of the LORD, and with him went all the people of Judah, all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD. ³The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD, keeping his commandments, his decrees, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. All the people joined in the covenant.

Please Stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL

Luke 24:30-32

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"O God of Light"

#507 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

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God, you are our righteousness. Fill us with the hope of steadfast love and shine light on places that were invisible to us, so that we see your kingdom made visible on earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, your reign extends from the black holes of the universe to a single grain of sand. Guide us to sustain and restore all of your creation, and to live in peace with this planet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, you are exalted among nations. Protect the people in countries ravaged by violence, warfare, and hatred, and raise up wise and generous leaders to find their

strength in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, you are our help in times of trouble. Like a shepherd who guards the sheep, watch over your flock: those who are sick and hurting in body, mind, or spirit, those who are mocked, and those who are lonely (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, you call us forth from this place to lives of service. Equip the outreach ministries of this congregation (*especially*). Use our hands and feet, sharing Christ's love with neighbors in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Almighty God, the beginning and the end, we rejoice that one day we will share in the inheritance of the saints. In thanksgiving, we remember those who have gone before us (*especially Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, pastors in North America*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

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 creator,

you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good

hope, † comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Awake Awake, and Greet the New Morn” #242 ELW

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

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: Wally & Bev Swenson

Ushers: 8:30am: Wayne & Janice Olson

10:00am: Ron & JoAnn Haglund

Hospitality: Jack & Paula Spetz, Del & Dianne Jones

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019: 8:30 am 65 10:00 am 27

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Nov. 25, 2019 – Dec. 1, 2019

Monday	11/25	11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/26	12-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	11/27	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
Thursday	11/28	THANKSGIVING	
Friday	11/29	10:00 am	NO Bones
Saturday	11/30	11:00 am	Cantata Practice
Sunday	12/1	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: The family of Judy Wozney who passed away this past week. Audrey Kullberg, Jenny Schuett, Ken Sjoquist

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 November is a Poinsettia plant and a “Snow Fun Ski” decoration. Purchase a \$1 raffle ticket to win. The winner will be drawn the last Sunday of the month during Fellowship hour between services.

MEN’S FISHING TRIP will be January 13-15th. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Deadline is Dec. 10th for signing up. See Skip or Pastor James for more info.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS Our supply of Prayer Shawls is diminishing, and we will be needing more. Yarn will be purchased, and kits put together-contact Darlene Christensen if you want a kit.

WORLD HUNGER MONTH November is the month we consider World Hunger awareness. 11% of the people in the world are going hungry. The ELCA encourages us to think about an extra donation using their change banks or however you prefer to give. The banks and World Hunger information is available the month of November in the Narthex.

ZION TO ZAMBIA Julie Swaggert, Dennis Hennessy & Mary Braun are going to the Village of Hope in Zambia in January of 2020 along with 16 others from Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo. They are collecting items to bring on their mission trip. Some of the items needed are:

- Black Dry Erase Markers
- Black, Red, and Blue Ink Pens
- 1½” to 2” Three Ring Binders
- Soccer Balls (deflated)
- Chewable Vitamins (for young kids)
- Deodorant

There is a box in the Narthex to collect these items. Monetary donations will be accepted and appreciated also. Write “Zion to Zambia” on your giving envelope or on the memo line of your check. Thank you for your support.

WELCA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON is on Saturday, December 7th at noon. The speaker’s topic will be “**HOPE**” and Christmas music, performed by Becky Klingelhofer, will be provided for your entertainment. Look for signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall next week.

GARAGE KEY? We are missing the key from the peg on the shed for the garages. Did anyone accidentally put it in their pocket?

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

ANNUAL CANTATA will be on Sunday, December 15, 2019, at 9:00am. We will be going to one service, at 9:00am for the winter months starting with Cantata Sunday. This year's cantata will be: "Emmanuel – God with Us!" which includes Contemporary Lessons & Carols.

LUTHERAN PARTNERS IN GLOBAL MINISTRY There are student sponsor forms in the Narthex if you wish to change the life of a student in India. You can choose the child you wish to sponsor as a short bio is included with each contribution brochure. Additional information on LPGM is also available on the table.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING There will be a meeting on Sunday, December 22nd after the 9:00am service to further address the options and funding of the Multi-Media System. The December newsletter has complete information on the equipment, funding and meeting the needs of the congregation.

HYMN FEST John Kozial, Jr. will be joining us on Sunday, December 29th to perform a "Hymn Sing" for our Sunday service at 9:00am. If you joined us last year, you won't want to miss it this year.

TOGETHER HERE EVENT Is on Tuesday, Nov. 26, from 6:30-8:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brainerd. This documentary examines the history of relationships between Indigenous and non-indigenous people in the United States while wrestling with the contemporary implications of the shared history. Join us to watch this 60-minute film and engage in guided reflection and dialogue following it.

Ohiyesa: The Soul of an Indian



CHRISTMAS GIVING This year Bethesda will be donating children's sweatpants, sweatshirts, hats, mittens, scarves, etc. to the PAW pantry in Isle and the elementary schools in McGrath and McGregor. You can place these items on the Tree in the Narthex starting December 1st.

DECEMBER RAFFLE Support our fund-raising activities in 2019 by buying a raffle ticket. December's raffle will be provided by the ROMES. Get excited for this drawing! ROMEOS; get your thought process going.