

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Twenty-second 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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Hosea

INTRODUCTION

In today's Gospel Mark tells a story about Jesus blessing children. Children in the ancient world had few rights and essentially no social status. Therefore, the disciples obstruct people who brought children to Jesus. But Jesus reprimands the disciples and blesses the children, not because they conjure sweet images of cherubic innocence, but because he has concern for the vulnerable and scorned, for those ripe for exploitation.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“Gather Us In”

#532 ELW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

“Give Thanks”

CCLI #20285

Please rise 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, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

Amen.

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us.

Amen.

At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are † forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God,

You have continued to love your people despite our faithlessness to you.

Receive our thanks for never giving up on us.

Amen.

Please be seated

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Who Am I”

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: “Thy Word”

FIRST READING: Hosea 11:1-9

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:13-14

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “That’s Why We Praise Him”

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.

Prayers of Intercession

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

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.

For the church, steadfast and faithful in its mission to proclaim redemption through Christ Jesus; for all ministers of the gospel who proclaim that the word is Loving Redeemer, by grace you have chosen us to live boldly as resurrection people. Strengthen us to stand firm and proclaim the good news to the world.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Maker of all, you bless us with the change of seasons. Create safe pathways as plants and animals prepare for winter, and make us good stewards of your bountiful creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Divine judge, your justice and mercy are revealed to us in your steadfast love. Grant rest and peace to our faithful veterans, and give courage to government officials who lead, serve, and protect. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Listening God, your beloved people call to you and you answer them. Hear the cries of those who are poor and unemployed, those who seek refuge, those who suffer from addiction, and all who are sick (*especially*). Guard and keep them in your loving care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Generous teacher, you look upon your children with a loving heart. Bless the ministries of those who work with, serve, teach, and lead children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the living, to you all are alive. We give thanks for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). Give us joy in knowing that our Redeemer lives, and that we will be united with the faithful in a resurrection like his. 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.

Please be seated

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

OFFERTORY

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.
Please rise 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM

Invitation to Communion

God keeps adding places to the table. Come to the banquet that has no end!
(Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: “Let All Things Now Living” #881 ELW

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: The Praise Team

Greeters: Charlie & Jackie Follmer

Ushers: 8:30am: Skip & Lynn Hansen

10:00am: Dick & Sue Stebbins

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019: 8:30am 77 10:0am 29

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda November 11 through November 17, 2019

Monday	11/11	VETERANS DAY	
		9:00 am	Women’s Devotion at Pat Becker’s
		11:30 am	Double Deck Pinochle
		2:00 pm	Stewardship
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/12	9:00 am	Quilters
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor’s Text Study
Wednesday	11/13	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		2:00 pm	Care Give Support Group Meeting
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:00 pm	Cantata Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	11/14	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		11:30 pm	Pot Luck & Funtimers
Friday	11/15	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	11/17	8:30 am	Worship
		9:30 am	Altar Care Meeting
		10:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE: Judy Wozney, Bev Swenson, 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.

BLESSING BOX We received \$117.15 in the Blessing Box last Sunday. Donations will go to Local Benevolence. Thank you! What a Blessing!

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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets Wednesday, Nov. 13th at 2pm. This group is for anyone who is a caregiver now or has been one in the past.

THRIVENT EVENT for Pearl Crisis Center in Milaca, will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20th after the WELCA meeting. WELCA women will be tying fleece blankets and putting together hygiene supplies for the center. All are welcome to join us!

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.

COME SING WITH US! If you would like to join the choir to sing in the Cantata on December 15th, show up at practice on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm. We will give you the music and a CD of the music to sing along with. All are welcome.

SNOWBIRDS Before you leave to head to warmer climates please let Mary in the office know your forwarding address and the dates you will be gone (Telephone No./e-mail too?) so that we may get your newsletters and any other information to you. If you can't find Mary, just leave a note on the secretary's desk with the pertinent information.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR Total sales for this year's Annual Holiday Bazaar was \$14,461.78. Great job to all crafters!

WORLD HUNGER MONTH November is the month we consider World Hunger as 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 will be available the month of November.

ZION TO ZAMBIA Julie Swaggert, Dennis Hennessy & Mary Braun are going to the Village of Hope in Zambia in January of 2020 along with 13 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

Learning Games & Activities (like card games-nothing too big)

Soccer Balls (deflated)

Chess Games (nothing fancy)

Deodorant

Chewable Vitamins (for young kids)

There will be a tub 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.

Zion to Zambia...Meet the Team



*Back: John, Annie, Judy, Amy, Jud, Ron, Steve.
Front: Kevin, Kathy, Danielle, Emily, Pastor Suzi, Abby*



*Top: Mary Braun
Bottom: Dennis Hennessy
& Julie Swaggert*

Read more about each person on the webpage:
<https://zionbuffalo.org/zion-to-zambiameet-the-team/>



Saluting our Veterans

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AREA</u>
Ron Aho	Navy	58 - 64	
Ron Anderson	Army	49 - 53	Korea
John Ansell	Army	2003- 12	Iraq twice
Bob Beavers	Navy	42 - 45	Pacific
Maynard Berland	Army		
Les Bolke	Marines	43 - 45	Pacific
Roy Berg	National Guard	24 years	
Chuck Carlson	USMCR	55 - 63	
Richard Carron	Army	68 - 70	Vietnam
Wayne Danielson	Army	62 - 64	Germany
Marty Dressely	Navy	8 years	
Marlyn Eklund	Army	55 - 58	
Tom Forester	Army	64 - 66	Ethiopia
Jack Foyo	Navy	60 - 66	Bearing Sea
Roy Gosselin	AirForce	47 - 49	
Lee Forrester	AirForce	65 - 69	Bermuda
Dick Gripp	Navy	43 - 45	Wake Island
Ron Haglund	National Guard	53 - 61	
Rollie Halvorson	Army	48 - 51	Korea
Doug Hansen	Army	1969	Germany
John Iverson	Navy Reserve	68 - 70	Mediterranean
Ted Jaszczak	Army	57 -59	
Delano Jones	Army	66 - 68	Vietnam
Ron Keil	Navy	75 - 79	Vietnam
Keith Kellen	Navy	65 - 69	Vietnam
Darrell Kelly	National Guard	60 - 64	
Melody Lackner	Army	74 - 76	Germany
Larry Liljenquist	USMC	89 - 93	Gulf War
Michael Lofgren	Marines	66 - 70	
Jim Magedanz	National Guard	66 - 72	
Jim Metteer	Army	69 - 71	Vietnam
Tom Mjelde	Air Force	55 - 59	Korea
Jerry Morris	Navy	61 - 63	
Troy Nyberg	USMC	4 years	
Dick Norlander	Army	66 - 69	Korea
Wayne Olson	National Guard	57 - 63	
Cliff Roberts	Marines	55 - 62	
Sam Samuelson	Air Force	68 - 72	Taiwan
Alfie Sandell	Army	51 - 54	Korea
Jerry Schewe	Army	63 - 65	Germany
George Smith	Army	69 - 70	Vietnam

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AREA</u>
Butch Stephenson	Navy	64 – 67	Vietnam
Dave Stueven	Army	69 – 72	
Wally Swenson	Army	53 – 56	
Dick Stebbins	Air Force	64 – 78	
Sally Stay	Army	4 years	Iraq
Bob Walrod	Marines	67 – 68	Vietnam

Deceased Veterans from Bethesda

Spanish American Martin Gudim George Gudim

World War I Arthur Andren Ed Johnson
 Walt Pedersen Joe Samson

World War II

Dennis Brooks	Lloyd Jarson	Clarence Peterson
Ernest Burman	Norm Jorgenson	Ivan Peterson
Leonard Goldman	Fred Knudsen	Sam Reinhard
Wilbur Gorham	Lloyd Lilienthal	Swan Roseberg
Walt Groehler	Gottfred Long	Daniel Samson
Lawrence Hjort	Richard Moe	Peg Schaefer
Donald Johnson	Shirley Olson	Dale Siems
Glen A. Johnson	Harland Pedersen	Dale Williams

Korean War & Other

Maynard Bakken	Owen Heins	Lloyd Schaefer
Jerry Becker	Rev. Winfield Johnson	Ken Skogquist
LeRoy Bondeson	Bill Johnson	Delmer Swanson
Harlow Dickinson	Earl Julien	Norman Swedberg
Gordon Elling	Gary Miller	Al Wedig
Melvin Hamman	Donald Olson	Darrel Westerlund
Richard Henrickson	Don Rimer	Howard Westerlund
Richard Holmquist	Joann Roeker	Fredrick White
Merrill Honnold	Bill Schaefer	

Thank you all for your service to our country.

