

Sunday, January 12, 2020



BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

21590 State Highway 47, Isle, MN 56342

Phone: 320-684-2123 (1-877-684-2123) Fax: 320-684-2836

E-mail address: blcmalmo@gmail.com

Church Web Site: blcmalmo.org

Pastor James Muske

320-583-5796

Parish Nurses: Darlene Christensen, RN 320-279-0097

Kathy Berland RN ANP 218-838-6181

Prayer Chain Contacts: Char Berg 320-684-2102 or Darlene Christensen 320-279-0097

Church Secretary: Mary Braun

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

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

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Jesus Heals and Teaches

INTRODUCTION

From the very beginning, Jesus' ministry shatters boundaries. He eats with the unclean, heals on the Sabbath, touches lepers, and even claims divine authority to forgive sins. His presence is resisted by those who hold power, those whose lives are dedicated to keeping boundaries intact. Yet for the leper who is cleansed, for the paralytic who is healed, for the sinner who is forgiven and welcomed to the table, Jesus is welcomed as a mission of liberation, healing, and life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” #673 ELW

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, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord of forgiveness,

You healed a paralytic by forgiving his sins. Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to walk in your ways. Amen.

Please be seated

PSALM RESPONSE Psalm 103:6-14

⁶The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷**He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.**

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹**For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³**As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

¹⁴For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

Please Stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL READING: Mark 2:1-22

Glory to you, O Lord

¹When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone? ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?" ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — ¹¹I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your

home. ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

¹³Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. ¹⁴As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁵And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples — for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁹Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

²¹No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²²And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "There a Wideness in God's Mercy" #588 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence.

Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism (*especially for [name/s] baptized among us today*). Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we rejoice in the glory of your creation: the beauty of rivers and streams, glaciers and oceans, lakes and ponds. Bring restoration to your earth, and free us from overuse and abuse of water, air, and land. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of peace, we give thanks for order in the midst of chaos, though we long for greater justice in our world. Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders so that all experience your reign of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope. Strengthen all who are preparing for baptism and renew the faith of sponsors, mentors, parents, grandparents, friends, and all who guide the newly baptized in this life of joy.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of hope, unleash your Spirit to increase our trust in you. We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us with lives of baptismal witness (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, 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 and Blessing Box.
Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of wonder,

you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy. (Communion by intinction – red wine; white apple juice; gluten free available)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,

you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN:

“Boundless Love”

Dakota Road

Hans Peterson

Bound-less love touch-es and chang-es the heart of us.

Bound-less love touch-es and chang-es the heart of us.

Oh Spir-it of Je-sus you
We struc-ture in-jus-tice that
Oh Spir-it of life come and

sit at our ta-ble and call us to a rad-i-cal meal
keeps some from eat-ing, you pre-pare us for a dif-fer-ent feast
move through the peo-ple, con-front-ing the pow-ers of death

of bound-less love that climbs o-ver bar-riers so
of bound-less love that climbs o-ver bar-riers so
'cause bound-less love climbs o-ver bar-riers so

noth-ing can keep us a-part.
noth-ing can keep us a-part.
noth-ing can keep us a-part.

© 2001 Dakota Road Music
All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

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: Pat Becker, Char Berg

Ushers: George & Patti Smith

Hospitality Hosts:

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, January 5, 2020: 9:00am XX

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Jan. 13 through Jan. 19, 2020

Monday	1/13	1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	1/14	10:00 am	Quilters
		12 – 2 pm	Pastor's Text Study
Wednesday	1/15	8:-12:00 pm	WIC
		9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:000 am	Stitchers
Thursday	1/16	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Funtimers
Friday	1/17	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	1/19	9:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 \$_____ in the Blessing Box last Sunday. Donations will go to Local Benevolence. Thank you! What a Blessing!

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE After many years of faithful service to this committee, Pat Becker has retired. We wish to thank her for her dedicated service and would like to invite new members to join the group. Copies of the committee's description are available in the office. The task of this committee is the care, conservancy, planning, attention, upkeep, and management of the church's financial resources and distribution. Contact Donna Ansell, Barb Forrester, or Mary Vukelich if interested.