

Sunday, July 12, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*“Church is not a place; it is who we are.
Once we realize this, we can be the church anywhere.”*

We gather to worship together, at this time, in different places. Bottom line, we are worshipping God, **TOGETHER!** This worship service has been pre-recorded. Worship materials have been published online at blcmalmo.org. If you are able, please watch the service via Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo’s [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) page, find the link on Facebook, or visit our website to find the link.

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, I cry to you for help.

In the morning my prayer comes before you.

Let my mouth be full of your praise
and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

You redeem my life from the grave,
and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.

Lord, hear my prayer,
and let my cry come before you.

SONG – “Humble Thyself”

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (echo) (REPEAT)

And God (and God) will lift (will lift) you up

Higher and higher, and God (and God) will lift (will lift) you up. (CHORUS)

Our God, is an awesome God
who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love,
our God is an awesome God.

Serve one another in the sight of the Lord (echo) (REPEAT)
And God (and God) will lift (will lift) you up
Higher and higher, and God (and God) will lift (will lift) you up. (CHORUS)

Love one another in the sight of the Lord (echo) (REPEAT)
And God (and God) will lift (will lift) you up
Higher and higher, and God (and God) will lift (will lift) you up. (CHORUS)

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER of the DAY

Lord, you know us so well. We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don't recognize it. Make us ready to become stronger witnesses for your love as we receive your word and find our spirits and lives healed by your presence. In your name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11

Chapter 31

³⁵O that I had one to hear me! (Here is my signature! Let the Almighty answer me!)
O that I had the indictment written by my adversary!

³⁶Surely I would carry it on my shoulder; I would bind it on me like a crown;

³⁷I would give him an account of all my steps; like a prince I would approach him.

Chapter 38

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? —

⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Matthew 5:1-8

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

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MESSAGE

SONG – “Everlasting Love”

Your everlasting love is higher, higher, higher than the skies
Your everlasting love is higher, higher,
higher than the skies, higher than the skies,
Oh! The wonders of your everlasting love is higher than the-
ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo 2x

2. Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper, deeper than the seas
Your everlasting love is deeper, deeper,
deeper than the seas, deeper than seas,
Oh! The wonders of your everlasting love is deeper than the-
ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo 2x

3. Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching, reaching out to me
Your everlasting love is reaching, reaching,
reaching out to me, reaching out to me
Oh! The wonders of your everlasting to reaching out to-
ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo 2x

3. Your everlasting love is higher, deeper, reaching out to me
Your everlasting love is higher, deeper,
reaching out to me, reaching out to me
Oh! The wonders of your everlasting to reaching out to-
ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo, ooo 2x

A NEW CREED

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, the whole earth is yours. Where there is fire, bring cool air and new growth. Where there is flooding, bring abatement. Where there is drought, bring rain. Inspire us to care for what you have provided. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the world you have created and love. In places of conflict, raise up leaders who work to develop lasting peace and reconciliation. Encourage organizations and individuals who care for all forced to leave their homes. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed especially all those we name out loud or the silence of our hearts. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, you provide a plentiful harvest of gifts and resources. Prepare us to labor and gather the fruits of this congregation, that we might discover new ways of living. Minister to us in our work, that we do not lose heart. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

You may now partake of the bread and wine in your own home.

*Speak the words "The body of Christ, given for you"
and "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

You may then respond "Amen."

PRAYER after COMMUNION

God of the welcome table,

in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

Amen.

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

SONG – “Love Round”

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and all your soul and all your mind and
love all humans kind as you would love yourself and...

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
(tick tick tick boom) and all your soul and mind and love all humankind...

We've got, Christian lives to live
We've got, Jesus' love to give
We've got, nothing to hide
Because in God we all find love...(repeat in round)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Response to God's Word Last Week

July 5th, 2020 - Virtual Attendance *: 102

**Virtual attendance is based on a matrix from the NEMN Synod. We determine the number of unique views per week and multiply by 2 – assuming there are two people per household watching the youtube video service.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU for your continued financial support during time of social distancing. You can submit your weekly offerings by mailing to: 21590 State Hwy 47, Isle, MN 56342.



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LAWN MOWERS NEEDED If you would like to help in the mowing, please contact Mary at the church (320-684-2123) to get on the signup sheet. We can use your help. The tractors and equipment will be ready each week (serviced, sanitized, and gassed) for your enjoyment. Please do not mow if not needed. If you have any questions call Lee Forrester at 651-271-2186.



CANCELLED ACTIVITIES

- **Veggie Stand** - until further notice.
- **October Bazaar** – stay tuned for other fund-raising ideas to fund WELCA's many worthy missions.

PARKING LOT SERVICE will be hosted by Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmö next Sunday, July 19th, at 9:30am. Communion will be served. All attendees are asked to remain in their cars. The service will be broadcasted on a FM station thru your car radios.