

# Sunday, October 18, 2020

*God Answers Hannah*



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

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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.*

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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](http://blcmalmo.org). If you are able, please watch the service via Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo's YouTube.com page, find the link on Facebook, or visit our website to find the link.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## HYMN:

“For All the Faithful Women”  
(vs. 1,4,2,Last)

#419 ELW



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,  
 4 To Han nah, pray - ing child - less be - fore the throne of grace,  
 2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,  
*Last* All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.  
 you gave a son and call - ed him to serve before your face.  
 in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,  
 All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.  
 Grant us her per - sever - ance; Lord, teach us how to pray  
 we of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise  
 With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.  
 and trust in your de - liv' - rance when dark - ness hi - des our way.  
 that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.  
 we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of **✝** Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God who answers prayer,

**We are blessed and humbled that you hear us when we call to you in our time of deepest longing. Receive our gratitude for your listening ear. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

**FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10**

#### **Chapter 1**

<sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

<sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

#### **Chapter 2**

<sup>1</sup>Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory." <sup>2</sup>"There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God."

<sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the

LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." <sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength." <sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn." <sup>6</sup>The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. <sup>7</sup>The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts." <sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world." <sup>9</sup>"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail." <sup>10</sup>The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel: Luke 1:46-55**

<sup>6</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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**SERMON**

**HYMN: "My Soul Rejoices in the Lord"**

My soul rejoices in the Lord; my God gives strength to me.  
I feel my heart within me soar at God's great victory.  
O God, you are the Holy One! You are the Rock I trust.  
I sing with joy what you have done — for you've delivered us.

O God, you turn the world around and make things fresh and new.  
The proud and mighty are cast down; the poor find life in you.  
See! Those who ate till they were stuffed are searching now for bread,  
while those who never had enough feast at your table spread.

The burdens that we long have known by grace are cast away.  
You lift the poor to sit on thrones and bring a just, new day.  
The ones who grieve what might have been are finding ways to be  
the blessing-bearers, loving kin, in your community.

This song was Hannah's joyful shout of wonder and surprise.  
Young Mary, too, would sing it out, that you change people's lives.  
May we remember all you do — and your surprising ways.  
May acts of love and justice, too, grow from our songs of praise.

## **THE APOSTLES' 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.*

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising

of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt (*especially*). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you (*especially*). We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

*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**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
**that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Mothering God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

## **HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” #836 ELW**



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Response to God's Word Last Week

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Attendance: N/A (Synod Produced Video Service)

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CARE & PRAYER LIST:** Jenny Schuett's brother

**TRUNK or TREAT!** Get your 'Boo' on! Join us for the 3rd annual Trunk or Treat at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo on Saturday, October 31st, from 3-6 p.m. We will be outside this year in the parking lot. Watch for more details.



**FLU SHOT CLINIC** will be held at the church on Monday, October 19th, 2020 8:30-10:30am. Bring Insurance Card & Wear a Facemask. Social distancing will be enforced.

**IN PERSON WORSHIP** We are planning a worship service in the Fellowship Hall on **October 25 at 9:30am**. All MN Department of Health guidelines will be followed including, but not limited to: Health Screening Assessment upon entry, 6' physical distancing, wear a mask the entire time you are in the building, prayers will be whispered from behind your mask, no singing, no hand shaking, etc. Watch for more details. We reserve the right to cancel if needed. Below are the just some of the regulations needed to worship safely in person:

- Usher will open doors and welcome people to worship.
- On-site forehead temperature scanners will be used and hand sanitizer will be available.
- We will need to question each member/family upon entry.
- Entrance Questioner:
  - Do you have a fever today?
  - Do you have any symptoms today?
  - Have you been exposed to anyone with COVID-19?
  - Are you waiting for COVID-19 test results?
    - A YES answer to any of the above question will result in asking the person(s) to leave and do not enter the building.
- We will need to record family name and phone number so we can contact anyone who has attended if a case of Covid-19 is confirmed after the service.
- Ushers will dismiss households from worship; beginning at the back of the fellowship hall to the front.

**NO-BAZAAR BAZAAR & RAFFLE** Go online to our website to view the items for the No-Bazaar Raffle. There were tickets included in the October Newsletter and there is also a link to print your own tickets at: <http://blcmalmo.org/WP2016/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Raffle-Tickets-for-OnLine-fillable.pdf>. Drawing will be held on Saturday, October 31 at noon. Get your tickets in now!

**LUTEFISK DINNER** Holden Lutheran Church has cancelled their Lutefisk Dinner held in October but instead you can Pre-order a "To Go Boxed Lutefisk Dinner for Two". Cost \$28. Pre-order by Thursday, October 1, 2020 by calling 320 676-3497 or 320-676-3706. Leave a message with Name, Phone Number and How many. Meals to be picked up on Saturday, October 25, 2020 between 11am and 1pm at Holden Lutheran Church. 2987 150th Street, Isle, MN 56342. Meal consists of 1 ½ lbs. Lutefisk, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cream Sauce, Butter, Lefse and instructions for Preparation. Additional Lefse will be available at



\$6/pkg.