

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Synod Worship



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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.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME – Pastor Rollie Bockbrader

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “God of Love, We’ve Known Division” On Screen

SCRIPTURE

PSALM: Psalm 133

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

FIRST READING: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

Bishop Amy Odgren

THE MESSAGE: "Love Unites Us!"

Bishop Amy Odgren

HYMN OF THE DAY: "A New Commandment"

On Screen

CREED (On Screen)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion.

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. *A brief silence.*

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community (*name*). Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy (*especially*). Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love,

you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

COMMUNION HYMN: "Love Bade me Welcome"

PRAYER after COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy,

through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: “Blessed Assurance”

“Just a Little Talk with Jesus”

Response to God’s Word Last Week:

Sunday, April 4, 2021 – 8:30am In Person: 45

– 10:30am In Person: 46

– Virtual*: 50

**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.*

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

April 12, 2021 thru April 18, 2021

April 12	Monday	9:00am	Women’s Devotion
		11:30am	Pinochle
		7:00pm	AA/Alanon
April 13	Tuesday	9:00am	Quilters
		10:00am	Zoom Coffee Hour
April 18	Sunday	9:30 am	In-Person Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

IN PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES has resumed at Bethesda! There will be one worship service on Sundays at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All MN Department of Health guidelines will be followed (Health Screening Assessment upon entry, physical distancing, wear a mask the entire time you are in the building, prayers singing will be whispered from behind your mask, no hand shaking, no coffee hour, etc.) Welcome Back!

WOMEN'S DEVOTION on Monday, April 12th at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Mask up and bring your own beverage.

ALUMINUM CANS price is up on recycled aluminum thru the month of April! Bring in your cans to church for recycling. Money goes to local benevolence.



HELP WANTED

Position-Church Custodian

The primary purpose of the Custodian position is to provide a clean and welcoming church facility to support the congregation's mission and ministries.

Qualifications:

1. Light to moderate physical work abilities with knowledge of maintenance, tools, and equipment.
2. Knowledge of custodial materials/chemicals, with the ability to work with minimum supervision.

Time Requirement:

Under normal conditions this position will average approximately 8-10 hours per week. The custodian will report directly to the property committee chairperson or church council representative.

Application & Job Description available in the office. Message Julie Swaggert with any additional questions.