

Sunday, May 16, 2021

One in Christ



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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.

INTRODUCTION: In a time of great national and global division, it is the call of the Church to live out a bond of unity in Christ through our union with Christ. “You are all one in Christ Jesus.” Let us cling to Christ and to one another by our faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

“A Hymn of Glory”

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1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l’wers
sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior!” thus they
sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
say, “this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty.”
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673-735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship* | Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful Deliverer,

You have chosen us to receive salvation by faith, not by the works of our hands. Deliver us, then, from the law, and free us from the bondage of sin so that with our hands we might serve you in purity of joy and response to your goodness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who is all goodness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

³You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! ²The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? ⁴Did you experience so much for nothing? —if it really was for nothing. ⁵Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? ⁶Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” ⁷so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. ⁸And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” ⁹For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed

yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN:

“We Walk by Faith”

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| 1. We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here." | 4. For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine. |
| 2. We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!" | 5. And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight. |
| 3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found: | |

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

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

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.

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, fill this congregation (*name*) with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints (*especially*). 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.

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

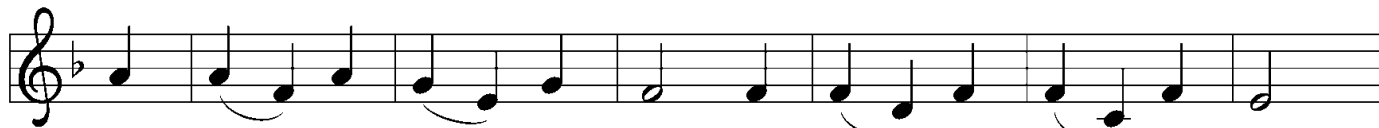
May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN:

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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- 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;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



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.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, May 9, 2021 - In Person: 52 Virtual Attendance *: 4

**Virtual attendance is based on a matrix from the NEMN Synod.*

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

May 17, 2021 – May 23, 2021

May 17	Monday	11:30am	Pinochle
		7:00pm	AA/Alanon Meetings
May 19	Wednesday	6:00pm	Confirmation Meeting

May 23 Sunday 9:30 am In-Person Worship Service-
Confirmation Sunday[Confirmants:
Savannah Elliott, Mark Vossen, Will
Vukelich]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE Jenny Schuett's brother, Dave.

OFFERING PLATE: The offering plate is on the table in the back of the Fellowship Hall as you entered. Please drop off your offerings as you enter or leave.

LAWN MOWERS NEEDED If you would like to help with the lawn mowing, there is a signup sheet in the Narthex. We can use your help. If you have any questions call Lee Forrester at 651-271-2186.



ACTS OF KINDNESS CARDS let someone know we care by taking a business card and paying it forward to let them know that our church welcomes all. See ideas on display on the back table.

MODERNA VACCINATION CLINIC to be held at Bethesda on May 26th from 9:00-12:00. Second clinic will be on June 23rd, same times. Pre-registration is preferred but walk ins are welcome. Use below link to pre-register or call: 218 927-7200.
<https://prepmo.health.state.mn.us//req/4061305792>

VEGGIE STAND OPENS! Saturday, May 29th from 7:30 - 11:00am. We encourage people to bring plant seedlings as well as rhubarb, bulbs, perennials, and baked goods to be sold. WELCA has made 200 jars of jelly to sell at the stand this summer! The stand will be closed the month of June and then reopen the 4th of July weekend thru Labor Day weekend.

FIRST LUTHERAN in Aitkin invites you to special worship services this summer. Outdoor Maria Chapel* Worships June 9, July 21 & August 18 at 6:30pm. Also; Worship on the Water June 13th Farm Island Lake & July 11th Cedar Lake, both at 3:00pm. See flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information. You can email office@flc-aitkin.com or call the church at 218 927-2028 or visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FLCAitkinMN for more information. * Located off Cty. Rd 39 next to Diamond Lake Cemetery.