

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Call and Temple Sermon



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 218-839-8193

Kathy Berland RN ANP 218-838-6181

Prayer Chain Contacts: Char Berg 320-684-2102 or Darlene Christensen 218-839-8193

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY of RE-GATHERING

(on Screen)

OPENING HYMN:

“Thy Strong Word”
(Please Stand on the Last Verse)

#511 ELW

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God:

we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:1-10 7:1-11

¹The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, ²to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of King Josiah son of Amon of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³It came also in

the days of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of King Zedekiah son of Josiah of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²Stand in the gate of the Lord’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the LORD. ³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. ⁴Do not trust in these deceptive words: “This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.” ⁵For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, ⁶if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, ⁷then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors forever and ever. ⁸Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. ⁹Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, ¹⁰and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, “We are safe!” — only to go on doing all these abominations? ¹¹Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know, I too am watching, says the LORD.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:46-48

Glory to you, O Lord

⁴⁶An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, ⁴⁸and

said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Lord Speak to Us”

#676 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for (*nations currently experiencing war or turmoil may be named*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this worshiping community (*congregation/community may be named*), that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.

OFFERING

Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,

you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

(Communion will be handed to you, pick up your own cup - red wine; white apple juice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “I Love to Tell the Story” #661 ELW

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Greeters: Lynne & Denny Meidlinger

Ushers: 8:30am Kathy & George Larson 10:00am Dick & Sue Stebbins

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, May 23, 2021: In Person: 9:30 am 66

Virtual: 16

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

May 30, 2021 – June 6, 2021

Sunday	5/30	1:00 pm	Malmo Cemetery-Graveside Service
		2:00 pm	Lakeside Cemetery-Graveside Service
Monday	5/31	MEMORIAL DAY	
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/3	5:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/3	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Sunday	6/6	8:30 am	Outdoor Worship (bring your own chair)
		10:00 am	Outdoor Worship (bring your own chair)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Skip Hansen; Lynne passed away on May 26. Funeral will be here at Bethesda on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Visitation between 10-11am. Service at 11am. Luncheon to follow.

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.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP Next Sunday the Praise Team will perform two outdoor services: 8:30 & 10:00am. Bring your own lawn chairs. Weather permitting.

USHERS NEEDED if you can help us with ushering, please contact Jim Christensen.

HELP NEEDED TODAY AFTER COFFEE HOUR if you can help us with setting up tables & chairs for the funeral on Wednesday, please stay after coffee.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee in between the services, the signup sheet is now on a board mounted in fellowship hall.

MEMORIAL DAY – Today there will be graveside services; Malmo at 1:00pm and Lakeside at 2:00pm. See below list of veterans from Bethesda that are buried at each cemetery. Memorial Day is the day of remembrance for those who have died while in service of the United States of America.

MALMO CEMETERY

Spanish American War

Martin Gudim

George Smith

WWI

Arthur Andren

Virgil Drebert

Thomas Durkee

John Hagquist

Ed Johnson

Carl Lundmark

Ed Lyman

Oaker Myers

George Nuedick

Charles Ott

Walter Pederson

Joe Samson

Alfred Spute

Henry Stempf

David Swedberg

WWII

Calvin Ardvidson

Alton Bertels***

LeRoy Benson

Dennis Brooks

James Broselle

Ernest Burman

Lewis Emery

Walter Groehler

Richard Hamment

Clarence Hansen

Orbin Hanson

Olaf Hermanson

Richard Holmquist

Burnett Jacobs

Clifford Jacobson

Clifford Johnson

John Jones

Everett Larson

Leonard Larson

Eugene Lind

Hilding Linde

Vernon Linde

Clarence Lindgren

George Manning

Clifford Munter

Andrew Nelson

Harry Nyberg

Cecil Olson

John Edgar Pearson

Harold Parrika

Harland Pederson

Albert Peterson

Clarence Peterson

Oscar Peterson

Ray Priebe

Bill Ray

Swan Roseberg

Daniel Samson

Arthur Sloth

James Smith

Jack Snyder

Russell Starleaf

James Steeves ***
James Wells
Willard Westerland
Dale Williams***

Curtis Stempf
Bacil Westerland
Edwin Wiebush
Gerald Williams

Richard Todd
Lawrence Westerland
Algott Williams
Vernon Woodard

WWII and Korean War

Glen A. Johnson

Korean War

Eugene Benson
Axel Edsel Nyberg
John Savage

Gordon Elling
Dave Ott
Ronald White

Roy Larson
Wallace Roeker

Viet Nam,

Hjalmer Nyberg***
James Sherrard
Steve Stapelton
Norman Swedberg
Alan Swedberg

Gulf Wars, Peace Time, and Other Veterans

William Beseman
Larry Duncan
Ron Hendrickson
Bill Johnson
Arnold Mickelson
Cliff Roberts
Darrel Westerland
Fred White

Donald Dooley
Dennis Hagquist
John Heimkes
Kenneth Lidberg
Richard Moe
Joann Roeker
Howard Westerland

*** *Died in Service*

LAKESIDE CEMETERY

World War I

Floyd Thomsen
Henry Tate
Andrew Elg

World War II

Levi Peterson
Albert Magnuson
Harry Curtis
Gottfred Long
Stanley Elyea
Thorwold Fisher
Fred Knudson
Carl Long
Millard Curtis
Leverne Sjodahl
Robert Anderson
Louis Johnson
Oscar Olson
Robert Erickson
Roy Peterson
Charles Lofquist

Korean War

Reginald Burge
Henry Ott
Marvin Elg
Donny Thomsen
Joe Tully
Daniel Johnson

US Navy

Kenneth Lofquist
Wayne R Peterson

Other

Bob Maxwell
Henry Gregorie
Donald Tate
Philip Eklund
Joe Hounder - Army
Lonnie Voss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY of RE-GATHERING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who upholds us through adversity, who consoles us in our sorrows, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

A reading from Isaiah 54:10:

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

A prayer of lament

We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress,
the losses that our congregation and community has suffered.
We have missed our weekly assembled worship,
our sharing of bread and cup,
our communal song,
our greetings of peace;
the full observances of Holy Week,
the Three Days, Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity;
baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals;
gatherings for education;
coffee hours;
the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted each Sunday,
(Other laments of the local community may be added.)
and we mourn members, friends, and family who have died of COVID-19.

O God, we lament our losses, for they are many.

Restore us, gracious God.

Restore us, gracious God.

We lament before you, O God, Sustainer of the universe,
the tragedies that our world has experienced.
We lament the millions sickened;
the countless dead;
thousands unemployed;
medical systems depleted;
economic security threatened;
government assistance inadequate;
political discord escalated;
despondency rampant;
racial injustice intensified;
communal engagements canceled. . .

(Other laments of the local community may be added.)

O God, we lament the world's tragedies, for they are incalculable.

Heal us, compassionate God.

Heal us, compassionate God.

Praise on a Sunday of Re-Gathering

Yet today, O God of the everlasting arms,
we rejoice at this re-gathering of our congregation:
we praise you for Sunday worship in word and sacrament;
for the personal presence of our pastor[s], [our deacon], and ministers;
for infants, children, youth, adults, and the aged together;
for communal song and live music; s
for coffee hours;
for Bible study;
for service with one another for the wider community;
for the mutual consolation of the faithful enacted on Sundays and weekdays .

(Other laments of the local community may be added.)

O God, we rejoice at this re-gathering for baptismal life together.

Empower our church, faithful God.

Empower our church, faithful God.

And we pray, O God of safe harbor, for the emergence of a wholesome world:

with health restored;
mourners consoled;
vaccines available;
hospitals restocked;
employment reinstated;
poverty averted;
sustenance shared;
science respected;
travel resumed;
fear replaced with confidence;
sorrow turned to joy . . .

(Other laments of the local community may be added.)

O God, we pray for the emergence of a wholesome world.

Renew the whole world, merciful God.

Renew the whole world, merciful God.

Give us your peace, eternal God.

Give us your peace, eternal God.

OPENING HYMN:

“Thy Strong Word”

#511 ELW