

Sunday August 1, 2021

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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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.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **“Lead on O King Eternal”** **#805 ELW**
 (Please Stand on the Last Verse)

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

Holy God,
your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Have Faith”

FIRST READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:28-31

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Faith of Our Fathers”

#812 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.

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You call your church to be the body of Christ. Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry. Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens. Watch over deserts and wilderness places. Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction, and strengthen the work of conservation organizations (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people. Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You draw near to those who cry out for help. Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing, and accompany those who are imprisoned. Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace. Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection. To those who have felt

excluded here or elsewhere, prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You provide food that endures for eternal life. Sustain us each day with the bread of life until we are gathered with (name/s and) all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

God of all goodness,

generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

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 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: “Have No Fear Little Flock” #764 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

Music: Adult Choir

Greeters: Wayne & Janice Olson

Ushers: 8:30am-Lee & Barb Forrester 10:00am-Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Hospitality: Wayne & Janice Olson & Winnie Zahradka

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, July 25, 2021: In Person: 8:30 am 52

10:30 am 8

Online: 16

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**Aug. 2, 2021 – Aug 8, 2021**

Monday	8/2	11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/3	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	8/4	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	8/5	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Saturday	8/7	7:30-11 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/8	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Jerry Morris, Laury Nyberg, Dorothy Mundinger, Dick & Sandy Pullen.

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.



CORN FEED (all you can eat corn), Saturday, August 21st, 2021 4:30 - 7:00 pm Adults \$10.00 - Children 12 & under \$5.00. Pulled Pork on a bun, corn, beans, coleslaw & beverages. Proceeds to: Local Benevolence and Playground "Event sponsored by Thrivent". Signup sheets to help with the event are on the table in the fellowship hall.

MASK UP we are strongly suggesting members wear masks again during worship services. Federal recommendations have suggested that 14 counties in MN mask up during all indoor activities (<https://www.startribune.com/14-minnesota-counties-fall-under-new-federal-mask-recommendation-for-now/600082033/> Mille Lacs county is one of the 14). We will have the TVs in the Fellowship Hall available during worship service and request using social distance protocols again.


THANK YOU! The Lions Club of Malmo want to thank Bethesda for the use of our Parking Lot for their Car Show last weekend. The Car Show was a success, and our Veggie Stand did well last weekend. A win for both of us!

BLESSING BOX The first Sunday of every month we have the "Blessing Box". Today is the first Sunday in August. If you feel blessed, please contribute to the Blessing Box today to help others. All donations will go to local area benevolences. Thank you! What a Blessing!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

MEMBER OUTREACH Have you been in contact with homebound church members or those who has not returned to in person services? Do you know of some members who would like a call or visit from either a member of the church or the Pastor? Visit our “**OUTREACH**” table in the Narthex today and let us know. We will host these informal gatherings the first of every month.

SIMPLY GIVING make your offering easy and automatic. Pick up a Simply Giving form from the Narthex and have your offering electronically transferred. Never forget your offering envelope at home and never have to write a check again.

 **JOIN the CHOIR it's CHEAPER THAN THERAPY!** New members are welcome and encouraged to join Bethesda's Adult Choir. Practice has begun on Tuesday nights at 5:30 pm. Anyone interested in singing with the choir can just come to practice. Everyone is welcome!

VBS We have an online version of VBS information for you to share at home with your little ones. The program is on our website:

<http://blcmalmo.org/2021/06/25/2021-at-home-vbs/>

along with a link from our Facebook page: *Facebook.com/BLCMalmo/*

OR you can pick up packets with worksheets and a CD of music in the office today. One worksheet packet per child and one CD per family.

INVITATION TO ROCKY RAILWAY VBS If your family is interested in attending VBS at First Lutheran in Aitkin they have extended an invitation that all are welcome! The dates are Monday, August 9th – Thursday August 12th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Below is an email you can send out to your congregation with all our info! Registration is online. Book your trip today for Rocky Railway VBS!! Invite your friends and family to join us!!

<https://forms.gle/LiwTpVup2fzzE23D6> Click the link to register!!!

CAMP ONOMIA QUILT AUCTION Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 11:00am-3:00pm. Live Quilt Auction, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Quilt Raffle. If you would like to stay at the camp on Friday night, call in advance to reserve a room. \$40 per person for the night, includes breakfast & lunch on Saturday. 320-532-3767. See poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex.