

Sunday July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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

BELL ANTHEM: It is Well with My Soul

FIRST READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-4

Glory to you, O Lord

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “One Bread One Body” #496 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.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations (especially). Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with (the apostle James, name/s, and) all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. 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:

“Bind Us Together”

#748 WOV

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: Bell Choir

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forrester

Ushers: 8:30am-Chuck & Elsa Carlson 10:00am-Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Hospitality:

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, July 18, 2021: In Person: 8:30 am 54

10:30 am 8

Online: 16

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**July 26, 2021 – Aug 1, 2021**

Monday	7/26	11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/27	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	7/28	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	7/29	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Saturday	7/30	7:30-11 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/1	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
		11:00 am	Celebration of Life for Marylyn Hass at McQuoid

ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Jerry Morris, Laury Nyberg**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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT Faith Lutheran Church in Isle will be hosting a 1/2 day women's retreat titled "You are TREASURED" from 9-12 noon, on Saturday, August 14, 2021. We would love to have the women from your church join us that morning, as we walk together in the light of God's Word; enjoy tasty treats; and lift our voices in praise as we share, learn, and enjoy fellowship and fun in Christ, the light of the world.

The retreat will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Faith Lutheran Church in Isle, 220 East Lake Street. Check in for the retreat starts at 8:45 a.m. on August 14. Please let us know who will be attending by calling the church office at 320-676-3161.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



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!

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.

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!!!

CHILDREN'S DENTAL SERVICE Children's Dental Services will be providing services at three area churches to set up dental clinics in Aitkin, Hill City, and McGregor, from 9 AM to 4:30 PM on the follow dates:

July 28th	First Lutheran Church	107 Second Street SE, Aitkin
August 10th	Holy Family Catholic Church	429 S Maddy Street, McGregor
August 31st	Assembly of God Church	102 Lake Avenue, Hill City

See poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.