

Sunday July 4, 2021

Messiah and New Covenant



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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

Sunday July 4, 2021
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” #597 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

God of the promised Messiah,
as we wait for the fulfillment of your promise, we watch, we listen, and we open our hearts for your Word. Show us signs of your presence: a light in the darkness, a voice in the silence, and a stirring deep within us. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-18, 31:31-34

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

¹⁷For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, ¹⁸and the levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to make grain offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:13-35

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if

he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #733 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.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and

increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need (especially). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries (local ministries may be named). Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. 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

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 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: “God Bless Our Native Land” #891 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: Digital Hymnal/Jim Christensen

Greeters: Char Berg & Sylvia Tapelt

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

Hospitality: Dick & Sue Stebbins; Sylvia Tapelt

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, June 27, 2021: In Person: 8:30 am 48

10:30 am 14

Online: x

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

July 5, 2021 – July 11, 2021

Sunday	7/4	1:00 pm	4 th of July Parade in Glen (<i>leave church parking lot by 11:30am for noon line up</i>)
Monday	7/5	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/6	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	7/7	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	7/8	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Saturday	7/10	7:30-11 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	7/11	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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.

SING **JOIN the CHOIR it's CHEAPER THAN THERAPY!** New members are welcome and encouraged to join Bethesda's Adult Choir. Practice will be on Tuesday nights at 5:30 pm starting on July 6th, 2021. Anyone interested in singing with the choir can just come to practice. Everyone is welcome!

GLEN 4th OF JULY PARADE Start time for the parade is 1:00pm on Sunday, July 4th. If you are interested in representing Bethesda in the parade, show up in the church parking lot today. We will meet at the church and plan to leave the parking lot by 11:30am. We will be pulling a decorated trailer and bike riders are welcome to ride beside the trailer! We have candy and tote bags to hand out.

