

Sunday August 15, 2021

Twelfth 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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CALL TO WORSHIP **“I Will Call Upon the Lord”** **CCLI#241462**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”** **CCLI#106879**
(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

Heavenly Father,

thank you for the Lord Jesus, the holy Lamb of God who was slain to take away the sins of the world. Praise to You that He is worthy to open the scroll and redeem the world. We are grateful that Your offer of redemption is open to all who will believe in His name. AMEN.

Please be seated

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: **“Living Water”**

FIRST READING: Revelation 5:1-13

¹Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; ²and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁴And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sing a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; ¹⁰you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-31

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself

did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Lamb of God”

#336 ELW

Please stand if able

APOSTLE’S CREED (*Omit at 10:00am Service*)

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.

HOLY BAPTISM (*10:00am Service Only*)

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.

God of wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, biblical scholars, authors, and seminary professors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into deeper understanding. Teach us to ask faithful questions and open our minds to new ideas. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, mend the earth. Cool warming oceans and preserve melting ice caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the path of

hurricanes or tropical storms (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are grieving and all those who suffer (*especially*).

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of beauty, inspire artists. Bless those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly (*especially*). Bless the creative work of poets, hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and others that enrich our worship and daily life.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

God of resurrection, bring us to new life. Give us the living bread from heaven through which we abide in your love, and on the last day raise us with (*Mary, mother of Jesus, name/s, and*) all the saints to eternal life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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 – Led by Praise Team

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)

COMMUNION HYMN: “Jesus Loves Me”

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 Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry” #732 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: ?

Ushers: 8:30am-Chuck & Elsa Carlson 10:00am-Barry & Donna Ansell

Hospitality: Sherry & Carol

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, August 8, 2021: In Person: 8:30 am 43
10:30 am 9
Online: 4

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Aug. 16, 2021 – Aug 22, 2021

Monday	8/16	9:00 am	Crafters
		10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/17	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	8/18	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		10:00 am	WELCA
Thursday	8/19	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Saturday	8/21	7:30-11 am	Veggie Stand
		4:30-7:00pm	Corn Feed
Sunday	8/22	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: The family of Jerry Morris, Sherry Whipple, Laury Nyberg, Dorothy Munding, 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.

MASK UP, PLEASE Masks are now recommended for everyone visiting indoor public spaces in more than half of Minnesota's 87 counties including Aitkin, Crow Wing & Mille Lacs counties. We are strongly urging members to wear masks during worship services. We will have the TVs in the Fellowship Hall available during worship service and request using social distance protocols during Fellowship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need your help to keep the church running smoothly. We need **ushers**, **greeters**, and **hospitality** volunteers. If you could volunteer for any of these jobs, please contact Jim Christensen if you can usher, sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship hall for hospitality or contact the office if you can volunteer to be a greeter.

NEED CANNING JARS The Veggie Stand is in need of any size canning jars. So, if you have any sitting around in your basement our canners could use them for pickles, salsa, etc. The bakers could use donations of aluminum pie plates and apples. We would also like to thank all of you who have been bringing baked goods, vegetables and who have supplied us with ingredients for baking. It is much appreciated.



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". ***We need your help to make this successful.*** If you are available that day, please sign up to help

shuck the corn in the morning and volunteer to serve and clean up

during the event. As they say, "Many hands make a light load." Invite your friends and relatives, and let's make this a successful venture. **Signup sheets to help with the event are on the table in the fellowship hall.**

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.

HOLY BAPTISM (10:00am Service Only)

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font and minister addresses them and the assembly...

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth...

People of God, do you promise to support Ryker Gene Brandon Houle and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

***Response:* I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***Response:* I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

***Response:* I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

***Response:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, ... now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

After each baptism, the assembly responds:

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

LAYING ON OF THE HANDS

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Let us pray... both now and forever.

Amen

Ryker Gene Brandon Houle, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

(Lighting of the candles)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.
