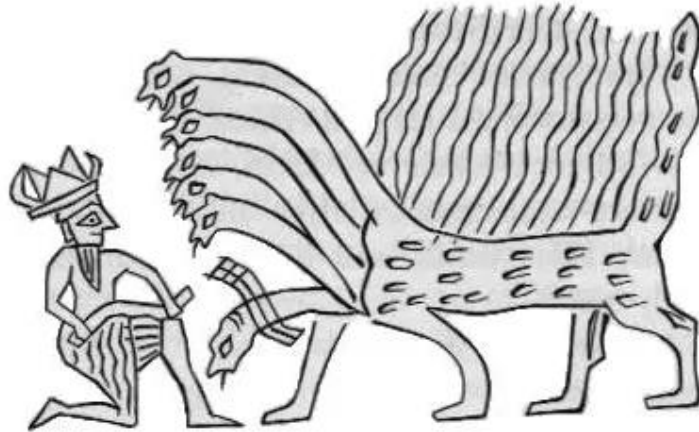


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MISSION STATEMENT

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: **“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”** **#504 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

O God our strength,

without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “His Loves Remains”

FIRST READING: Revelation 13:1-18

¹And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads; and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names. ²And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority. ³One of its heads seemed to have received a death-blow, but its mortal wound had been healed. In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. ⁴They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" ⁵The beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. ⁶It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered.

⁹Let anyone who has an ear listen:

¹⁰If you are to be taken captive, into captivity you go; if you kill with the sword, with the sword you must be killed.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

¹¹Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. ¹²It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound had been healed. ¹³It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of all; ¹⁴and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast, it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword and yet lived; ¹⁵and it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, ¹⁷so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. ¹⁸This calls for wisdom: let anyone with understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING: John 12:30-32

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "God of Grace and God of Glory" #705 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.

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for individuals in positions of authority (national and local leaders may be named). Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year (students, teachers, or others may be named here). Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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:

“Listen, God is Calling”

#513 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: Pat Becker & Bev Wedig

Ushers: 8:30am-Wayne & Janice Olson 10:00am-Ron & JoAnn Haglund

Hospitality: Darlene & Jim Christensen, Sheila & Doug Penoyer

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, August 22, 2021: In Person: 8:30 am 42
10:30 am 10
Online: 12

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Aug. 30, 2021 – Sept. 5, 2021

Monday	8/30	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/31	9:00 am	Quilters
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	9/1	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		1:00 am	500 Cards
Thursday	9/2	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		3:30 am	Bell Practice
Saturday	9/4	7:30-10 am	Last Veggie Stand of the Year
Sunday	9/5	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Carol Bakken, Suzie Modrow, Kristine Grap (Theresa Berry's daughter), and Roy Berg.

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)



We are collecting donations for Lutheran Disaster for wildfire relief. Write "U.S. wildfires" on your check memo line. There is a basket in the Narthex. **Additional Ways to Give:** Checks or money orders can be sent to: **Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009** (Write "U.S. wildfires" on your check memo line). Donate by phone at **800-638-3522** or **online** at <https://www.elca.org/disaster> .

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.

THANK YOU! Again, a really big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Corn Feed a success this year! We served 150 meals! Ran out of beans & coleslaw but had lots of left-over uncooked corn that was given to Aicota Assisted Living in Aitkin for the seniors to enjoy.

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.

CRAFTERS! The countdown is closing in ... two months to go to our Bazaar and three crafting days! We welcome crafts that people are making on their own. However, if you want to join our crafting group, we meet on the following Mondays: Sept. 13th, 27th and Oct. 11th. The week of Oct. 25th will be our lefsa making and set up for the bazaar on the 30th. More details on the bazaar in next month's newsletter.

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; or be a greeter. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for hospitality.

THANK YOU I want to thank Lyn and Randy, Kathy and George Larson, Wayne, Cheryl, and Sherry Whipple and Worship and Music committee for the most BEAUTIFUL flower arrangements ever. Now that I'm home I'm really enjoying them. I also want to thank my Bethesda church family for all the cards, calls, and prayers. I am so truly blessed. God Bless, Carol Bakken.