

Sunday August 8, 2021
Eleventh 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: **“Praise the Lord O Heavens”** **#823 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,

I pray that all I say and do would give glory to You and that one day I may cast my crown before His feet. Thank you for all Your goodness and grace to me and to all men. This I pray in Jesus' wonderful name, AMEN.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Revelation 4:1-11

¹After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice,

which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ²At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

"Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come."
⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

¹¹"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-5

Glory to you, O Lord

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

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Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “All Glory Laud and Honor”

#344 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.

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick (especially). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With (Dominic, name/s, and) all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. 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

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: “Glory to the Love” Dakota Road

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: Del & Dianne Jones

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

Hospitality:

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, August 1, 2021: In Person: 8:30 am 42

10:30 am 16

Online: 10

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**Aug. 9, 2021 – Aug 15, 2021**

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| Monday | 8/9 | 9:00 am | Women's Devotional |
| | | 11:30 am | Pinochle |
| | | 7:00 pm | AA/Alanon |
| Tuesday | 8/10 | 9:00 am | Quilters |
| | | 5:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| Wednesday | 8/11 | 9:00 am | Women's Bible Study |
| Thursday | 8/12 | 8:00 am | ROMEOS |
| Saturday | 8/14 | 7:30-11 am | Veggie Stand |
| Sunday | 8/15 | 8:30 am | Worship |
| | | 10:00 am | Worship |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Jerry Morris, Sherry Whipple, 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.

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.

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.**



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/](https://www.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.