

# Sunday September 19, 2021

## Seventeenth 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**

**Sunday September 5, 2021**  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:**                                    **“Just As I Am”**                                    **#592 ELW**  
*(Please Stand on the Last Verse)*

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God,

**our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**CHOIR ANTHEM: “I Give You My Heart”**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

*Today’s reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God’s word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a**

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Please Stand*

## **GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:30-37**

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

## Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”<sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”<sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.<sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”<sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,<sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please be seated*

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**“God is Here”**

**#526 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.*

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict (especially). Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today (especially). Shine your grace on all your saints. 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 abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **Invitation to Communion**

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.  
(Communion will be handed to you, pick up your own cup - red wine; white juice)

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Children of the Heavenly Father" #781 ELW**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**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: Wally & Bev Swenson

Ushers: Don & Donna Myhre

Hospitality: ???

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, September 12, 2021:

In Person: 9:30 am 35 - 40?

## **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**Sept. 20, 2021 – Sept. 26, 2021**

Monday	9/20	10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	9/21	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	9/22	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		1:00 am	500 Cards
Thursday	9/23	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		3:30 am	Bell Practice
Sunday	9/26	9:00 am	Worship
		6:00 pm	<i>SINGSPARATION</i> -Glory Baptist Church

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Carol Bakken, Wayne Olson, Dick Gripp & Judy Stahl, Paula Spetz, Patti Wanous.

**VEGGIE STAND NEEDS:** If anyone has apples this fall, the Veggie Stand pie makers need some so they can peel and freeze them for next year. You can drop off bags of apples in the office if you have them.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)



**THANK YOU** to all of those who helped clean the beach last Sunday. Your help was truly appreciated.

**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.

**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.

**MASK UP, PLEASE** Because the Delta variant is shown to spread more easily, MDH recommends everyone, **both fully vaccinated and unvaccinated**, wear a mask while at Indoor businesses and public settings. 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.



**SINGSPIRATION** on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at 6:00pm, join in for an Evening of Singing the Old Time Favorites at **Glory Baptist Church**, 28053 360<sup>th</sup> Ave., Aitkin, MN 56431. There will be fellowship & snacks following the singing.

**UPCOMING FLU SHOT CLINIC** Aitkin County Health & Human Services will be hosting a regular (not Covid-19) Flu Shot Clinic here at Bethesda on October 12, 2021, from 1:00-4:00pm. Pre-registration information will be available shortly.