

Sunday September 5, 2021

Fifteen 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: “O Happy Day When We Shall Stand” #441 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

Gracious God,

throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Forever”

FIRST READING: Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5

Chapter 21

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Chapter 22

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING: John 16:20-22

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁰Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. ²²So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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Thanks be to God

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #631 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.

Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. (Especially as we celebrate Labor Day,) unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You support the work of your disciples. Continue to nurture the leadership and ministries of this congregation (especially). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. 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)

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Sept. 6, 2021 – Sept. 12, 2021

Monday	9/6	Labor Day	
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	9/7	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	9/8	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		1:00 am	500 Cards
Thursday	9/9	8:00 am	ROMEOs
		3:30 am	Bell Practice
Sunday	9/12	9:30 am	Worship in the Garden (Outdoor Worship, bring your lawn chair)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Carol Bakken, Kristine Grap (Theresa Berry's daughter).

WORSHIP IN THE GARDEN Next Sunday, Sept. 12th, the Praise Team will be performing an outdoor worship service at 9:30am. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music and fall weather.



We are collecting donations for Lutheran Disaster for Hurricane Ida Relief. Write "*Hurricane Ida*" 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 "*Hurricane Ida*" on your check memo line). Donate by phone at **800-638-3522** or [online](https://www.elca.org/disaster) 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

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 We want all to know that our son, Ramsey Tesch, is out of Afghanistan! He is safe and will spend a few days in Germany at a Deployment Transition Center before heading back to his home base in California. Thank you from him and us for all the prayers! He said it felt like a security blanket around him knowing everyone who was praying! Ron & LuAnn Gordon