

Sunday September 12, 2021

Sixteenth 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 “Wake Me Up Jesus” by Jim Christensen

Chorus

Wake me up Jesus, with your loving Grace
Wake me up Jesus, with your warm embrace
I know that You love me, so I will follow your ways.

1st Verse

The world is my home now. It won't be for long.
The Bible it tells me, and it can't be wrong.
You saved me from sin now, a gift that's greater than all. *Chorus*

2nd Verse

I sing Hallelujah, for the gift of life.
The world, it's not perfect, it's so full of strife.
But You give me peace Lord, so I can do what's right. *Chorus*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “I Believe” (Please Stand on the 3rd Verse)

Chorus

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, Truly I believe it, truly I believe it
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it. Truly I believe it, truly I believe it

1st Verse I believe in God, the Almighty Lord Creator,
Almighty Lord Creator, Almighty Lord Creator
I believe in God, the Almighty Lord Creator,
Almighty Lord Creator, Almighty Lord Creator

2nd Verse I believe in Jesus, the Savior of the people
Savior of the people, Savior of the people
I believe in Jesus, the Savior of the people
Savior of the people, Savior of the people

3rd Verse And I do believe in the power of the Spirit,
Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit,
Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit *Chorus*

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,

through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

Please be seated

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” CCLI# 117947

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Please Stand

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:27-38

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Here I Am Lord”

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1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*
3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters (recent destructive events may be named here). Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that

in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace (especially). 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 – Led by Praise Team

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: "Do Lord"

1st Verse I got a home in Glory Land that outshines the sun... *(repeat 2 times)*
A-way beyond the blue.

Chorus

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me
A-way beyond the blue

2nd Verse I took Jesus as my Savior: you take him too... *(repeat 2 times)*
A-way beyond the blue. *Chorus*

3rd Verse When I'm in trouble Lord, do remember me ... *(repeat 2 times)*
A-way beyond the blue. *Chorus x 2*

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

Greeters: Del & Dianne Jones

Ushers: 8:30am-Patti Smith & Winnie Zahradke

10:00am-Dick Stebbins & Darrell Kelly

Hospitality:

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021: In Person: 8:30 am 33 10:00 am 18

Online: 14

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Sept. 13, 2021 – Sept. 19, 2021

Monday	9/13	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:00 am	Women's Devotion
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda (continued) Sept. 13, 2021 – Sept. 19, 2021

Tuesday	9/14	9:00 am	Quilters
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	9/15	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		10:00 am	WELCA
		1:00 pm	Cards - 500
Thursday	9/16	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		3:30 pm	Bells
Saturday	9/18	11am - 3 pm	Camp Onomia Quilt Auction
Sunday	9/19	9:00 am	Worship-One Service only going forward

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Carol Bakken

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 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. There are masks available in the Narthex.

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. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for hospitality or contact the office if you can volunteer for any of these jobs.

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.

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS Members of Bethesda are invited to meet on Sunday, September 12th at 11:00am to clean the Reddy Creek Beach on the North Shore of beautiful Lake Mille Lacs.



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

