

**Sunday October 24, 2021**  
**Twenty Second 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**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN:**

**“Rock of Ages”**  
*(Please stand on the last verse)*

**#623 ELW**

### **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**

Eternal light,

**shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.**

**Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from

the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Word of God, Word of Life.   **Thanks be to God**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28**

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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### **Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

#### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**“Amazing Grace”**

**#779 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**

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God’s creation.

*A brief silence.*

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations (*especially*), that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**Amen.**

### **Offering 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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

### **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:

**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: Barry & Donna Ansell

Ushers: Ron & JoAnn Haglund

Hospitality: Wally & Bev Swenson, Carolyn Morris

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 17, 2021: In Person: 9:00 am 57

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda Oct. 25, 2021 – Oct. 31, 2021**

Monday	10/25	8:00 am	Lefsa making
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/26	8:00 am	Lefsa Making
		9:00 am	Quilting
		4:00-6:00 pm	Grief Share
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	10/27	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	10/28	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		3:30 am	Bazaar Table Set up
		3:30 am	Bell Practice
Friday	10/29	8:00 am	Bazaar Set up
Saturday	10/30	9am-1pm	BAZAAR
Sunday	10/31	9:00 am	Worship
		3:00-6:00pm	Trunk or Treat

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Carol Bakken, the family of Doug Hansen, Cliff Roberts.

**GRIEF SHARE** Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo will be starting a Grief Support Group on Tuesday, October 26th, 2021, from 4:00-6:00pm. The sessions will run every Tuesday for 12-13 weeks. Anyone interested can simply show up. You are not required to attend all session but are urged to. Free will donation accepted but not required. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Call the church office to register or register the at your first meeting.

**TRUNK or TREAT** Join us for the 4th annual Trunk or Treat at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo on Sunday, October 31st, from 3-6 p.m. We will be outside in the parking lot (weather permitting). So, start thinking of ways to decorate your trunk or car.

**JOIN OUR MEN'S or WOMEN'S BIBLE & BOOK STUDY GROUPS** – The men's and women's bible/book studies will be starting new books the last week of October. Women meet on Wednesdays at 9:00am. The title of the new book is "*An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*". Men meet on Thursdays at 8:00am. The title of their new book is: "*Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*". Just show up, no pre-registration needed.

**BUDGET REQUEST FORMS** Each committee has received the 2022 Budget Request forms in their In Boxes. The Stewardship committee is requesting that all committees have these forms fill out and returned by October 31st, 2021 to the Stewardship Inbox in the office.

**ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS** are due by November 16<sup>th</sup> for our annual meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> following our regular worship service. Please email to: Judie Birk [jimjudiebirk@gmail.com](mailto:jimjudiebirk@gmail.com).