## Sunday June 19, 2022 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



#### **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

## Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God,

we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Heavenly Father"

#### **SCRIPTURE**

## First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps <sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not

destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

## **PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28** (Read Responsively)

- <sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!
- <sup>20</sup>Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!
- <sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
- <sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- <sup>24</sup>For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.
- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. *Please stand for the gospel*

## **Gospel: Luke 8:26-39**

#### Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>26</sup>Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High

God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

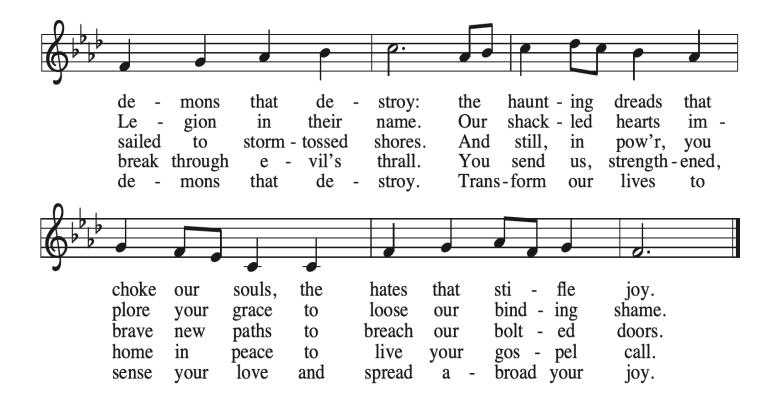
<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**





#### **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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

#### A brief silence.

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick. Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

## Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them. At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

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.* 

#### OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness,

strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### INVITATION to COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,

through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843 ELW



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at-ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

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

Ushers: Darrell Kelly, Dick Stebbins

Greeters: Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert

Hospitality: Ron, LuAnn Gordon & Ron, Jan Aho, & Myra Honl.

## Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, June 12, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 53 Online: 4

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda			June 20, 2022 – June 26, 2022
Monday	6/20	9-11:30 am	VBS AA/Alanon
		7:00 pm	AA/Alalioli
Tuesday	6/21	9-11:30 am	VBS
Wednesday	6/22	9-11:30 am	VBS
		5:00 pm	Lion's Community Picnic
Thursday	6/23	9-11:30 am	VBS
Sunday	6/26	9:00 am	Worship in person and live stream

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER & CARE LIST:**

**SUMMER LAWN MOWING** Please enjoy the outdoors and sign up to help mow the church lawn this summer. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

GLEN 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY PARADE If anyone is interested in joining with Bethesda's participation in the Glen Fourth of July Parade, sign up in the office.

MALMO LION'S COMMUNITY PICNIC Wednesday, June 22 at 5:00pm at Lakeside townhall in Malmo. Food, refreshments & activities – all are welcome!

**GET READY FOR VBS!** we need help today after coffee hour to take down tables and chairs and set up for VBS on Monday.