

Sunday July 17, 2022

Sixth 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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“We Are Called”

Dakota Road



We are called (we are called). We are claimed (we are claimed). We are loved
We are here (we are here). To pro-claim (to pro-claim). God is here



(we are loved) by the ho - ly name. We are healed (we are healed). We are whole
(God is here); calls us each by name. We are here (we are here). To give praise



(we are whole). The Sav-ior ran-somed our souls— and we're singing
(to give praise). The love of God will not change— and we're singing



Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, Glo - ri - a.



Oh, _____ Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry Hal - le - lu - jah.



Glo - ry, Glo - ri - a!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Judy Wuorio, Elsa Carlson, Barb Westerlund.

HOSPITALITY we need hospitality servers on Sundays if we wish to continue coffee time after our worship service. If you can't serve, please bring in treats we can keep in the freezer and use as needed.

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

FLEECE BLANKET FOR CAMP NOAH which is a camp for children impacted by disasters. We will be tying fleece blankets to donate to the camp. Made possible in part by a Thrivent Grant.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S CLUB meets on Thursday, July 21st at 12:30pm at Wahkon Inn. This month’s speaker, Karen Anderson (of Minneapolis) “From Darkness to Light” dealing with the effects of growing up in an alcoholic family. Call Lois Johnson for reservations: 320 684-2000. See poster in Narthex for more information.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda July 18, 2022 – July 24, 2022

Monday	7/18	9:00 am	Crafters
		10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/19	9:00 am	Women’s Devotions
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team
Wednesday	7/20	9:00-4:00	WIC
		9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
		9:00 am	WELCA Fleece Banket making
Thursday	7/21	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Saturday	7/23	7:30 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	7/24	9:00 am	Worship in person and live stream

OPENING HYMN: “Your Love is Everlasting” Dakota Road
Please rise on the last verse

Since time be - gan, through cent - ur - ies God's
A moth - ers womb, a brand new life God's
Signs of hope, a voice of peace God's

love is ev - er - last - ing. To dis - tant un - known
love is ev - er - last - ing. An emp - ty tomb, the
love is ev - er - last - ing. The pro - phet's cry for

gal - ax - ies God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
ri - sen Christ God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
war to cease God's love is ev - er - last - ing. For the

Splen - dor springs forth 'cross the land God's
Weep - ing may last for the night God's
down and out and high and proud God's

love is ev - er - last - ing. A - bun - dance, shar - ing
love is ev - er - last - ing. But joy breaks forth with
love is ev - er - last - ing. Come all you peo - ple

hand in hand God's love is ev - er - last - ing. Your
morn - ing light God's love is ev - er - last - ing.
shout out loud God's love is ev - er - last - ing.

love (your love) is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing. Your

love (your love) is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing.

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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

Eternal God,

you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Lord Reign in Me”

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood

by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ^{10a}Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 15 (Read Responsively)

¹ O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

² **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

³ who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

⁴ **in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

⁵ who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Martha Labored in the Kitchen”

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

1. Mar-tha la-bored in the kit-chen; there was much yet to be done!
2. Ma-ry sat and hum-bly lis-tened to their guest—her Friend and Lord.
3. God, we see in her dis-trac-tion—Mar-tha lost sight of her goal;
4. Were there days when Ma-ry la-bored, help-ing oth-ers, serv-ing well?

There was cook-ing, clean-ing, bak-ing—too much work for a-ny-one.
She just thought of Je-sus’ teach-ing—not the need for bread and board.
In her grumb-ling and com-plain-ing, she for-got food for the soul.
Were there times when Mar-tha sa-vored sto-ries Je-sus loved to tell?

For the Lord had come to vi-sit; Je-sus sat there as her guest.
So when Mar-tha came com-plain-ing, seek-ing Ma-ry’s help that day,
For there’s al-ways some-thing press-ing—some-thing ur-gent we must do,
May we wor-ship, pray, and stu-dy; may we serve you well to-day!

So much work! She longed to share it, so the meal would be its best.
Je-sus turned to her ex-plain-ing, “Ma-ry chose the bet-ter way.”
Yet for us there’s al-so bless-ing in the time we spend with you.
All are need-ed for the jour-ney as we tra-vel Je-sus’ way.

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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.

Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. 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:

“Go Now with God”

Dakota Road



vs. 1 Filled__ with the Ho - ly__ Spir - it
 vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu__ San - to* go now with God,
 vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand__ to a stran - ger *va - mos con Dios,*
 vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us
 vs. 4 Cross - ing ev' - ry bound' - ry, ev' - ry na - tion



go now with God. In - to the world__ as a serv - ant
va - mos con Dios. En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir
 Trust - ing in the ris - en__ sav - ior
 Grace__ on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
 Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go__ now,
va - mos con Dios, va - mos con Dios. Va - mos,



go__ now, go__ now with God.
va - - - mos, va - mos con Dios.



Go__ now, go__ now, go__ now with God.
Va - mos, va - mos, va - mos con Dios.

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: Praise Team

Ushers: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Greeters: Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert

Hospitality: Chuck & Elsa Carlson; Lee & Barb Forrester

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, July 10, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 72 Online: 8