

Sunday August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

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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

SPECIAL MUSIC/CALL TO WORSHIP: “There is a River” On Screen

by: Terry Bird & Becky Klingelhofer

1 There was a thirsty woman
Who was drawing from a well
Her life was ruined and wasted
And her soul was bound for hell
But then she met the Master
Who told of her great sin
He said if you'll drink this water
You'll never thirst again

2 There is a river
That flows from deep within
There is a fountain
That frees the soul from sin
Come to this water
There is a vast supply
There is a river
That never shall run dry

3 There came a sound from heaven
As a rushing mighty wind
It filled their hearts with singing
And it gave them peace within
The prophet gave this promise
The Spirit will descend
And from your inner being
A river with no end

4 There is a river
That flows from God above
There is a fountain
That's filled with His great love
Come to this water
There is a vast supply
There is a river
That never shall run dry
There is a river
That never shall run dry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: The family of Dean Gommer who passed away on August 7th.

SAVE THE DATE Corn Feed – August 20th, 4:30-7:00pm. Pulled Pork on a bun, Corn, Baked Beans, Coleslaw & Beverage. \$10 Adults, 12 and under \$5. Sign up sheet for workers is in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to work, many hands makes for light loads.

2022 SUMMER OUTDOOR GOSPEL CONCERTS

EVERY SATURDAY 7:00 P.M. Malmo Free Church, near Jct. of Hwy 18 & 47, NE. Free will offering taken. Full schedule posted in the Narthex.

NEED VOLUNTEERS!

COORDINATOR Looking for someone to take over coordinating Ushers & Greeters for our Sunday services. Please contact Jim Christensen or the office if you are willing to take over this position.

ALTAR CARE could use a few more people to help prepare Sunday communion, if you are interested, contact Dianne Jones. Thanks

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY if you can't sign up to serve, please bring treats for the freezer so others can serve.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S CLUB August 18th 12:30 at Wahkon Inn, for all women of any age. We will have lunch, a speaker, Paula Zukowski of Shorewood, MN, “A Real Fixer-Upper.” Hear how a one woman found healing and restoration from a fractured child-hood and later, an addiction to alcohol. Special feature: Craft & Bake Sale. Fundraiser for our group’s expenses. Please bring an item to donate. Please join us & bring your friends! The price is \$12.00. For reservations – call Lois (320) 684-2000.

KING SIZE BED for sale. See Jim Magedanz for details 507-261-1070

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda August 15, 2022 – August 21, 2022

Monday	8/15	9:00 am	Crafters
		10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/16	4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team
Wednesday	8/17	9 – 4	WIC
		9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
		10:00 am	WELCA meeting
Thursday	8/18	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Saturday	8/20	7:30 am	Veggie Stand
		4:30-7 pm	CORN FEED
Sunday	8/21	9:00 am	Worship in person and live stream

OPENING HYMN: **“This Is the Day”** **CCLI #5193770**

Please rise on the last verse

Men

This is the day
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice
And be glad in it

Women

This is the day
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice
And be glad in it

Both Groups

This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

(Men): This is the day,

(Women): This is the day
(All): that the Lord has made.

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 God, judge eternal,

you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Who Am I?” by Casting Crowns

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

PSALM: Psalm 82 *(Read Responsively)*

¹ God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

² **"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?**

Selah

³ Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

⁴ **Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the**

wicked."

⁵ They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

⁸ Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

Please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens.

⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Jesus Loves Me/Alleluia”

Jesus loves me this I know, for the bible tells me so

Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong!

(Chorus)

Alleluia Al-le-lu
Allelu-ia Alleluia,
Allelu-ia Al-le-lu
Alleluia Al-le-lu Alleluia,

Jesus loves me this I know, as he loved so long ago
Taking children on his knee, saying, “Let them come to me”

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way
Wanting as a friend to give, light and love to all who live. (Chorus)

APOSTLES’ 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

Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners (especially). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters (especially). Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep (concerns may be named). In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints (especially Maximilian Kolbe and Kaj Munk) who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

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 – Lead by the Praise Team

Our Father in heaven Holy be your name.
Your kingdom come your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us the wrong we have done
As we forgive those who wrong us.

And do not put us to the test
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
Are yours now and forever, forever. Amen

INVITATION to COMMUNION

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

Music by Terry Bird

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: “As You Go On Your Way”

As you go on your way, may God go with you.
May God go before you to show you the way.
May God go behind you to encourage you,
Beside you to befriend you,
Above you to watch over,

With-in you to give you peace.
With-in you to give you peace.

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 & Special Music: Terry Bird & Becky Klingelhofer
Ushers: Lee & Barb Forrester
Greeters: Carolyn Morris & Susan Samuelson
Hospitality: Char & Roy Berg, Jeannine Bruesewitz

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, August 7, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 58 Online: 12