# Sunday August 7, 2022 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

<u>Hearing Assistance is available during the service.</u> <u>Please notify usher if you would like assistance</u>

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Family and friends of Judy Wuorio who passed away on Aug. 3, 2022, Ruth Jaszcak, Barb Westerlund, Randy Zahradka.

**SAVE THE DATE** Corn Feed – August 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:00pm. Pulled Pork on a bun, Corn, Baked Beans, Coleslaw & Beverage. \$10 Adults, 10 and under \$5

### NEED VOLUNTEERS!

**<u>COORDINATOR</u>** 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.

<u>ALTAR CARE</u> could use a few more people to help prepare Sunday communion, if you are interested, contact Dianne Jones. Thanks <u>SUNDAY HOSPITALITY</u> if you can't sign up to serve, please bring treats for the freezer so others can serve.

### **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.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda			August 8, 2022 – August 14, 2022
Monday	8/8	8:00 am 11:30 am	Women's Devotion Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/9	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Quilters Bell Practice Choir Practice Praise Team
Wednesday	8/10	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	8/11	8:00 am	ROMEOs
Saturday	8/13	7:30 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/14	9:00 am	Worship in person and live stream

### **OPENING HYMN: "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven"** #771 ELW

Please rise on the last verse



### **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

#### Almighty God,

you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC: ???**

#### SCRIPTURE

### FIRST READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that

they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

# **PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22** (*Read Responsively*)

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

<sup>13</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

<sup>14</sup> From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth —

<sup>15</sup> he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup> The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save.

<sup>18</sup> Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup> to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

<sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.

<sup>21</sup> Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

<sup>22</sup> Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Please stand for the gospel

### GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

### Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those

slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

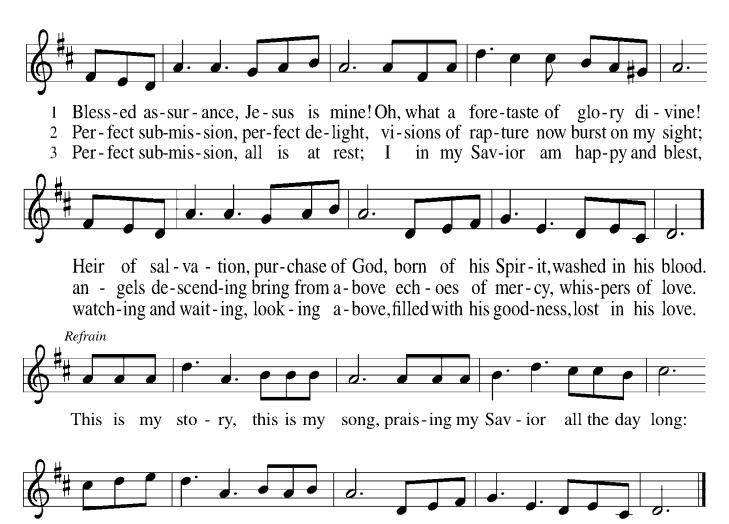
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

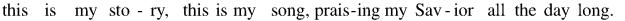
#### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:



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# **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.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,

### receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,

### receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,

### receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,

### receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation (specific ministries may be named) and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,

### receive our prayer.

### Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. 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** - <u>Please stand</u> 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.





**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: Digital Hymnal Ushers: The Vukelich Family Greeters: Del & Dianne Jones Hospitality: Sue & Dick Stebbins; Sylvia Tapelt

### Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week Attendance: Sunday, July 31, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 60 Online: 10