

Sunday October 23, 2022

Twentieth 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

2 MINUTES OF SILENCE to prepare us for worship today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

GRIEF SHARE CLASSES are on Tuesdays at 3:30pm and will last about 1 hour. All welcome.

BAZAAR RAFFLE TICKETS are available on the table in the Narthex on your way into the Fellowship Hall. You can return your raffle tickets and money to the tub on the secretary's desk.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING – Read your bulletin insert about the opportunity to attend training, on Wed. Nov. 16th, at First Lutheran in Aitkin, regarding improving your chances of surviving the threat of an active shooter attack. Free training, sign up in the office.

TRUNK OR TREAT Get your 'Boo' on! Join us for the 5th annual Trunk or Treat at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo on Sunday, October 30th, from 2-4 p.m. We will be outside in the parking lot. So, start thinking of ways to decorate your trunk or car.

ATTN: COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS Budget Request Forms will be distributed next week to your "In Boxes" (or emailed if requested). These forms need to be filled out and returned to the Treasurer's In-Box by October 30th, 2022, so Stewardship committee can review them and present to the Council meeting in November.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS are due by November 6th for our annual meeting on Sunday, December 4th following our regular worship service. Please email to: Judie Birk jimjudiebirk@gmail.com with your committee reports.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda **October 24, 2022 – October 30, 2022**

Monday	10/24	8:00 am	Lefsa making
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/25	8:00 am	Lefsa making
		3:30 pm	Grief Share
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice

		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	10/26	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	10/27	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Saturday	10/29	9am-1pm	Bazaar!
Sunday	10/30	9:00 am	Worship in person & live stream
		2:00-4:00 pm	Trunk or Treat in parking lot

OPENING HYMN:

“Beautiful Savior”

#838 ELW

Please rise on the last verse



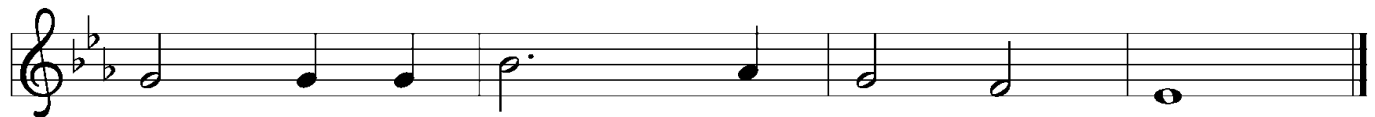
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✚ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our righteous judge,
daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

BELL ANTHEM: "You Are My All in All"

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I

have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-7 *(Read Responsively)*

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

² **My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

³ Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴ **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

Selah

⁵ Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶ **As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.**

⁷ They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

Glory to you, O Lord

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people:

thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Be Thou My Vision"

#793 ELW



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name.

Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare (*especially*). Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for (*James of Jerusalem* and) all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION to COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

Come, taste and see.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Let Justice Flow Like a Stream” #717 ELW



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

*Visitors! It has been great having you join us for worship!
Please come again.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Bell Choir

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Greeters: Gary & Brenda Sjerven

Hospitality: Dorothy Mundinger & Bev Wedig

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 16, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 66 Online: xx