

Sunday November 13, 2022

23rd 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP: “I Will Call Upon the Lord” CCLI#241462

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Carolyn Tonneson (sister-in-law to Jeannine Bruesewitz)

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD In June the VBS kids packed 28 shoeboxes that will be sent to needy kids around the world. It costs \$10 to send each box and so far over half of the postage has been covered. There is a collection box in the narthex If you'd like to help with this VBS project.

WELCA meeting on Wed. Nov. 16th is changed to 2:00pm (instead of 10am)

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S CLUB meeting is on Thursday, Nov. 17th at 12:30pm at Wahkon Inn. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information or call Lois Johnson 320 684-2000

JOIN THE CHOIR! Cantata Practice starts on Tuesday nights at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join the choir for the cantata.

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING Wednesday from 10-Noon at First Lutheran in Aitkin. If you signed up, please attend.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE Tuesday, November 22 – The Isle Evangelical Free church is hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service. There will be a Pie Social afterwards. The Bethesda Choir and more local church choirs will join to sing praises. Come hear your choir. More details to follow.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER SURVEY Pastor James requests your help in completing a congregational survey. You can access the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BethesdaLutheranMalmo> (which is preferred) or you can pick up a copy in the office. Thank you for your help!

GREIF SHARE’S SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS This seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one’s death. You’ll learn: •How to deal with the many emotions you’ll face during the holidays. •What to do

about traditions and other coming changes. •Helpful tips for surviving social events. •How to discover hope for your future. Monday, Nov. 21 at 10:00am. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda November 14, 2022 – November 20, 2022

Monday	11/14	11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/15	3:30 pm	Grief Share
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:15 pm	Choir Practice (5:30 for Cantata Singers)
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	11/16	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
		10-Noon	Active Shooting Training(1 st Luth. Aitkin)
		2:00 pm	WELCA
Thursday	11/17	8:00 am	ROMEOS
Sunday	11/20	9:00 am	Worship in person & live stream

OPENING HYMN: “Open the Eyes of My Heart” CCLI#2298355
Please rise on the last verse

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
 I want to see You. I want to see You.
 Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
 I want to see You. I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up. Shining in the light of Your glory
 Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy (*sing twice*)

Everybody

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

Women

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

Men

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things, sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us. We bless you for these gifts of water: *Local waters may be named.*

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love. Clothe us and all your people with grace. Embolden us to do justice. Bless us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you, whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Oh God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is

temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Soul on Fire” by Third Day

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

PSALM: Psalm 98 *(Read Responsively)*

¹ *O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.*

² **The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

³ *He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

⁴ **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸ **Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

Glory to you, O Lord

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated

by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “In Times of Great Decision” words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

In times of great decision, be with us, God, we pray!
Give each of us a vision of Jesus' loving way.
When louder words seem endless and other voices sure,
Remind us of your promise: your love and truth endure.

O God, whose gifts are countless, you send us bearing peace.
You fill our dreams with justice for all communities.
You give us global neighbors, that all may justly live.
May those we choose as leaders reflect the life you give.
O God, you bridged the distance; you opened wide your door.
You call us by our presence to reach to serve the poor.
You teach us: Welcome strangers! Seek justice on the earth!
May those we choose as leaders see every person's worth.

You call on every nation to put aside all greed,
To care for your creation and for your ones in need,
To care for those in prison, for children, for the ill.
In times of great decision, may we choose leaders well.

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

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*).

Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (*specific ministries or initiatives may be named*). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement.

Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (*especially*). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you.

Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; 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

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER – Lead by the Praise Team

INVITATION to COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before you.

Gather here with all the saints.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, most gracious God,

that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Give Thanks”

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Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich because of what
the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks. Give thanks

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
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: Lee & Barb Forrester

Greeters: Sue Samuelson

Hospitality: Dianne & Del Jones, Darlene & Jim Christensen

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, November 6, 2022: In Person: 9:00am: 70 Online: 12