

**Sunday June 18, 2023**

**Third 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Carolyn Morris

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** June 19-22 – 9:00-11:30am Monday-Thursday

**LECTORS NEEDED** we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday morning. If interested, please let Mary Braun know. There is a signup sheet in the office on Mary's desk.

**LAWNMOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Please enjoy the outdoors and sign up to help mow the church lawn this summer. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.

**VEGGIE STAND OPEN** the Veggie Stand will be open on Saturday mornings during the month of June to raise money for the Pine Ridge Experience. Contributions of baked good items are welcome for sale that day.

**NO CHAIR YOGA** on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, June 22. Room and equipment will be used for VBS.

**LOAVES & FISHES** If you signed up to bake cookies for Loaves & Fishes, please bring them next Sunday. We will be packing them to handout on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FOR AUDREY & DENNIS BISTODEAU** there will be an open house on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Kimberly Hall (Hwy 47 & Cty Rd 4, near Glen) from noon – 4:00pm. All are welcome to the celebration.

**MOVIE NIGHT** the film "Neither Wolf nor Dog", by Kent Nerburn, a Minnesota author, will be shown on Friday, June 23, 6-8pm. Discussion after movie with light refreshments and Free Will offering.

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### **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda** **June 19, 2023 – June 25, 2023**

Monday	6/19	9-11:30 am	VBS
		1:30 pm	Council Meeting
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/20	9-11:30 am	VBS
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	6/21	9-11:30 am	VBS
Thursday	6/22	9-11:30 am	VBS
Friday	6/23	6-8:00	Movie Night (Neither Wolf nor Dog)

Saturday	6/24	8:00 am	Veggie Stand Fundraising
Sunday	6/25	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

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**OPENING HYMN: “Rise Up, O Saints of God” #669 ELW**

*(Please Stand on the last Verse)*



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season,  
 whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus,**

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## KYRIE

*Assistant:* In peace, in peace,

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O  
God. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*God of compassion,*

**you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the**

**blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**CHOIR ANTHEM - “Heavenly Father”**

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**SCRIPTURE**

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**FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

<sup>2</sup> **Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God’s holy name.**

<sup>5</sup> Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The

kingdom of heaven has come near.’<sup>8</sup> Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup>Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup>Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “In Christ Called to Baptize” #575 ELW**



1	In	Christ	called	to	bap - tize,	we	wit - ness	to	grace
2	In	Christ	called	to	ban - quet,	one	ta - ble	we	share,
3	In	Christ	called	to	wit - ness,	by	grace	we	will
4	U - nite	us,	a -	noint	us,	O	Spir - it	of	love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

## APOSTLES' CREED

### PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. God, in your mercy,



**hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

For all the saints, we give thanks. Receive into your eternal care all those who have died (*especially*) and fill us with hope that does not disappoint. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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 field and forest, sea and sky,

**you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**INVITATION to COMMUNION**

All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, eat what is good.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God,  
**for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

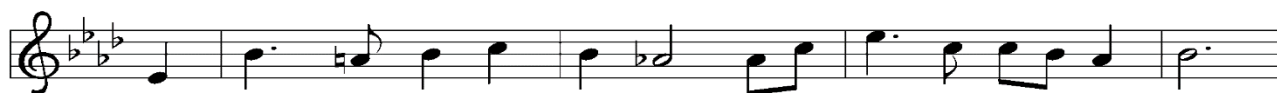
The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: “I Love to Tell the Story”

#661 ELW



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music: Adult Choir

Lector: Sandy Pullen

Ushers: Sue & Sam Samuelson

Greeters: Brenda & Gary Sjerven

Hospitality: Merrily Jones, Linda Southworth & Penny Sjoquist

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, June 11, 2023: In Person: 9:00am 67 Online: 6