

Sunday June 25, 2023
Fourth 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: Myra Honl's grandnephew, Riley.

GLEN 4th OF JULY PARADE If anyone is interested in joining Bethesda's participation in the Glen Fourth of July Parade, sign up in the office. Parade starts at 10:30am, line up starts at 10:00am in Glen. Meet at church by 9:30

VEGGIE STAND OPEN the Veggie Stand will be open on Saturday mornings to raise money for Local Benevolence. Contributions of baked good items are welcome for sale that day.

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.

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

THANK YOU! A big thank you to all of those who worked at Vacation Bible School this past week. Especially Joanne Stueven & London Feland for their fearless leadership! Also, all the Teachers, Teen Helpers, Playground Attendants, Kitchen Workers & Photographers.

THE REMEMBER PROJECT The play "In The Garden" virtual viewing either online or in person at Bethesda on Thursday, June 29th at 10:00am.

Register online to view at home or sign up to view in person.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aitkin-county-in-the-garden-tickets-640674714317?aff=oddtcreator>

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

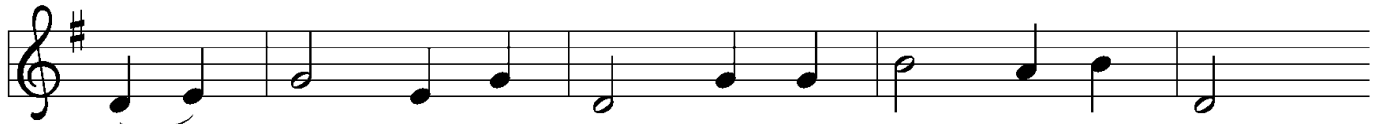
June 26, 2023 – July 2, 2023

Monday	6/26	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Cards
		2-5:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/27	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		9:00 am	Quilters
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	6/28	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	6/29	8:00 am	ROMEOS

		9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		10:00 am	Remember Project
Saturday	7/1	8:00 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	7/2	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

OPENING HYMN: “How Firm a Foundation” #796 ELW

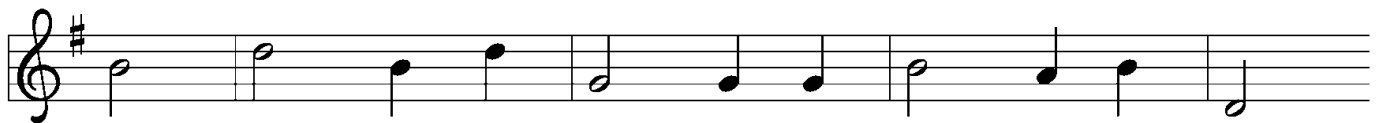
(Please Stand on the last Verse)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 “When through fi - ’ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - ’reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I’ll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God,

to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

BELL ANTHEM - "It Is Well with My Soul"

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

PSALM: Psalm 69:7-18

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

⁸ **I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother’s children.**

⁹ Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰ **I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹¹ I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

¹² **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD: “In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁴ **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me

up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁶ **Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

¹⁷ Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸ **Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you

in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “O God of Every Nation” #713 ELW



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace.

Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis (*especially*). Thwart the efforts of those who sow

chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle (*especially*). Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction.

Make your people one. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for (*Philipp Melancthon and*) all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. 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: "10,000 Reasons" #1097 ACS

[Chorus]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
 It's time to sing Your song again
 Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
 Let me be singing when the evening comes [Chorus]

Verse 2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind
 For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find [Chorus]

Verse 3 And on that day when my strength is failing
 The end draws near and my time has come
 Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
 Ten thousand years and then forevermore, Forevermore. [Chorus x 2]

Outro Yes, I will worship Your holy name. Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.
 Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.
 Jesus, I will worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name

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: Bell Choir

Lector: Dennis Hennessy

Ushers: Lee & Barb Forrester

Greeters: Sue & Dick Stebbins

Hospitality: Donna & Don Myhre, Jenny Schuett

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, June 18, 2023: In Person: 9:00am 72 Online: xx