

Sunday August 13, 2023

Eleventh 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Wake Me Up Jesus” by Jim Christensen

Chorus Wake me up Jesus, with your loving Grace
Wake me up Jesus, with your warm embrace.
I know that You love me, so I will follow your ways.

Verse 1
The World is my home now. It won't be for long.
The Bible, it tells me, and it can't be wrong.
You saved me from sin now, a gift that's greater than all. *Chorus*

Verse 2
I sing Hallelujah, for the gift of life.
The world, it's not perfect, it's so full of strife.
But You give me peace Lord, so I can do what's right. *Chorus x2*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “In The Garden” (*Please Stand on the last Verse*)

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses.
And the voice I hear falling on my ear the Son of God discloses.

Chorus: And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I
am His own. And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever
know

He speaks and the sound of His voice is so sweet, the birds hush their
singing and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing.

Chorus

I'd stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be falling,
but He bids me go in the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling.

Chorus

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

O God our defender,

storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "Praise You in the Storm"

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the

entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who

believes in him will be put to shame.”¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

Glory to you, O Lord

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “My Lighthouse”

Verse 1 - In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2 - In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore

Verse 3 - I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms
Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms - **Chorus**

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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE *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.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – by John Denver – Lead by the Praise Team

Our Father in heaven Holy be your name.

Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us the wrong we have done

As we forgive those who wrong us.

And do not put us to the test but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory

Are yours now and forever, forever. 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.

CLOSING HYMN: “Love the Lord/Jesus Is the Rock

LOVE THE LORD

Love the Lord your God, With all your heart and all your
Soul and all your mind And love all humankind as
You would love yourself and...

Love the Lord your God, With all your heart and all your
Soul and mind And love all humankind...

We’ve got Christian lives to live, We’ve got Jesus love to give,
We’ve got nothing to hide Because in Him we all have love...

(Repeat)

JESUS IS THE ROCK

(Chorus) Jesus is the Rock ‘n’ He rolls my blues away
(Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-Woo!)
Jesus is the Rock ‘n’ He rolls my blues away
(Bop-Shoo-Bop-Shoo-Bop-Woo!)
Jesus is the Rock ‘n’ He rolls my blues away

When you’re out on the street And you really feel down and low
When you’re out on the street And you really feel down and low
When you’re out on the street Well, Jesus gonna’ save your soul ‘cause
(Chorus)

When you wake up in the mornin’ And the sky ain’t bright ‘n’ blue
When you wake up in the mornin’ And the sky ain’t bright ‘n’ blue
When you wake up in the mornin’ Jesus gonna’ pull you through ‘cause
(Chorus)

When you look in the mirror And your face causes it to crack
When you look in the mirror And your face causes it to crack
Well, Jesus gonna’ love you And, baby, not that’s a fact ‘cause
(Chorus)

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: Praise Team

Lector: LuAnn Gordon

Ushers: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forrester

Hospitality: Music & Worship Committee

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, August 6, 2023: In Person: 9:00am 80 Online: 6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

AUGUST 13th Today is Sundaes Sunday! Outdoor Praise Team service with the Worship & Music committee serving Ice Cream Sundaes afterwards.

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Corn Feed! Saturday, August 19th, 4:30-7:00pm. Pulled Pork on a Bun, Corn, Baked Beans, Coleslaw & Beverage. \$12 Adults, 12 and under \$5. **WE NEED HELP!** Check out the signup sheets in Fellowship Hall to help with the event.

LECTORS NEEDED we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday morning. Signup sheet in the Narthex which includes the weekly readings, or contact Mary Braun if you can help.

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.

2023 YEAR OF SERVICE In cooperation with the Isle School District, we are doing a "Band Instrument" drive. If you (or your neighbors or family or friends) have instruments that are no longer being used and you would like to donate them and help provide more students with the opportunity to play an instrument,

please bring the instruments to the table in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to the Isle School Band. Thank you for your generosity.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP There will be a Grief Support Group starting on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023, at 4:00pm and runs approximately 1-1/2 hours. The sessions will run every Tuesday for 13 weeks. Anyone interested can simply show up. You are not required to attend all sessions but are urged to. Free will donation accepted but not required. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S CLUB will meet on Thursday, August 17th at 12:30pm at the Wahkon Inn. Speaker, Scott Gottschalk; “Desperate Moments, The Making of a Transformed Life”. \$13 Call Lois Johnson for reservations, 320 684-2000. For more information see the poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda August 14, 2023 – August 20, 2023

Monday	8/14	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/15	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	8/16	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
		10:00 am	WELCA meeting
Thursday	8/17	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		12:30 pm	Christian Women’s Club
Saturday	8/19	8:00 am	Veggie Stand Fundraising
		4:30-7:00pm	Corn Feed
Sunday	8/20	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

CORN FEED



21590 State Hwy. 47, Malmo, MN

SATURDAY
AUGUST 19, 2023
4:30-7 PM

(ALL YOU CAN EAT CORN)

**Pulled Pork Sandwich,
Calico Beans,
Coleslaw, Bars
Coffee/Water/Lemonade**

Adults \$12.00

Children 12 & under \$5.00

"Event sponsored by Thrivent"

