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Eighteenth 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.

OF THE LAND AND SEASONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

FIRST READING: **Philippians 2:1-13**

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Psalm 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

²that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

GRADUAL HYMN

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GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

SERMON

HYMN: "We Praise You for the Life That Stirs" page 23

CREED ~ PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

PEACE ~ OFFERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION ~ BLESSING

SENDING SONG: "O Lord of the Blossom" page 25

DISMISSAL

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Piano Accompanist: Sandra Lee-Muske Music: Adult Choir

Greeter: Elsa & Chuck Carlson

Ushers: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

*Thank you for your
service!*

Lector: Sandy Pullen

Hospitality: Shirley Gosselin, Carolyn Morris, Sandy Miller

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, September 24, 2023: In Person: 9:00am 70 Online: 0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

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

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY if you can't sign up to serve (*and servers are needed!*), please bring treats for the freezer so others can serve.

BAZAAR RAFFLE TICKETS are available in the Narthex. Packs of 10 - \$1.00 per ticket. Online printable form: <http://blcmalmo.org/WP2016/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2023-raffle-tickets-fillable.pdf>

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Grief Support Group meetings start on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 4:00pm, and runs approximately 1-1/2 hours. The sessions 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.

HEARTLAND WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING Saturday, October 7, 2023, Trinity Lutheran Church, Milaca, MN.

FLU SHOT CLINIC coming to Bethesda! Put on by Aitkin County Health & Human Services, on Tuesday, October 10th from 1:00-3:45pm. See the bulletin board in Narthex or handouts on tables for more information.

HIGHWAY CLEAN UP is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd, at 10:00am. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda Oct. 2, 2023 – Oct. 8, 2023

Monday	10/2	9:00 am	Crafts
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/3	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		10:00 am	Road Clean-up
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	10/4	9:00 am	Women's Bible Stud
Thursday	10/5	8:00 am	ROMEOs
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Saturday	10/7	8:30am-1pm	Heartland Women's Fall Gathering
Sunday	10/8	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream
		11:00 am	Blessing of the Animals