

**Sunday June 9, 2024**

**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.*

# CALL TO WORSHIP: "Bind Us Together"

#748 WOV

*Refrain*  
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C<sup>7</sup> F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F<sub>1</sub> C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup> F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.  
2 You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.

F C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup> F B<sup>7</sup> C

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:  
You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER & CARE LIST:

**HIGHWAY CLEAN UP** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Bethesda is responsible for a 2 mile stretch in front of the church. We would like at least 8 people to help with the project. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. If it rains, we'll try again on the 13<sup>th</sup> to clean ditches.

**JUNE RAFFLE BASKET** Help support Local Benevolence and get a head start on your Christmas celebrations. Sugar cookies, coffee, a snugly warm blanket, and more. Merry Christmas! \$1 per ticket. (Thank you Sherry Whipple for the basket donation)

**HELPING HANDS:** We are restarting our Helping Hands Group. This group would lend a hand with light chores to our neighbors in need. This might include yard work and cleaning. We are looking for people who would like to join our group. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex if you would like to help. If you are aware of someone who could use help, contact Lee Forrester at 651-271-2186. Thanks. Lee



**SUMMER LAWN MOWING** Please enjoy the outdoors and sign up to help mow the church lawn. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**LECTORS NEEDED** we need lectors for weekly Sunday readings. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex heading into the Fellowship Hall and include the weekly readings.

**PLASTIC BAG RECYCLE** The Malmo Lions will take your used plastic grocery bags. There is a box on the bench in the office to recycle your plastic bags.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB** For women of any ages. June 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm at Tulibee Tavern in Wahkon. Lunch & Speaker: \$15.75. For more information, see the bulletin board in the Narthex. Call Lois Johnson for reservations 320 674-0136

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** during the week of Vacation Bible School there will be no Cards, Chair Yoga, Choir, Women's or Men's Bible Studies.

### THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

June 10, 2024 – June 16, 2024

Monday	6/10	11:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon

Tuesday	6/11	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		10:00 am	Highway Clean-up
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	6/12	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	6/13	8:00 am	No ROMEOs
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Sunday	6/16	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

*Monday-Thursday, June 17-20*

*Vacation Bible School*

## **OPENING HYMN: "That's Why We Praise Him"**

*(Please rise on the last verse)*

1. He came to live, live a perfect life,  
 He came to be the living word, our Light  
 He came to die so we'd be reconciled,  
 He came to rise to show His pow'r and might.

### *Chorus*

That's why we praise him, that's why we sing  
 That's why we offer him our everything  
 That's why we bow down and worship this king,  
 'cause he gave his everything  
 'cause he gave his everything

2. He came to live, live again in us  
 He came to be our conquering King and Friend  
 He came to heal & show the lost ones his love  
 He came to go prepare a place for us (*Chorus*)

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.

'cause he gave his everything

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## **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles,  
 the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

All-powerful God,

**in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "Praise You in the Storm" Casting Crowns**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15**

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."<sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your

offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup> If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup> **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup> **For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1**

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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**Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in

parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY      “Come As You Are”      by Crowder**

1. Come out of sadness From wherever you've been  
Come broken hearted Let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy Oh, sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal

#### *Chorus*

So lay down your burdens Lay down your shame  
All who are broken Lift up your face  
Oh, wanderer come home You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt Lay down your heart  
Come as you are

2. There's hope for the hopeless And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table Come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary Rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't cure      *Chorus*

#### *Bridge*

Come as you are - Fall in his arms - Come as you are



3. There's joy for the mourning Oh, sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal

*Chorus*

So lay down your burdens Lay down your shame  
All who are broken Lift up your face  
Oh, wanderer come home You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt Lay down your heart  
Come as you are, Come as you are, Come as you are.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age (*especially Columba, Aiden, and Bede whom we commemorate today*). Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness (*especially*). With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their



relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you  
(*especially*). Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised,  
with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of  
the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING** - *Please be seated as the Ushers pass the offering plate.*

*Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life,

**you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make  
us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER – Lead by the Praise Team**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come!

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,

**we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have  
nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own  
life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”**

**#673 WOV**



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

**DISSMAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Greeters: Wally & Bev Swenson

Ushers: Mark & Mary Vukelich

Lector: Dennis Hennessy

Hospitality: Marcy Paulson, Sandy Miller, Carolyn Morris

**Thank you for your service!**

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, June 2, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 82 Online: 25