

Sunday July 14, 2024
Eighth 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: “I Believe”

Chorus

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it,
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it.
Truly I believe it, truly I believe it

I believe in God, the Almighty Lord Creator,
Almighty Lord Creator, Almighty Lord Creator
I believe in God, the Almighty Lord Creator,
Almighty Lord Creator, Almighty Lord Creator

I believe in Jesus, the Savior of the people
Savior of the people, Savior of the people
I believe in Jesus, the Savior of the people
Savior of the people, Savior of the people

And I do believe in the power of the Spirit,
Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit,
Power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit (*Chorus*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Ron Aho, Cheryl Malotky,

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.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in the Fellowship Hall next to the serving window.

BAKED GOODS FOR VEGGIE STAND are gladly accepted for Saturday mornings.

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

SAVE THE DATE! The Worship and Music Committee will be sponsoring a Picnic and Musical Sing-along Evening on Wednesday August 14th from 5-7pm. Terry “Tinman” Haigler from Isle will be our featured musician and we hope you all can come! More details to follow!

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 Thursday, July 18th, 12:30pm, at Tulibee Tavern in Wahkon. Lunch, speaker and a sing-a-long; \$15.75. Contact Lois Johnson for reservations: 320 674-0136.

HEALTHY HABITS MEETING Tuesday, July 30th, Noon. Lunch and lively conversation. Signup sheet is in the office. Please sign up before Thursday, July 25th, so we have enough food.



The Lutheran World Relief team was blocked away at the time the missile hit at the Children’s Hospital in Ukraine. They rushed to the hospital — alongside first responders — providing care and support.

HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. Give a gift online at lwr.org/helpforukraine
2. Mail a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297. Please write “Ukraine Hospital” in the memo line.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

July 15, 2024 – July 21, 2024

Monday	7/15	11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/16	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	7/17	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
		9am – 4pm	WIC
Thursday	7/18	8:00 am	Romeos
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
		12:30 pm	Christian Women’s Club
Saturday	7/20	8:00 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	7/21	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

TEMPLE TALK: Liz Short – Aitkin County WIC Program

OPENING HYMN: “I Just Came to Praise the Lord” CCLI# 15025
(Please rise on the last verse)

1. I just came to praise the Lord.
I just came to praise the Lord.
I just came to praise His holy name.
I just came to praise the Lord.
2. I just came to thank the Lord,
I just came to thank the Lord,
I just came to thank His holy name,
I just came to thank the Lord.
3. I just came to love the Lord,
I just came to love the Lord.
I just came to love His holy name,
I just came to love the Lord.
4. He came into my life one very
special day
He came into my heart, to show me
a better way
He said He'd never depart; and this
is why I sing
I just came to praise the Lord.
5. I just came to praise the Lord.
I just came to praise the Lord.
I just came to praise His holy name.
I just came to praise the Lord.

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

O God,

from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “The Father’s House”

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’ ”

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

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

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I 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.**

¹⁰ Steadfast 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.**

¹² The 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: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "All of My Life"

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My heart is hopin' and my eyes are open.
There is a hunger inside of me.
I want to do right, walk in the holy light,
to live my days abundantly.

Chorus: All of my life, I want to lose myself and be faithful.
All of my life, I want to live forgiven and be grateful,
All of my life.

Some say I've got to have all of the answers.
Some say I need all the money.
I hear the world is just mine for the taking,
Oh how I long to be released. **Chorus**

Help out my neighbor, welcome a stranger.
Offer my shirt to an enemy.
Dance in the moonlight, cry by the firelight,
To live my days abundantly. **Chorus**

Oh, God you know me, my every heartbeat is a word of grace from you
All of my life, I want to lose myself and be faithful.
All of my life, I want to live forgiven and be grateful,
All of my life, all of my life, all of my life.

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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. (*We pray especially for . . .*) In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities (*ministries may be named*). Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations (*organizations may be named*).

In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you (*especially*). In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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

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.

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:

“Go Now”

Dakota Road



vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it
 vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu San - to* go now with God,
 vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger *va - mos con Dios,*
 vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us
 vs. 4 Cross - ing ev' - ry bound' - ry, ev' - ry na - tion



go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant
va - mos con Dios. En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir
 Trust - ing in the ris - en sav - ior
 Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
 Danc - ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God, go now with God. Go now,
va - mos con Dios, va - mos con Dios, Va - mos,



go now, go now with God.
va - mos, va - mos con Dios.



Go now, go now, go now with God.
Va - mos, va - mos, va - mos con Dios.

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

Music: The Praise Team

Greeters: Wally & Bev Swenson

Ushers: Barb & Lee Forrester

Lector: Judy Seifert

Hospitality: *NEED VOLUNTEERS*

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, July 7, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 58 Online: 19