

Sunday August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

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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:

“We Are Marching”

CCLI# 320947

1. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, ooo
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, ooo
we are marching in the light of God.

2. We are living in the love of God, we are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God, we are living in the love of God.

We are living, living, we are living, ooo
we are living in the love of God.

We are living, living, we are living, ooo
we are living in the love of God.

3. We are praying in the love of God, we are praying in the love of God.
We are praying in the love of God, we are praying in the love of God.

We are praying, praying, we are praying, ooo
we are praying in the love of God.

We are praying, praying, we are praying, ooo
we are praying in the love of God.

4. We are singing in the love of God, we are singing in the love of God.
We are singing in the love of God, we are singing in the love of God.

We are singing, singing, we are singing, ooo
we are singing in the love of God.

We are singing, singing, we are singing, ooo
we are singing in the love of God. (*repeat verse 1*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Ron Aho, Cheryl Malotky, Roy Berg

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.

SAVE THE DATE The Worship and Music Committee will be sponsoring an Evening Picnic with Musical Entertainment & Sing-along on Wednesday August 14th from 5-7pm. Terry “Tinman” Haigler from Isle will be our featured musician. Bring neighbors and friends and a lawn chair if you wish as we celebrate summer and the beauty of our Bethesda church grounds! The picnic will include grilled hot dogs, chips, veggies, watermelon, dessert and lemonade. Freewill donation.

QUILTERS are in need of clean used mattress pads to use for batting in their quilts. You can drop them off by the closet door in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE! WELCA, with the help of everyone, will be hosting **THE CORN FEED** on Saturday, August 17th from. 4:30 - 7:00. We will be serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Calico Beans, Coleslaw, Bars and all the Corn you can eat. Adults \$12.00. Children 10 and under \$5.00. Signup sheets are in the fellowship hall for volunteers to work that day.

COVERED CONTAINERS are needed to store everything in the crafters/ quilters closet. If you have any covered containers (any size, and covered boxes are ok) please consider donating them to the church.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S CLUB are meeting on Thursday, August 15th at 12:30pm at Tullibee Tavern in Wahkon. Luncheon & Speaker \$15.75. Call Lois Johnson for reservation. See bulletin board in Narthex for more information.

WOMEN’S DEVOTION – Monday, August 12th at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall.

<u>THIS WEEK AT Bethesda</u>		<u>August 12, 2024 – August 18, 2024</u>	
Monday	8/12	9:00 am	Women’s Devotion
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/13	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	8/14	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
		5-7 pm	Picnic & Singalong
Thursday	8/15	8:00 am	Romeos
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
		12:30 pm	Christian Women’s Club

Saturday	8/17	7:30 am 4:30-7 pm	Veggie Stand CORN FEED!
Sunday	8/18	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

OPENING HYMN: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” #674 ELW
(Please rise on the last verse)



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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

Gracious God,

your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “You Are My All in All”

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴ [Elijah] went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.”⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.”⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

² **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴ **I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵ Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶ I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸ Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁵ Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is

from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” CCLI# 30426

Chorus: Shine Jesus shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of darkness shining,
Jesus, Light of the world, shine up on us,
set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. **Chorus**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
so our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. *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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, (*and remembering Clare of San Damiano, who was known for her powerful prayer,*) root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries (*especially*). We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

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: "Boundless Love" Dakota Road (on screen)



Bound-less love touch-es and chang-es the heart of us.

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Oh Spir-it of Je-sus you
 We struc-ture in-jus-tice that
 Oh Spir-it of life come and

sit at our ta-ble and call us to_a rad-i-cal meal
 keeps some from eat-ing, you_pre-pare us for_a dif-fer-ent feast
 move through the peo-ple, con-front-ing the pow-ers of death

of bound-less love that climbs o-ver bar-riers so
 of bound-less love that climbs o-ver bar-riers so
 'cause bound-less love climbs o-ver bar-riers so

noth-ing can keep us a-part.
 noth-ing can keep us a-part.
 noth-ing can keep us a-part.

DISMISSAL

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: Praise Team

Greeters: Wally & Bev Swenson

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Lector: Merrily Jones

Hospitality: Karen Carron & family

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, August 4, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 64 Online: 15