

Sunday August 18, 2024
Thirteenth 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.

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.

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.

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.

CRAFTING FUN! Join us to work on crafts for our Holiday Bazaar on the following Mondays from 9-11 am: Aug. 19; Sept. 16 & 30; Oct. 7. Our next date we will work on specific items: Aug. 19 – Dried fruit crafts. The bazaar is on Oct. 26 this year.

PARSONAGE CLEAN UP DAY Volunteers are invited to join the property committee for a cleaning day at the Parsonage. Tuesday, August 27th at 10:00am. Please bring a bucket, rags and a broom.

LET'S GO FISHING! Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo is offering a Nature Tour with Master Naturalist. Sept 4th, departure at 4 PM. Meet at Lum Park dock on Rice Lake. 2-hour Pontoon Ride down Mississippi, arrive 20 minutes prior to departure time. Sign-up sheet in Narthex or see David Brown for additional details.

HEALTHY HABITS MEETING On Tuesday, August 27th, 2024, at 12 noon. This month features “**Healthy Happy Hour**” with each person/couple bringing something to contribute. Please register at the church office by Thursday, August 22, so adequate food can be prepared.

THANK YOU! A big thank you to all who worked at our Annual Corn Feed. Your help was greatly appreciated!

PICNIC & SING-ALONG was well received on Wednesday night. Thanks to all who came out to enjoy the evening of food, song & fellowship!

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**August 19, 2024 – August 25, 2024**

Monday	8/19	9:00 am	Crafters
		10:00 am	Council Meeting
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/20	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	8/21	9am-4pm	WIC
		9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		10:00 am	WELCA Meeting
Thursday	8/22	8:00 am	Romeos
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8/24	7:30 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/25	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream (no communion)

OPENING HYMN:**“Praise and Thanksgiving”****#689 ELW***(Please rise on the last verse)*

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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

Ever-loving God,

your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "In Remembrance of Me"

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

¹ Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴ "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, ⁵ "Come,

eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14

⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰ **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

¹¹ Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

¹² **Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴ **Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said,] 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.”

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those

who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Come, Let Us Eat”

#491 ELW



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Leader or All



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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.

Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation (*local agriculture may be named*). Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. 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

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: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#547 ELW



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave,
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—
The sup - per is end - ed, Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve,
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race,
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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: Adult Choir

Greeters: Dennis Hennessy &

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Lector: Dennis Hennessy

Hospitality: Del & Dianne Jones

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, August 11, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 52 Online: 14