

Sunday August 4, 2024

Eleventh 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.

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.

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 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 and we hope you all can come! The picnic will include grilled hot dogs, chips, veggies, watermelon, dessert and lemonade.

CRAFTING FUN! Join us to work on crafts for our Holiday Bazaar on the following Mondays from 9-11 am: Aug. 5 & 19; Sept. 16 & 30; Oct. 7. A few of these dates will be workshops where we will work on specific items: Aug. 19 – Dried fruit crafts. The bazaar is on Oct. 26 this year.

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Corn Feed is 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. Sign-up sheets for helping that day are in the fellowship hall.



CORN FEED
21590 State Hwy. 47, Malmø, MN

**Saturday
August 17, 2024
4:30-7:00 pm**

(ALL YOU CAN EAT CORN)
Pulled Pork Sandwich,
Calico Beans,
Coleslaw, Bars
Coffee/Water/Lemonade

**Adults \$12.00
Children 12 & under \$5**

"Event sponsored by Thrivent"

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**August 5, 2024 – August 4, 2024**

Monday	8/5	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/6	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	8/7	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	8/8	8:00 am	Romeos
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Saturday	8/10	7:30 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	8/11	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

OPENING HYMN:**“All Who Hunger ”****#461 ELW***(Please rise on the last verse)*

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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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

O God,

eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "As We Come into His Presence"

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand

of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29

²³ So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴ **raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵ So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

²⁶ **The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,**

²⁷ raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

²⁸ **letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**

²⁹ So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

⁸ Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

⁹ (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the

Father has set his seal.”²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?”³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

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

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“What Feast of Love”

#487 ELW



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
 What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
 What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

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.

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet

frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed (*especially*). Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. 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

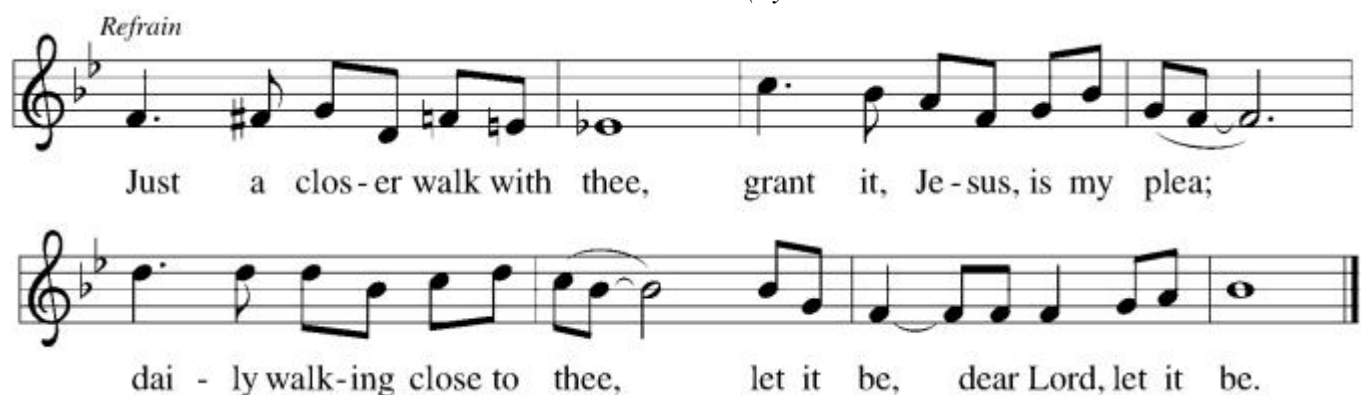
THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

(hymn: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #697 ELW)

Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;
dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

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: “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” #676 ELW



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

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: Julie Swaggert & Dennis Hennessy

Ushers: Lee & Barb Forrester

Lector: Karen Elias

Hospitality: Rocky & Jo DeFeyter; Mark & Mary Vukelich

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, July 28, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 80 Online: 23