

Sunday September 22, 2024

Eighteenth 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, Myra Honl, & The family of Roy Berg.

LECTORS NEEDED we are looking for volunteers to read aloud the scriptures on Sunday morning. Signup sheet in the Narthex which includes the weekly readings or contact Mary Braun if you can help.

NO HEALTHY HABITS meeting this month.

FLU SHOT CLINIC put on by Aitkin County Health & Human Services is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th from 1-4pm. See the poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information. Call 218-927-7200 to register or go online at <https://aitkincountypublichealth.as.me/BethesdaLutheranMalmo>.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA FALL GATHERING is October 5th at Lord of Life Church in Brainerd. Registration starts at 8:30am

ELCA WORLD HUNGER: The annual Walking Together event will take place Saturday, Oct 12th at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa, MN. Doors open at 8am, with the festivities beginning at 9am. Our theme this year is Walking Together: 50 Years of ELCA World Hunger, as we highlight and mark the ministry of ELCA World Hunger over the past 50 years. See the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST There will be a Pancake Breakfast today following our regular worship service. This will be a “Free Will Donation” event to raise money for the Village of Hope Zambia trip in January 2025. *“A Thrivent Event”*
Thank you to Petry’s for special pricing on syrup & orange juice.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda September 23, 2024 – September 29, 2024

Monday	9/23	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	9/24	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		9:00 am	Quilters
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	9/25	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study

Thursday	9/26	8:00 am	Romeos
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Sunday	9/29	9:00 am	Worship in Person & live stream

TEMPLE TALK: Village of Hope, Zambia

Julie Swaggert

OPENING HYMN

“God Is Here”

#526 ELW

(Please Stand on the last Verse)



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “How Great Is Our God”

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

PSALM: Psalm 54

¹ Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

² **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³ For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴ **Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵ Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶ **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷ For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹ Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a} Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁰ [Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son

of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lord Whose Love In Humble Service” #712 ELW



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share,
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation (*specific ministries may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer (*especially*). Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
**source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,

you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.

**Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord Of All Hopefulness" #765 ELW



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
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

Lector: Dennis Hennessy

Ushers: Mark & Mary Vukelich

Greeters: Julie Swaggert & Dennis Hennessy

Hospitality: PANCAKE BREAKFAST for Village of Hope, Zambia

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, September 15, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 62 Online: NA