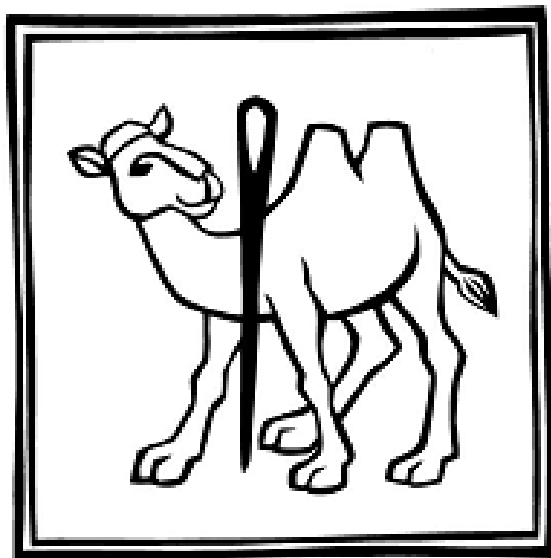


**Sunday October 13, 2024**  
**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**



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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: “Here I Am To Worship”**

**CCLI# 3266032**

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

***Chorus:***

Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You’re My God  
You’re altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love’s sake became poor ***Chorus***

I’ll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross

***Chorus:***

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Here I am to say that You’re My God  
You’re altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me  
Here I am to worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Ron Aho.

**OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR** will be on Saturday, October 26th from 9am to 1 pm. We are asking families for donations of 6 dozen holiday cookies for the “Cookie Walk”. Sign-up sheets for workers is in the Fellowship Hall. Check your October Newsletter for more information.

**LUTEFISK DINNER** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Milaca. Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00pm. See poster on the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Please sign up so we many 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.

**THANK YOU** We want to thank everyone for the cards, visits, phone calls and prayers for us during Ron's hospitalization and rehabilitation journey. We really appreciate all the support we've received from our church family.

Ron and Jan Aho

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S CLUB** is meeting on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at Tullibee Tavern in Wahkon. Luncheon & Speaker \$15.75. Call Lois Johnson for reservations. See the bulletin board in Narthex for more information.

**SINGERS WANTED** if you would like to sing with the choir for the 2024 Cantata, join us on Tuesday nights at 5:45 pm to practice. The Cantata will be Sunday, December 15, 2024.

**MEMBERS NEEDED** The Visitation team is looking for others to join them in visiting or making monthly phone calls to Bethesda's shut ins. The team will meet this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall after coffee or contact Darlene Christensen if interested in joining this ministry.

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda                      October 14, 2024 – October 20, 2024**

|           |       |           |  |
|-----------|-------|-----------|--|
| Monday    | 10/14 | 9:00 am   | Women’s Devotion   |
|           |       | 10:00 am  | Property Meeting   |
|           |       | 10:00 am  | Call Committee Meeting                                     |
|           |       | 11:30 am  | Cards  |
|           |       | 7:00 pm   | AA/Alanon  |
| Tuesday   | 10/15 | 9:00 am   | Chair Yoga   |
|           |       | 4:00 pm   | Bell Practice  |
|           |       | 5:30 pm   | Choir Practice   |
|           |       | 6:30 pm   | Praise Team Practice                                       |
| Wednesday | 10/16 | 9:00 am   | Women’s Bible Study  |
|           |       | 9 am-4 pm | WIC  |
| Thursday  | 10/17 | 8:00 am   | Romeos   |
|           |       | 9:15 am   | Chair Yoga   |
| Saturday  | 10/19 | 4-6 pm    | Lutefisk Dinner <small>Trinty Luth Church, Milaca.</small> |
| Sunday    | 10/20 | 9:00 am   | Worship in Person & live stream                            |

## OPENING HYMN

### “Everlasting God”

*(Please Stand on the last Verse)*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever, Our hope our strong deliverer  
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God,  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need,  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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We will wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord

## 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**

*Almighty and ever-living God,*

**increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: “Shout to The Lord”**

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### **SCRIPTURE**

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#### **FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you

have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

### **PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup> **Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup> Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup> **May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16**

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive

mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

## **GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: “Seek Ye First”**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia

Chorus:  
Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia

We do not live by bread alone  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God  
Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia

Chorus:  
Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia

## **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**

Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence*



Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely (*especially*). Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land (*local Indigenous tribes or settlements may be named*). We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**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 – Led by The Praise Team**

**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: “As You Go On Your Way”**

As you go on your way, may God go with you.  
May He go before you to show you the way.  
May He go behind you to encourage you,  
Beside you to befriend you,  
Above you to watch over,  
With-in you to give you peace.  
With-in you to give you peace.

**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: The Praise Team

Lector: Judy Seifert

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Greeters: Wally & Bev Swenson

Hospitality: *Need Volunteers!*

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, October 6, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 46 Online: 17