

Sunday November 3, 2024

Twenty-fourth 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 & Jan Aho, Marei Benton, Carol Bakken, and Ray Dooley whose funeral is Monday, Nov. 4, 2024.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Please sign up so we may continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in the Fellowship Hall next to the serving window.

TREATS NEEDED FOR THE FREEZER If you can't sign up for Sunday Hospitality, please bring some treats to keep in the freezer.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS are due by November 3rd (TODAY) for our annual meeting on Sunday, December 1st following our regular worship service. Please email to: blcmalmo@gmail.com with your committee reports.

BUDGET REQUEST FORMS are in committee "In Boxes" to be completed by November 3, 2024, (TODAY) and return to "Stewardship In Box" in Office.

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 on December 15, 2024.

LECTORS NEEDED We need lectors for weekly Sunday readings. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex and include the weekly readings.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB will meet on November 21st at 12:30pm at Tulibee Tavern in Wahkon. Luncheon and a speaker, \$15.75. See more details on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Call Lois Johnson for reservations: 320-674-0136.

COFFEE FOR THE PANTRY It's that time of year when we ask every coffee drinking family to bring one can of coffee for the pantry so we can continue to enjoy hospitality after worship service every Sunday.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**Nov. 4, 2024 – Nov. 10, 2024**

Monday	11/4	11:00 am	Funeral for Ray Dooley
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	11/5	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		5:45 pm	Cantata Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	11/6	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	11/7	8:00 am	Romeos
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Sunday	11/10	9:00 am	Worship in Person & live stream

OPENING HYMN: "God of Grace, God of Glory"**#705 ELW***(Please Stand on the last Verse)*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “The Wonder of His Love”

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

[Moses said to the people,] ¹Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children

and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

PSALM: 119:1-8

¹ Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

² **Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,**

³ who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

⁴ **You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

⁵ Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶ **Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷ I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸ **I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:11-14

¹¹When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

SERMON

HYMN: “Christ, Be Our Light”

#715 ELW



1	Long - ing	for	light,	we	wait	in	dark - ness.	Long - ing	for
2	Long - ing	for	peace,	our	world	is	trou - bled.	Long - ing	for
3	Long - ing	for	food,	man - y	are	hun - gry.	Long - ing	for	
4	Long - ing	for	shel - ter,	man - y	are	home - less.	Long - ing	for	
5	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	peo - ple,	man - y	the	



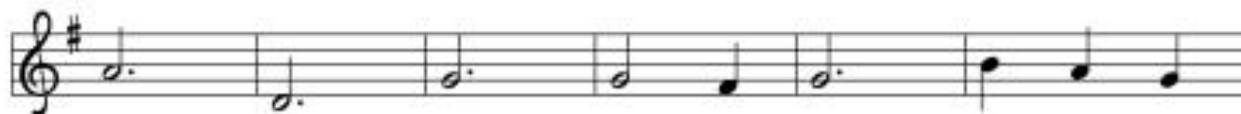
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long, Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone,
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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

Called together as the body of Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and for all of God's Creation. For the church universal, and the whole body of Christ, called, gathered, and sent in your holy name.

A brief silence

We pray, with thanksgiving in our hearts. For the beauty of creation, from the largest blue whale to the smallest bacteria and all that lives or breathes between. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You lead us into lands flowing with your good gifts. Deepen our connection to the lands we inhabit and share with our fellow creatures, that all may delight and be nourished by the fruits of the earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray, with thanksgiving in our hearts. For peace in the all the world, for leaders and activists who labor for justice, for the beloved community that pursues love at all costs. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You show us your love in Jesus our healer. Draw near to those who are ill, hospitalized, or undergoing rehabilitation or treatment. Reveal your love and healing presence through nurses, doctors, aides, and chaplains. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray, with thanksgiving in our hearts. For the ELCA, its synods, and local congregations that all members may be the hands, feet, and smile of Jesus in a world that so desperately needs him. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray, with thanksgiving in our hearts. For the opportunity to follow the way of Jesus, as we compassionately hear the cries of our siblings who are poor or oppressed in any way, give us courage to share the abundance of your earth, with all. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You are the God of our ancestors. With thanksgiving we remember all your saints and those who have died during the past year. Inspire us by their lives of love for you and for their neighbors. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray, with thanksgiving in our hearts. For the ministry of the Women of the ELCA, the bold women who aspire to the organization's Purpose Statement

every day, and the varied ministries carried out by participants across the church. We pray, with thanksgiving in our hearts.

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.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,

you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "O When the Saints Go Marching In" on screen



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



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new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
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num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in 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

Lector: Karen Elias

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Greeters: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Hospitality: Libby & David Brown, Carol & Larry Pantsari

Thank you for your service

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024: In Person: 9:00am 61 Online: 20