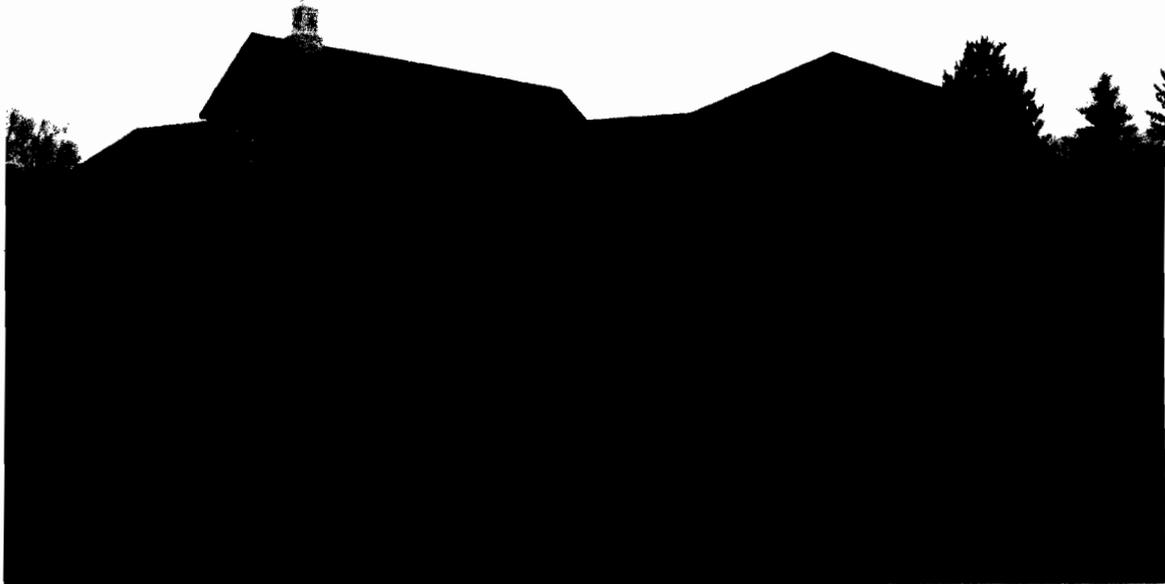


**Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**  
**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ.  
We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community.

We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous  
and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

# GATHERING

*We confess our sins and invite God into our worship.*

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

### Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner; it must not suf - fer loss.  
stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.  
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.  
this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.

From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,  
Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,

till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.  
let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.  
and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## OPENING LITANY

We have come to worship in spirit and truth.

**God is with us. God lives.**

We have come to share the Good News.

**The Spirit of God is moving among us and calling us. The Spirit of God is leading and strengthening us.**

We have come to confirm the active presence of the Spirit of God.

**God is at work, among and within, our world and the next, in us and those around us, to make all things new!**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      **“Worthy is Christ”**

*Tune: Roll Out the Barrel*

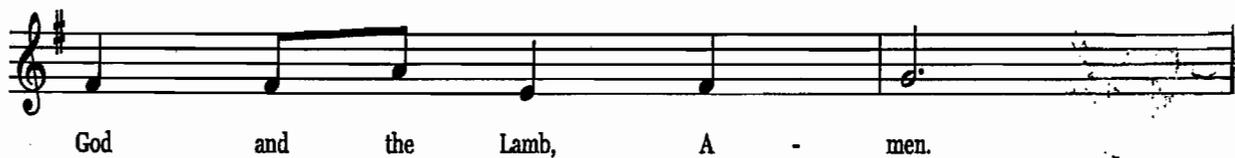
Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain. Whose  
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es,  
wis - dom, and strength, hon - or, bless - ing and glo - ry are his. Sing with  
all the peo - ple of God and join their Eas - ter  
hymn. Bless - ing hon - or and glo - ry be to  
God and the Lamb, A - men. Sing with



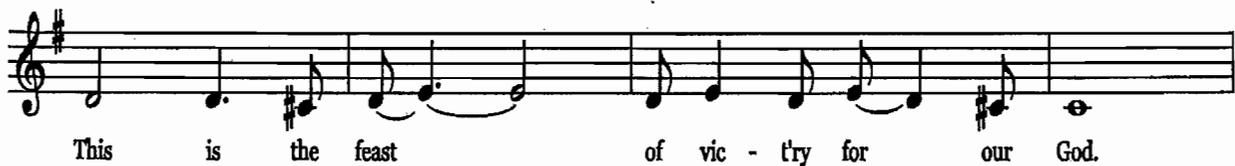
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God and the Lamb, A - men.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God.



Al - le - lu ia, Al - le - lu - ia. For the



Lamb who was slain has be - gan His



reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**HYMN**

**“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**ELW #742**

## Word

*We hear the word and God's story becomes our story.*

### The First Reading

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### The Second Reading

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**"Alleluia! Where Shall We Go?"**

John C. Ylvisaker

(Sing Twice)



Al - le - lu - ia! Where shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia! Where shall we go?



You have the words that we need to know Al - le - lu - ia! Where shall we go?

### GOSPEL

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF SIN & HEARING THE WORD *Tune: Just Because*

Polka Confession (Just Because)

G

Just be - cause we are all born sin - ners,  
 Just be - cause we do not feed the hun - gry,  
 Just be - cause we fall to do what's right,

G D7

Just be - cause we think we're so hot,  
 Just be - cause we do not help the poor,  
 Just be - cause we're afraid to get in - volved,

D7

Just be - cause what we learned last Sun - day, by  
 Just be - cause we do not vis - it pris - ners and  
 Just be - cause we'd ra - ther not fight to

Am D7 G

Mon day we for - got. Just be - cause we do not love our neigh - bors as  
 AIDS pa - tients we ig - nor. Just be - cause we are in such a hur - ry to  
 get the planets pro - blems solved. Just be - cause we are not good ste - wards of

C C G A

much as - we love our selves. For give us we pray and wash our sins a way. Re -  
 become a per - son - nal suc - cess. Hear our con - fes - sions, for - give our trans - gres - sions, Re -  
 the gifts you gave to us. Save us by your grace that we may take our place, with

A7 D7 G C G

- deem us Fa - ther, just be - cause.  
 - deem us Fa - ther, just be - cause.  
 you and all the saints, just be - cause.

**SERMON**

**HYMN** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" **ELW #774**

**WE BELIEVE**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

*At the table we are fed with forgiveness and new life,  
a foretaste of the feast to come*

**OFFERING**

# Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord"**

*Tune: "In Heaven There is No Beer"*

### Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols (G, C, D7) are placed above the staff to indicate accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful Lord and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Ga-ther a har - vest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bread of life. Ga - ther the hopes and the dreams of all. U - nite them with the prayers we of - er now. Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence and give us a fore - -taste of the feast to come."

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have blessed us with your goodness; you have given us our selves, our time and our possessions. May these gifts be used in the care and healing of all that you made, for the sake of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Welcome to the celebration!

God who supplies our every need has given us this meal to share.

*God, we thank you for the bread of eternal life.*

We come to the table, acknowledging our shortcomings  
and our need to experience your presence in bread and wine.

*God, we thank you for the bread of eternal life.*

It is our duty and delight always and everywhere to give praise and thanks to you  
O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is living bread that came down from  
heaven. So with the church on earth, all creation, and the host of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy Holy Lord (Jerusalem, My Happy Home)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. Chords are indicated above the staff.

Chords: F, Bb, F, Dm, C, F, Dm, Bb, F, C, C7, F

Lyrics:  
Ho ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
Bless ed is he who comes in the  
pow er and the might: Ho - heav'n and earth are  
name of the Lord. san - na in the  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high est.  
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORD OF INSTITUTION

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; anyone who comes to me will never  
hunger".

And Jesus took the bread, broke it and gave it to his friends saying, "Take this and  
eat it, do this to remember me."

Jesus said, "I am the water of life, springing up to life eternal".

And Jesus took a cup, gave thanks, and shared it with his friends saying “Drink this, all of you, for this is the new covenant established between us forever.”  
**Jesus said, “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, they will live forever, and the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.”**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus invites all of creation to taste and see that God is good. Come to the table. Taste the feast that brings life to the world.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

- “Just a Closer Walk With Thee” ELW #697
- “O Living Bread From Heaven” ELW #542
- (sung to the German Tune “Wie Lielich Ist Dermain”)

Sing Twice

**Post Communion (Pennsylvania Polka)**

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is simple and rhythmic, characteristic of a polka. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, A7, D, G, A7, D. The lyrics are: "Thank the Lord and sing His praise. Tell ev - ery one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His pro- - mis-es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giving. Al - le - lu - ia."

# SENDING

*We are sent out to share the good news and serve our neighbors*

## CLOSING PRAYER

Holy God, you open the doors of heaven, giving us every generous and perfect gift from above. Lift our eyes from the food that perishes, and nourish us now with the food that endures for eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### He Lives! (Tune: The Happy Wanderer)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line begins with a C chord and ends with a G chord. The second line starts with a C chord, followed by F, C/G, G7, C, and then a section labeled 'Refrain' starting with G7 and ending with C/G. The third line starts with G7, followed by C, kG7, C, F, C/G, G7, and ends with C. The lyrics are: 'Joy to the world the Lord is come. Let earth re-ceive her King. Let ev-ery heart pre-  
-pare him room and hea'vn and na-ture sing. He\_ lives! He\_ lives! He\_  
lives! Christ\_ Je - sus lives to-day. He lives! He\_ lives! Christ Je - sus lives to - day.'

**2. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**

**REFRAIN**

**HE LIVES! HE LIVES! HE LIVES!  
CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY  
HE LIVES! HE LIVES!  
CHRIST JESUS LIVES TODAY**

**3. O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace. REFRAIN**

**4. All hail the power of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all. REFRAIN**

**5. In Christ there is no east or west  
In him no south or north  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth. REFRAIN**

**6. Oh God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home. REFRAIN**

**DISMISSAL**

**We are people of God, sent to serve God by serving others.  
Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2012

Music: Lyndy & Diane West and members of Praise Team  
Greeters: Bill & Cheri Johnson  
Ushers: 8:30 Maynard & Kathy Berland, 10:00 Ron & JoAnn Haglund  
Lectors: 8:30 Karen Carron, 10:00 Sue Samuelson  
Coffee Servers: Dick & Sue Stebbins, Les & Jean Bolke

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (10/14/12)

Attendance: 8:30 – 97                      10:00 – 40

Offering: \$ 3,236.00                      Building Fund: \$ 740.00

**\$ 3,077.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.**

**\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount (building fund) needed for mortgage payment.**

## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> THRU OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

Mon., Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8 a.m.—1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lefse making AA & Alanon
Tues., Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Lefse making
Wed., Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Hardanger Choir Praise Team
Thurs., Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S. Funtimers Set up tables & chairs for bazaar
Fri., Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	9 a.m.—4 p.m.	Bazaar Set Up
Sat., Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9 a.m.—2p.m.	<b>BAZAAR</b>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to our Polka Service** today with Lyndy and Diane West. Thank you to Lyndy and Diane for coming to Bethesda and sharing their musical talents. Thank you also to those members of the Bethesda Praise Team who are coordinating with them to bring us some great Polka music.

Today is communion Sunday. All who believe are invited to join us as we partake of the bread and wine during Holy Communion. We ask that everyone please fill out a green communion card which is found in your pew and put it in the offering plate or give it to the usher as you go up for communion.

**THE BETHESDA ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR** is next Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and the sale continues until 2:00 p.m. Come join us for a fun filled day!!

**PICTURE DIRECTORY**—We will be giving out the directories in the Fellowship Hall after first service today. If your picture is in the directory you will receive a copy.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**—The Council Meeting will be held today (October 21<sup>st</sup>) at 11:00 a.m. following the second service.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – There is a container available in the narthex to collect donations for shoeboxes. Items needed include: school supplies (sharpeners, scissors, solar calculators, crayons, pens, pencils, glue sticks), toiletry items (toothpaste, toothbrush, combs, brushes, soap, washcloths), small toys such as balls, dolls, stuffed animals, yo-yo's, jump ropes, puzzles, t-shirts, hats, jewelry, gum and hard candy for ages 2-14. All items must be new and no liquids are accepted. The shoe boxes will be filled on Sunday, November 11 after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Donations are also needed to cover the \$7 cost of postage for each box. Empty shoeboxes (if possible they should be wrapped) are also needed.

**WELCA**—The WELCA Christmas Luncheon will be held Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 12 Noon with Kathy Hughes from the Tuscany Room providing the food and a demonstration. The cost is \$9.00 per person. Bring a friend, daughter or neighbor for lunch!!!

**BETHESDA CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be held on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Pine Inn in Glen. Please mark your calendar!!! More info will follow in the coming weeks.

*Check Community Bulletin Board for the following items:*

**Holden Lutheran Church Annual Lutefisk Supper, Saturday, October 27th**

**Lutefisk, Ham and Potato Sausage Dinner, Trinity Lutheran Church, Milaca, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.**

*(Please see inside back cover for further announcements.)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS continued**

**Swedish Meatball and Lutefisk Supper**, Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> at Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MN

Feeling Stretched? Balance Your Life. *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* is an educational program designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself. Begins Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and continues for six Thursdays at Isle IREC.

**Craft & Bake Sale**, Sacred Heart Church, Wahkon, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
...Vendors Wanted ... 676-1163

**NEED HELP WITH YOUR ENERGY BILLS?** Call Lakes & Pines Community Action Council for help. Phone 320-679-1800 or 1-800-832-6082.

**Medicare Part D Open Enrollment** is Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>-Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. If you need help comparing plans for 2013 call **Senior LinkAge Line®** at **1-800-333-2433**.

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## **A WORD FROM THE WESTS**

THANK YOU for joining us to “make a joyful noise” at Bethesda! Diane, the accordionist, comes from Belle Plaine, MN, and Lyndy, the trombonist, hails from Clarkfield, MN (It’s near Hazel Run and Hanley Falls)! Diane is an accountant and a church organist, and Lyndy is a retired pastor in the ELCA. They met at Zion Lutheran church in S. Mpls. where Lyndy was choir director and Diane the organist. They are the parents of four children and have four grandchildren.

While Diane and Lyndy are trained musicians from Augsburg College, they are eclectic enough to enjoy leading a polka worship service. Their characteristic mark is to work with several musicians in the congregation to lead the Polka Service. Doing this is both challenging and fun!

Many of the hymn tunes in church hymnals, including the ELW, are “borrowed” from other sources; these tunes do quite well in reinforcing and supporting the hymn texts. For example, two Christmas hymns – Luther’s “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” and “What Child is This” from the the Greensleeves melody – were secular folk tunes. In continuing this practice, some of the hymns and liturgy today originated and are still known in the polka repertoire. We hope these melodies and instruments and our voices will result in a joyful worship service!