

August 11th, 2013
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Service led by Praise Team



BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

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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.

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

CALL TO WORSHIP: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" See Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: "Do Lord" See Insert

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God eternal love, we pray you will listen as we confess our failures in love and friendship. We talk about such things as caring, community, and concern, but instead we show anger, hostility, and greed. We talk about faith, hope, and love, but instead we show injustice, distrust, and apathy. We talk about kindness, forgiveness, and gentleness, but instead we show hate, spite, and selfishness. Forgive the sins of our fallen condition, the sins of our broken promises, and the sins we dare not name. In the name of Jesus who was crucified for sin, forgive us.

This is how God showed love for us: Jesus came into the world so we might have life. This is what love is. It is not that we have loved God, but that God loves us and sent Jesus to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.
Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: “Down By the Riverside”

FIRST READING: Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

PSALM: Psalm 33:12–22

Refrain: Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds. R

A king is not saved by the size of the army,

nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,

upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine. R

Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you. R

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32–40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

SERMON

OFFERING HYMN:

“In the Garden”

See Insert

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, we are yours and all we have belongs to you. Accept these offerings and bless their use in your work among us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A time for silent prayer.

Invigorate the varied ministries in your church and encourage new avenues of praying and proclaiming, nurturing and teaching the good news to all in need of receiving it.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Nourish the vital web that connects all of creation, and open in us occasions for reflection and rejuvenation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Intercede where justice and peace are lacking, and raise up wise leaders who will regard the needs of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Assure the restless and those seeking answers; relieve the suffering of all who need healing or resolution (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Accompany all who travel and are far from home; help us to welcome the visitors among us and learn from what they have to offer. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be made.

Draw us to the heavenly city prepared for those who have trusted in your promises, and grant us the assurance of all that we hope for. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“I'll Fly Away”

See Insert

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF AUGUST 11TH, 2013

Music: Praise Team
Greeters: Steve Long & Mary Kramer-Long
Ushers: 8:30 Lloyd & Shirley Lilienthal, 10:00 Jerry & Carolyn Morris
Lectors: 8:30 Karen Carron, 10:00 Darlene Christensen
Coffee Servers: Warren & Gale Rolek, Jack & Paula Spetz

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK

Attendance: Sat. – 15 Sun. 8:30 – 98 10:00 – 29

Offering: \$ 3,740.50 Building Fund: \$ 1,295.00 Blessing Box -- \$ 165.71

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

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA AUGUST 11TH THRU AUGUST 17TH, 2013

Mon., Aug. 12 th	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Devotions at Pat Becker's home AA & Alanon
Tues., Aug. 13 th	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Quilters Bells
Wed., Aug. 14 th	9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Hardanger Choir Praise Team
Thurs., Aug. 15 th	1:00 p.m.	Funtimers
Fri., Aug. 16 th	Morning 5:00 p.m.	Veggie Stand Open Sat. Evening Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE. THANK YOU.

Write your name in history! Mille Lacs Museum volunteers are making a **signature quilt** to commemorate the Isle Centennial 1913-2013. It is free! You are invited to participate by writing your name on the muslin quilt square. Leave a little space between names for the embroidery to be done. This will make them easier to read. Area churches are being contacted and local businesses in Malmo, Isle and Wahkon for signatures. Eventually everyone gets connected with Isle. If you have questions or know of someone who would like to sign contact Donna Johnson 320-676-1638. When the quilt is done it will be on display in the Mille Lacs Museum.

GOLF every Monday morning at the Wealthwood Golf Course. Come join us!

GOSPEL CONCERTS every Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Malmo Evangelical Free Church. Everyone welcome.

ROAST BEEF & HAM DINNER today (August 11th) at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wahkon. See bulletin board for details.

ANNUAL PIE SOCIAL at Wahkon Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 17th. See bulletin board for details.

BETHESDA JAMBOREE – “A Little Bit Country – A Little Bit Rock ‘n Roll” will be held Friday & Saturday, September 13th & 14th. Bring your friends, bring your neighbors and come join us for a fun time!

OLD FASHIONED CHICKEN SUPPER at the Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison on Saturday, September 7th. See bulletin board for details.

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

1. You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

Chorus:

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas.**

2. You know full well what I have, Lord;
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working.

Chorus

3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,
Working love for the rest of the weary-
A love that's willing to go on loving.

Chorus

4. You who have fished other waters;
You, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving friend, you have come to call me.

Chorus

Do Lord

1. I got a home in glory land that outshines the sun
I got a home in glory land that outshines the sun
I got a home in glory land that outshines the sun
Away beyond the blue...

Chorus:

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh do remember me
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh do remember me
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh do remember me
Away beyond the blue...

2. I took Jesus as my Savior; you take Him too
I took Jesus as my Savior; you take Him too
I took Jesus as my Savior; you take Him too
Away beyond the blue... **Chorus**

3. When I'm in trouble Lord, do remember me
When I'm in trouble Lord, do remember me
When I'm in trouble Lord, do remember me
Away beyond the blue... **Chorus x2**

CCLI# 5016819

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone while the dew
Is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.

**Chorus: And He walks with me and He talks with me
And He tells me I am his own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known**

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet, the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing

Chorus

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling
But He bids me to in the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling

Chorus

CCLI# 62858

I'll Fly Away

Some bright morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, Oh glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away.
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away
I'll fly away, Oh glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

Oh, how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away.
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, Oh glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, Oh glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away.

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