

November 10th, 2013
Twenty-fifth 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

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INTRODUCTION

We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

“I Just Came to Praise the Lord”

- 1. I just came to praise the Lord, I just came to praise the Lord,
I just came to praise His holy name; I just came to praise the Lord.**
- 2. I just came to thank the Lord, I just came to thank the Lord,
I just came to thank His holy name; I just came to thank the Lord.**
- 3. I just came to love the Lord, I just came to love the Lord,
I just came to love His holy name; I just came to love the Lord.**
- 4. He came into my life one very special day, He came into my heart to show me a better way, He said he'd never depart; and this is why I sing
I just came to praise The Lord. Repeat the 1st Verse.**

In the name of God the Father of glory; in the name of God the + Son, our Redeemer; in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

The Sun of righteousness shall rise
with shining beams of healing.
Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With a heart full of mercy and compassion,
God saves us and + forgives us all our sins.
Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us
and by the light of the Holy Spirit
guides our feet into the way of peace.
Amen.

GREETING

From the one who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection,
grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, our eternal redeemer,
by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts.
Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the Day of Judgment.
Inspire us for a holy life here,
and bring us to the joy of the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

ANTHEM

“10,000 Reasons”

FIRST READING

Job 19:23–27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

"O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

PSALM

Psalms 98

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done^l marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the^l house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. R

Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and^l all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.**

The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity. **R**

The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

HYMN:**“Just as I am”****#592 Red Book****SERMON****OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered
together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For your church, that it may be a living witness to your love for all people and your redeeming grace to a world in need of good news, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the glorious splendor of your creation and for its continual care, that future generations may praise your works, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in prison, the innocent wrongly accused, and the victims of violence and abuse, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For comfort, strength, and hope to those who suffer with illness, grieve loved ones, or lie close to death (*especially*), let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the Spirit of Christ who gathers this assembly together and unites us to one another in relationships of mutual care and support, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the children of God and of the resurrection (*especially*) and that day when we too shall see you face to face, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

May God who loves us,
who gives us eternal consolation and good hope,
comfort your hearts
and strengthen them in every good work and word;
and the blessing of almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Bind Us Together”

#748 Blue Book

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – We will be packing the shoeboxes today Sunday, November 10th after the second service and everyone is invited to help with this. Your donations are welcome to help with the cost of shipping. If you have questions and want to learn more, talk to Darlene Christensen.

FUNERAL FOR DARLENE VORLICEK-Services will be held at the Peterson Chapel, 119 Central Ave, Buffalo, MN on Tuesday November 12, 2013 at 11:00 am. Pastor Raisanen will be officiating. Visitation 9:00 am until the time of service. To contact the Peterson Chapel (763) 682-1363 Darlene’s obituary can be found online at thepetersonchapel.com

NOVEMBER is WORLD HUNGER MONTH. Little cardboard coin boxes are on the table just outside the sanctuary. You are to put your loose change for the month in the box and return it to church. You also can make a special donation on your envelope for World Hunger. We hope to see no boxes left on the table after this Sunday. This is an easy and quick way to help feed the world.

WATCH the Sunday bulletin for poinsettia sign up.

ALTAR CARE MEETING scheduled for Thursday, November 14th at 10:00 am. We will meet in the fellowship hall at church.

CELEBRATE! Doris Reinhardt turns 90! Come party at the Military Service Academy (MSA) Saturday November 23, 2013 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. No gifts please!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN Monday, November 25 from 2:30- 4:30pm. We leave the church at noon for the Coon Rapids site. Check the clip board in the narthex for the address and to sign up. Your donations are happily accepted! Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands.

STEWARDSHIP and THANKSGIVING

For those of you who are interested, the church offers electronic giving options for making donations on a scheduled, automated basis. It’s convenient for you if you head to warmer climates and provides much-needed financial consistency for the church. Pick up an authorization form in the office.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 16, 2013

Music: Praise Team

Ushers: 8:30 Lee & Barb Forrester 10:00 Marilyn Andrews & Judy Siefert

Lector: 8:30 Darlene Christensen 10:00 Carol Bipes

Coffee Servers: Janice Olson, Paula Spetz and Bev Wedig with Bazaar Treats!

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week (11/03/2013)

Attendance: 8:30 - 102 10:00 - 39

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda November 11 thru November 16, 2013

Monday 11/11 9:00 am Women's Devotions Pat Becker
7:00 pm AA & Alanon

Tuesday 11/12 9:00 am Quilter's
11:00 am Darlene Vorlicek Funeral Service, Buffalo, MN

Wednesday 11/13 8:30 am Bible Study
9:30 am Hardanger
10:00 am Mission & Evangelism
11:00 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Choir
7:00 pm Praise Team
7:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday 11/14 8:00 pm R.O.M.E.O.S
12:30 pm Fun Timers
5:30 pm Bells

Friday 11/15 10:00 pm Bone Builders