

Sunday, October 19, 2014
Nineteenth 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.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "BLESSED ASSURANCE" #638 ELW

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Sovereign over all the earth, the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.

Amen.

Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Generous and faithful God,
we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love.

Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion.

Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy.

Yet we are quick to pass judgment on others.

**Have mercy on us, O God,
and remember your promise to us,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Amen.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.
Through the living Word, + Jesus Christ,
God forgives your every debt, your every sin,
and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts.

**Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory;
redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen**

CHOIR

“To the God Who Reigns”

BAPTISM: Roman Franklin Junker

FIRST READING:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Psalm 96: 1-13

Refrain: Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;

proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,

more to be feared than all gods. R

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;

but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;

power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,

ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;

bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD. R

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!

**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,

for you come to judge the earth.

You will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with your truth. R

GOSPEL:

Matthew 22: 15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why

Lord of life, help us in our need. Restore the minds, bodies, and spirits of those who are sick and soothe those who despair (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of all, help us to support one another. Bless our communities, sustain local businesses, and remove enmity between neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord of the resurrection, help us to rejoice in your promises. Gladden the hearts of those who grieve. Greet those who die with your reviving grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

APOSTLE'S 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 into hell. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters,

and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of almighty God, the Father of glory, + Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: **“Go, My Children, with my Blessing”** **# 543 ELW**

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

- Organist: Marlys Beavers
- Greeters: Lynne & Denny Meidlinger
- Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Chuck & Elsa Carlson
 10:00 a.m. Darrell Kelly
- Lector: 8:30 a.m. Pat Becker
- Coffee Servers: Dennis & Audrey Bistodeau and Bill & Cheri Johnson

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD LAST WEEK

Attendance:

Sunday 10/12/2014	Attendance: 8:30 a.m. - 86	10:00 a.m. – 44
	<u>Month of September</u>	<u>Monthly amount needed</u>
General Offering:	\$11,308	\$15,340
Facility Fund:	\$ 1,190	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Today we welcome Roman Franklin Junker to the family of God through his Holy Baptism. Parents are Jason and Michelle Junker, sponsors are Denise and Sean Madigan. Grandparents are Sheila and Doug Penoyer. Let us lift this family in prayer.

Communion Sunday is today. Please complete your green card registration for communion. It is found in front of you in the pew. Place it in the offering plate or give it to the usher. We appreciate it when all visitors and members take time to complete the communion registration card.

Annual Lutefisk Dinner at Holden Lutheran Church, October 25th, 2014. Serving 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. Adults \$14.00 children 6-12 \$7.00. Under 6 years is free. There is also Meatballs, Swedish Sausage, Scandinavian cookies, craft and bake sale.

Check the October Newsline for more details about the Bazaar

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA Oct 19 THRU Oct 25, 2014 is VERY Busy!

- Sun Oct 19 8:30 am & 10:00 am /Communion/Baptism Roman Franklin Junker
- Mon Oct 20 8:30 am - 12:00 *Lefse Making*
9:30 am - 11:30 am Matter of Balance Class
7:00 pm AA & Alanon, Newsline Articles are Due!!
- Tues Oct 21 8:30 am Pastor's Text Study
8:30 am - 12:00 *Lefse Making*
1:00 pm Ditch Pick UP meet at Church, call Jerry Morris
- Wed Oct 22 8:30 a.m Bible Study
9:00 am- 10:00 Flu Shots Offered through Public Health
9:30 am - 11:30 am Matter of Balance Class
9:30 am Hardanger
11:00 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Choir
7:00 pm Praise Team
- Thurs Oct 23 8:00 am R.O.M.E.O.S.
8:00 am Foot Care
12:30 pm Fun Timers
4:00 am Set up Tables for Bazaar-Men & Women Welcomed!
6:00 pm Bells
- Fri Oct 24 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Bazaar Set Up-Bring 4 doz. Bring cookies and baked goods by 4:00 pm Friday. Remember to price your homemade goods.
- Sat Oct 25 9:00 am - 2:00 pm **Bethesda Holiday Bazaar**, volunteers please come by 8:00 am.
- Sun Oct 26 8:30 am & 10:00 am Worship Services/ New Member Sunday

New Members will be received on the last Sunday of each month. If you would like to join our congregation or know of someone who would be interested, please contact Pastor Raisanen 877-684-2123.

