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Twenty Third 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

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God:
grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

PSALM

Psalm 90:12

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

³You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night; R**

⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. R**

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²**So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. R**

GOSPEL:

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Marlys Beaver
Greeters: Bob and Kathy Carlson
Ushers: 8:30 am Skip and Lynn Hansen
10:00 am Dick and Sue Stebbins
Lector: 8:30 am Sue Samuelson
Hospitality Hosts: Joni and Ron Mehlhop & Marge and Rich Nelson

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, November 9nd 8:30 am – 62, 10:00 am – 19

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda November 16th through November 23th, 2014

Monday	11/17	7:00 pm	AA & Alanon
Tuesday	11/18	8:00 am	Pastor's Text Study, Onamia
		1:00 am	Double Deck Pinochle
		6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	11/19	8 am-noon	WIC
		8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Hardanger
		9:30 am	WELCA
		11:00 am	Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Choir
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	11/20	8:00 pm	R.O.M.E.O.S
		10 am-noon	Navigating Holidays with Loss of Loved Ones
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	11/21	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Sunday	11/22	8:30 am	Early Service
		10:00 am	Second Service

Newsline Articles are Due! November 20th !

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November WELCA Meeting Please come to the Women of the ELCA meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 9:30 a.m. Hope to you there!

Thank You! To all who helped with our Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Event. We put together over 50 boxes last Sunday. We had five families bring their young children to help assemble. Thank you to Cheri and Bill Johnson for cooking and serving our pancake and sausage breakfast, to Marilyn Andrews, Mary Kramer and Steve Long for serving and cleanup. And thank you to Laurie Westerlund of Sunrise Cafe for donating our breakfast! Thank you to Darlene Christensen for donating the milk and Coordinating Operation Christmas Child. One can still donate items and cash to help with postage until November 16th.

The Church Choir Needs You! Check it out on Wednesday night 6:00 -7:00 pm. Practice has begun for the Christmas Cantata. Every voice contributes to our performance.

Double Deck Pinochle Join us on Tuesdays 1:00 pm at church. It is great fun! If you want to learn how to play, we'll be happy to teach you.

Women's Christmas Luncheon is Saturday December 6th at 11:00 am. It is at church. Mark your calendar and watch for signup sheet.

Church Christmas Dinner It is time to plan to gather for our Church Christmas Dinner. This is Monday, December 8, 2014 at 6:00 pm. It will be held at the Pine Inn. There will be a sign up sheet next week and more details.

Navigating the Holidays This presentation will be offered November 20, 2014 at 10:00am at church. The presenter is Sue Lyback, Mille Lacs Hospital Social Worker. The focus of this presentation is offering support for people who have lost a loved one or maybe a caregiver for someone who is nearing the end of their life. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving Service will be held November 26, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Let us gather to offer our praise and thanks!

Glory Women's Christmas Salad Luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 12:30 pm, Glory Baptist Church

