

**Sunday, August 9, 2015**  
**Eleventh 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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### INTRODUCTION

*Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP      “We Welcome You”**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TEMPLE TALK              Craig Kullberg**

**OPENING HYMN:        “All the People Said Amen”**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.  
**Amen.**

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God and Father of all,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, □ you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**SATURDAY:** A new brother in Christ joined us in baptism. Dalton Ron Kangas.

### **TODAY 10:00AM SERVICE:**

Today a new brother in Christ will join us in baptism. Arden River Hunt.

**PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:                   “Everlasting God”**

### **FIRST READING: Ephesians 4:30—5:2**

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

### **Chapter 4**

<sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

### **Chapter 5**

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## PSALM : Psalm 130

*R: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. (Ps. 130:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared. R**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins. R**

## GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

<sup>35</sup>□ Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>□ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”

<sup>42</sup>□ They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” <sup>43</sup>□ Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>□ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>□ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>□ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>□ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>□ I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>□ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>□ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>□ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

**SERMON: “Dealing With Cantankerous People”**

**OFFERTORY SONG: “We Believe”**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

O God, build up your church throughout the world. Teach it to share the living bread from heaven that you provide so that all are fed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send rain and sun in their season so that fields of grain and fields of flowers thrive. Provide clean water for people and animals alike. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Draw leaders away from bitterness and into your ways of kindness and mercy. Replace blame and malice with forgiveness and justice. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sustain all whose journey feels too hard to bear. Restore the hope of all who despair. Comfort those who are poor, oppressed, persecuted, or homeless. Heal the sick and comfort the grieving (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless those who prepare the bread and wine for our worship, communion servers, and those who carry from this assembly the bread of life and cup of salvation to those who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Keep us in communion with our ancestors in the faith until we are raised up on the last day and join them at the table of the Lamb. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER – LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM**

### **BLESSING**

Almighty and merciful God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMNS: “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” #774**

**It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.**

### **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Music:	Saturday
	Sunday - The Praise Team
Greeters:	Warren & Gale Rolek
Ushers:	8:30 am — Barb & Lee Forrester
	10:00 am – Marilyn Andrews
Lector:	8:30 am – Judy Seifert

***Thank you for your service!***

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Saturday, August 1, 2015: 5:00pm 36

Sunday, August 2, 2015: 8:30am 88 10:00am 33

**Offerings for July** General: **\$14,753.56**

Building Fund: **\$2,055**

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**

August 10 – August 16

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Monday	8/10	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle AA/Alanon
Tuesday	8/11	8:00-10:00am 9:00am 1:30 pm	Pastor Text Study Quilters Friendship Day
Wednesday	8/12	8:30am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Hardanger Bible Study Choir Practice Praise Team
Thursday	8/13	8:00am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm	Romeos Fun Timers Hand Bell Practice
Friday	8/14	10:00am	Bones
Saturday	8/15	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday	8/16	9:00 am One Service	Worship – The Garms Family, Minnesota's Family of Southern Gospel Music

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew. This is a new process we are trying. This will replace the green cards. Information will be gathered for Evangelism.

**Coffee Servers Needed** Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. We need volunteers for the rest of August and beyond.

**New Members** We receive new members the last Sunday of the month. If you are interested in membership or associate membership, please talk to Pastor Raisanen.

**VEGGIE STAND** is still open every Saturday morning.

**BAZAAR** Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wahkon. Today! All are welcomed. Roast beef & Ham Dinner with all the trimmings 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Games, Country Home Store, live auction at 2:30 PM, raffle drawing at 3:00 PM.

**KNOWLEDGE BITES** “Alzheimer’s: The Basics” by Laura Dilley & George Moore Both are from Act on Alzheimer’s Group. This program is at Light of the Cross Church (2 blocks west of Super Valu in Garrison, Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Everyone welcomed! Treats and coffee served.

**BETHESDA LUTHERAN OF MALMO ANNUAL JAMBOREE** Save the dates to attend! September 11 & 12 at 7:00 PM at Bethesda. The theme this year is “WE ARE THE WORLD” Songs of Inspiration. If you are interested in participating contact Val Benton (218) 879-9364 or Sheila Penoyer (218)534-5337. Spots are filling up so hurry and contact them if you are interested.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>** There will be only one service next Sunday, August 16, at 9:00am. The Garms Family will be performing. They are Minnesota’s Family of Southern Gospel Music.