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Twentieth 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

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

LITANY OF JOY: **“This is The Wonderful Day”**

(Sung to tune of Pennsylvania Polka)

This is the wonderful day God has made, the day the Lord made for us!
Strike up the music, rejoice and be glad, come join the angel chorus,
Sing to the mountains and sing to the sea, sing out the old, old story.
Praise the Lord of all creation, O, shout and sing to His endless glory!

Darkness fading, light has come to dance upon the waves,
Day breaks, earth wakes, Christ has come His people now to save,
Lord of lakeshore, Lord of wildwood, field and stream and glen,
All children of the King, rejoice again and sing,
Rejoice in Him, O, shout and clap your hands.

This is the wonderful day God has made, The day the Lord made for us!
Strike up the music, rejoice and be glad, Come join the angel chorus,
Sing to the mountains and sing to the sea, Sing out the old, old story.
Praise the Lord of all creation, O, shout and sing to His endless glory!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“The Lord Comes to Cana”

(Sung to tune of Beer Barrel Polka)

In the garden, in the kingdom, In the Heaven made just for us,
Holy, merciful and joyous is the High Priest reigning o'er us.
With His mighty hand of healing, He sets the universe to reeling,

When the word is spoken, creation starts to swing.
With the angels crying, “Gloria!” And the earth replying, “Hosanna!”
The saints fall down on bended knee to cast their crowns upon the sea.
All the people meeting on the shore have come to worship Him who we adore,
We’ll celebrate eternally as Love proclaims His victory!

The Lord comes to Cana, oh marriage blessing divine,
The Lord comes to Cana, love bursting forth like new wine.
How sweet the music, the great wedding shout of the throng,
Come and join your hearts together with the Lord of song!

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, oh, glory!

The Lord comes to Cana, follow Him, feast and be free.
The Lord comes to Cana, join in the glad revelry,
How sweet the laughter, this song of our God-given cheer,
Join the music, raise the rafters, the Lord of love is here!

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, whose name is majestic in all the earth, who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well.

Amen.

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and saving God,
have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

In the name of † Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAISE

TEAM ANTHEM

“Harvest Hymn”

(Sung to tune of Somewhere My Love)

Father, again, to Thy dear Name we raise
A Harvest Hymn, our Autumn song of praise,
You send the sweet lullaby of the leaves
Falling to earth, floating upon the breeze.

Gardens, gardens of joy sleep now,
Slumber, to wake with the song of Summer,

Promise of Spring, warm as the winds that blow,
Promise You bring, soft as the falling snow.
Praise we the Lord of manna and morning dew,
A Harvest Hymn, our Autumn song for You.

First Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

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¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants. R**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Hallelu, Glory Be!”

(Sung to tune of Hoop-Dee-Do)

Hallelu, Glory be! Jesus Christ has come to set us all free,
Glory be, Hallelu! Oh, what a Friend has come to save me and you!
Hallelu, Hallelu! He's come to make our darkness bright,
Christ, the Prince of God's own peace, bids all toil and trouble cease,
He's our way, our truth, our life.

When I hear Good News ringing on the mountainside,
I get a thrill, I always will,
Heavenly sunshine floods my soul again, and then
This little light... see it ignite!

I hear the story of His glory, How He died and rose for me,
I feel a love divine, I feel a love so fine, I have to sing.
I shout out in the Word, rejoice in what I've heard,
I have to share the light and love He brings!

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Hallelu, Glory be! What once was lost is found and now I can see,
Glory be, Hallelu, a year of Jubilee beginning anew!
Hallelu, Hallelu! His love illuminates the night,
Christ the light of God's own face radiates amazing grace,
He's our way, our truth, our life!

When I hear Good News ringing on the mountainside,
I get a thrill, I always will,
Heavenly sunshine floods my soul again, and then
This little light... see it ignite!

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I feel a love divine, I feel a love so fine, I have to sing.
I shout out in the Word, rejoice in what I've heard,
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Come, oh, Lord, come to stay. Oh, come into our hearts, Lord Jesus today.
Come, oh, Lord, come today. Oh, come into our hearts, Lord Jesus to stay.

Hallelu, Hallelu! This is His world, He'll set it right.
Make straight the way, prepare Him room,
He'll disperse the clouds of gloom.
He's our way, our truth, our ...
He's our way, our truth, our ...
He's our way, our truth, our life!

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' □" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and

you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

SERMON: “When Is Enough ... Enough”

OFFERING and

OFFERTORY SONG:

“Garden Song”

(Sung to tune of Tennessee Waltz)

It is morning in the garden and the first light of Heaven

Kisses roses all covered with dew.

The Wind is dancing in the treetops, Blessing roses and raindrops,

For my Savior walks softly there too.

And I’m a new child of God in His garden of love,

Each bird in song and each petal in prayer.

A new child in the garden, There is peace there is pardon

For my Savior walks so softly there.

Oooh... (Repeat Verse)

“Cause He Lives”

(Creed sung to Just Because)

We believe in God Almighty, Father, Abba, our Creator Lord and King,

In Jesus Christ, His only Son, our brother, Who came eternal life to bring.

He lives tho’ crucified, died and buried, He rose again, the great, “I AM”

who is ... Oh, yes, who is still the same, Cause He lives, oh, yes, He lives!

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We believe in Jesus born of Mary, She bore the Gospel Babe without sin
By the Holy Spirit's power that calls and comforts The saints as they go
marching in! We believe that Christ is living in this body Of His forgiven
church a-singing out in bliss, Singing, "Oh happy day when we all fly
away!" Cause He lives, oh, yes, He lives!

We believe that Jesus suffered under Pilate, Died and stormed the gates of
Hell, Good News to bring. And we will rise to judgment jubilation
For death has lost its power and sting. We believe that Christ is living in His
body, Resurrected, now on high o'er all that is, And He'll answer and care in
our sweet hour of prayer, Cause He lives, oh, yes, He lives.

He lives to lead His church on to Glory, He lives to lead her safe Home
above, He lives - her Father, Fount, and firm foundation, His banner over
her is love. He lives - her health, her hope, her Holy Bridegroom,
He's known by the witness that she gives. So with banner unfurl'd,
shout out, "Joy to the world!" Cause He lives, oh, yes, He lives!

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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

Holy and ever-living God, uphold your people with your word, that we remain steadfast in our life with you. Deliver mercy and grace to us through Jesus, our high priest. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Reclaim lands and waters that have been polluted through human neglect and greed. By

your creative Spirit introduce again the vibrant and diverse life you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Establish your justice through the work of judges, juries, and officers of the court. Bless them, and those whom they serve, so that your goodness will flow through them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Pour out compassion on your servants in time of need (*especially*). Where people dwell in darkness, let the light of your truth and mercy refresh and renew them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Knock down the barriers in our lives that keep us from following you. Show us how to open doors for others to enter into your saving presence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your everlasting gift of forgiveness has sustained the saints throughout all generations. Continually immerse your people in that same gift until we stand before your throne of grace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORDS PRAYER

(Sung to the tune of Changing Partners)

Our Father in Heaven, holy be Your precious Name,
Your will reigns in Heaven, now on earth be it the same.
Oh, grant us a portion to supply our daily need,
And let us offer forgiveness as Your own we receive,
Let us offer forgiveness as Your own we receive.

Oh, turn us from evil and anything that's not of love,
From trials and temptations, dear Lord, deliver us.

For Your kingdom, Your power, and Your glory never end,
Oh, Father, forever let us sound the "Amen."
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Father, forever, let us sound the "Amen."

BLESSING

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing: 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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMNS:

“Blessing Song”

(Sung to the tune of Edelweiss)

Father, we go forth in peace, Servants receiving your blessing,
We depart with grateful hearts, Children Thy glory confessing.

Spirit descend now on us, we pray, O, Breath of Life refreshing,
Lead and guide, heal and hide, Those 'neath Thy holy wings nesting.

Jesus, we have offered Thee all that we are in Thy temple,
Lift thy face, Lord of grace, smile and show mercy eternal.

Lord, accept thou our thanks and grant that we are ever voicing
Praises true, all for You, As we go homeward rejoicing.

“O, Sweet Son”

(Sung to the tune of Redwing)

Our Lord's come to claim the Bride He's chosen from far and wide,
Her raiment of white is piercing the night, and ever in His courts she will abide.
See us standing hand in hand - people of every land,
Who join in the feast, who pray for His peace, who long for light of day.

O, Sweet Son, come blaze Your way with trumpet sounding,
Your Church surrounding with love abounding,
'Til we're caught up in the air where love burns e'er true,
And night turns into eternal day.

So ride on the clouds of might, come swirl in the stars of night,
To have and to hold, Your altar enfold with love beneath Your canopy of light.
Communion of souls sublime as lifting the veil of time,
We gaze on Your face and share Your embrace forever and always.

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 Your Church surrounding with love abounding,
 'Til we're caught up in the air where love burns e'er true,
 And night turns into eternal day. (REPEAT)

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: The Praise Team
 Greeters: Pat & Jerry Becker
 Ushers: 8:30 am — Paula Spetz & Lynn Hansen
 10:00 am – Ron & Joanne Haglund
 Lector: 8:30 am – Marylyn Hass
 Hospitality Hosts: Praise Team

Thank you for your service!

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

October 12 – October 18

Monday	10/12	9:00 am	Women's Devotion at Pat Becker's
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/13	10:00 am	Pastor Text Study
		9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday	10/14	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Hardanger
		9:30 am	Committee Leaders Meeting
		11:00am	Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	10/15	8:00am	Romeos
		10:00 am	Altar Care Meeting
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Hand Bell Practice
Friday	10/16	10:00am	Bones

Sunday	10/18	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders which you will find in the pew.

WORLD HUNGER SUNDAY has been designated for October 18. Please pick up a World Hunger Coin Box to save your change.

FOOD SAFETY CLASS Calling all women who work in the kitchen. There is a food safety class scheduled October 22nd from 9:00am – 12:00 noon at Bethel Lutheran Church in Palisade. These classes are very informative and necessary for everyone who works in the kitchen. Signup sheet is in the narthex. If you have taken the class before it needs to be repeated at least every 3 years.

HEARTLAND FALL GATHERING of Women of the ELCA will be held Oct. 24th, at Church of the Cross in Nisswa, MN. Signup sheet in the Narthex for car pooling. These conferences are very enjoyable and interesting. They usually have an excellent program. The topic this year is “Change”.

WELCA is in need of a co-chair. This is a 2 year term. The first year s mainly spent observing and the second year as chair. Basically all this involves is making the agenda and leading the meetings. There are only 6 meetings a year. Please consider this opportunity to serve. Without co-chairs WELCA will cease to continue and the organization is a vital part of the functioning of the church. If interested please contact Elsa Carlson 218-678-3408.

BRITHDAY PARTY for Dick Gripp’s 90th birthday will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24th from 11:00am-4:00pm in the fellowship hall. All are invited.

FREE MATINEE MOVIE at Milaca Theatre, October 9th thru October 15th at 2:00pm. The movie is WAR ROOM (prayer is a powerful weapon), it is a 2015 American Christian drama film. Milaca Theatre is located at 160 Central Ave South.

MALMO-GLEN NEW LIONS CLUB will be forming. They invite you and other community-minded individuals to join them for an informational meeting on Thursday, October 29th at 6:30pm at the Sunrise Café in Malmo. Cake will be served. If you cannot attend and would like to join or obtain additional information please contact Lion Randy Beaver 218 640-1220.