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Twenty-first 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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Our Awesome God”

10:00AM SERVICE:

Today a new brother in Christ will join us in baptism. Theodore Scott Nyberg.

First Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God’s saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16

You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. R**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation. R**

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

SERMON: “Be Careful What You Ask For”

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” #708 ELW

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

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.

Oh God, we give thanks for this community, for the church around the world, and for all those who attend to your people. May the church continue to grow in your love and grace. In Jesus’ name we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

James and John assured Jesus that they were willing to drink the cup he drank, and be baptized with his baptism. We pray, O God, that we too will be able to bear whatever suffering is required to be your disciples, and that we always remember we are here not to be served but to serve. In Jesus’ name we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, too many in our world suffer greatly from hunger, illness, homelessness. We know you are with them. Help us to be with them, too, through advocacy, solidarity, and direct connection. In Jesus’ name we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, so many of your children experience violence and despair. Too many live in war zones, in places far from here but also quite often in our own backyards. We pray that we can be instruments of your peace. May our commitment to love and justice for each person provide a balm for the wounds of hatred and fear. In Jesus’ name we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks, O God, for your gift of the Earth, for its water, its soil, its animals, insects, and birds. We ask forgiveness for the many ways we ignore the preciousness of

this gift. Give us the necessary strength to live in right relationship with the Earth and its offerings. In Jesus' name we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Your presence, God, is often found on the margins, with those whom the world has discarded. Remind us to continue to seek you there, to immerse ourselves in the edges, where hope and faith in you are most strong. In Jesus' name we pray, Lord, hear our prayer. Creator God, you formed us from ashes and breathed life into our bodies. Let us always be mindful of the gift of life and remain grateful for the ways you walk with us. In Jesus' name we pray,

Lord, 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.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of love, who loves us freely, strengthen us in our love for others; may Jesus Christ, who is the true bread from heaven, grant us grace to speak out for those who have

no voice; may the Spirit, who dwells in us, empower us to go out into the world to work for change, bringing God's justice and hope to all.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: "What a Wondrous Love is This" #666 ELW

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

- Music: Marlys Beavers & Choir
- Greeters: Bev Wedig, Judy Wozney
- Ushers: 8:30 am Bill & Cheri Johnson 10:00 am Marilyn Andrews
- Lector: 8:30 am Laurina Tofteland
- Hospitality Hosts: Mike & Barb Macioch, Judy
- Communion Servers: Jerry & Carolyn Morris, Mary Braun

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 11: 8:30am: 79 10:00am: 48

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

October 19 – October 25

Monday	10/19	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/20	9:00-9:45 am 10:00-12:00 9:00 am 2:00-4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Flu Shot Clinic Pastor Text Study Crafters 4H Council Meeting
Wednesday	10/21	8:00-12:00 8:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	WIC Bible Study Hardanger Stewardship Meeting Choir Practice Praise Team
Thursday	10/22	8:00 am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm	Romeos Fun Timers Bell Choir Practice

Friday	10/23	10:00 am	Bones
Saturday	10/24	11:00-4:00	Dick Gripp's 90 th Birthday Party
Sunday	10/24	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.

FLU SHOTS Jan West from Aitkin County Public Health will come with their mobile clinic on Tuesday, October 20th from 9:00am – 9:45am. Aitkin Public Health can bill insurance for your shot so be sure to bring your insurance card with you that day.

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.

2015 BAZAAR WORK SCHUDLE Our annual holiday bazaar will be from 9:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, October 31st. Please note the following:

- * Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1 most Sundays during the coffee hour.
- * Each family is asked to bring 6 dozen Christmas cookies for the cookie walk. Leave the cookies in the fellowship hall before 4:00 pm on FRIDAY, Oct 30th.
- * Sign-up sheets for bazaar jobs and lefse making will be on a table in the fellowship hall.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD There is a collection shoebox in the narthex for items that can go into shoeboxes that will be sent to needy kids around the world. Items needed are small toys, stuffed animals, balls, cars, trucks, dolls, T-shirts, caps, school supplies, toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, brushes, jewelry and any other new items that children would enjoy receiving. The shoeboxes will be packed on November 8th after the second service. There are empty shoeboxes if you would like to take one home and fill with a special child in your life. Postage fee of \$7 per box is also needed for shipping costs.