



So we fix

our eyes not on what is seen,
BUT ON WHAT IS UNSEEN.

since what is seen
IS TEMPORARY.

but what is unseen
IS ETERNAL.

-2 Corinthians 4:18

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

June 10, 2018 10:00 am

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Today's Focus -- God has a Plan

Jesus tells us to "Seek first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33). This is His invitation to us. Set your hearts on your home. In His plan it's all about the King and His kingdom. He wrote the script, built the sets, directs the actors, and knows the final act — an everlasting kingdom: *At the right time He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ — everything in heaven and on earth.* — Ephesians 1:10

The journey home is nice, but the journey is not the destination.

Those who are content with nothing more than joy in the journey are settling for too little satisfaction. We, like E.T., lift bent fingers to the sky. We may not know where to point, but we know not to call this world our home. *God... has planted eternity in the human heart.* — Ecc 3:11 In God's narrative, life on earth is but the beginning: the first letter of the first sentence in the first chapter of the great story God is writing with your life.

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? "Prayer Request" cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

AS WE GATHER: God answers our prayers and protects us in the day of trouble and strengthens those whom we cherish close to our hearts. Some take pride in what they can see and hear, but we take pride in God's activity in our lives. This gives us good reason to shout with joy for we believe that when we do call upon the Lord, our prayers are heard and answered. Let us worship God with gladness and joy.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP and BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP "Hear The Call Of The Kingdom" *Getty/Townend*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN OF PRAISE "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"
Getty/Townend

PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 3:8-15* **ESV**

EPISTLE READING *2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1* **ESV**

GOSPEL PRAISE "Thy Word" *Grant/Smith*

GOSPEL READING *Mark 3:20-35* **ESV**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH – *The Apostles Creed*

HYMN OF THE DAY "Walk By Faith" *Tune: LSB 761*

SERMON "Investing in the Wrong Stuff" *2 Cor 4:13-5:1*

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY "Create in Me" **LSB 192**

OFFERING of GOD'S PEOPLE *2 Corinthians 8:7*

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE BENEDICTION *2 Corinthians 5:17*

CLOSING HYMN "How Deep the Father's Love For Us" *Townend*

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

June 10

"A Light Momentary Affliction?"

(2 Corinthians 4:17-5:1)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Paul had his problems. You've never met anyone who didn't. And yet, Paul called his problems "light" and "momentary". Today's message deals with the question, 'What does Paul know that we don't?'

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

June 17

"Tell Me a Story!"

(Mark 4:26-34)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Jesus loves to tell us stories. In His stories about the normal things of life, Jesus teaches us about the reign of God in our lives. This Father's Day, what makes for a godly father, or mother or Christian? The willingness to tell our stories.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: June 10 "You can stand for life today, even if you have had an abortion. When you bring any sin into the light, Jesus disarms the enemy. The devil can no longer hold that sin over you. Christ is your righteousness, and you stand in Him. God's Word declares it to be so." *Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a [Word of Hope](http://www.word-of-hope.org), Lutherans For Life's post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org.)*

STEWARDSHIP: June 10 (Trinity II)

Luke 14:19 – "And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' "

The things of this world tempt us to cast aside the things of God. The things of this world demand our attention, time, finances, etc. But Jesus invites us to the feast – what could be more important than this gracious invitation? Today's parable invites us to examine our own priorities and attempted excuses...and then to come home to the Lord in humble repentance.

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

6/10 Sun	Third Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA
6/11 Mon	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
6/12 Tues	6:30 pm All Boards Meet
6/13 Wed	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
6/14 Thurs	12:00 pm KOA/50+ "Roses" Picnic Lunchy
6/15 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
6/16 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
6/17 Sun	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Counters: Sandy Westling and Tom Harris

Altar Care: Diane Gade

Attendance: 6/03/2018: 35

Offerings -- Regular \$2,020; Loose Plate \$101; May

Mission \$200; Rent \$1,085

Total: \$3,406

Needed each week for 2018: \$3,480.87

Wednesday Bible Study: Next Class – July 11th

Sunday Bible Study: Next class – September 8th

***** Altar Care needed for July! *****

During today's Fellowship Angie and Karmon will entertain us with music and song.

Come enjoy songs from the 30's, 40's and 50's, etc. See you there!!

Hosted by Social Ministry



BIRTHDAYS: 12th Deb Forsberg, 15th Meridel Christopherson

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling – In Honor of Son Jeff’s Retirement from the Coast Guard

FLOWERS: None

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris,
Robert & Delores Kluwe, Nanc Rixe, Ada Samson

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Larry Derksen (Shirley’s brother) – recovery from surgery

Lynn & Edith Engel (friends of Sandy & Bob Bauer) – Lynn, Cancer and Reconstructive surgery (w/chemo and radiation to follow)

Vera Gade (Pastor’s mother) hospitalized w/ broken hip

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel’s brother) medical issues

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel’s brother) medical issues

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Roxie Johnson (Morelli’s niece) heart issues

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann’s brother) – COPD

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Amy Price (Morelli’s niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Doris Rixe, (Nanc’s mother) – heart related recovery

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Nancy Tousant (Krystal Kruse’s co-worker) – Cancer

“IN OUR PRAYERS” AND “REQUESTED PRAYERS”

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers’ counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know.

Spring Offering -- May/June

The Spring Offering, being held through the end of June, will benefit **Bethesda Lutheran Communities**. Every day they are making a difference in the lives of people in communities across the country. Bethesda is a Christian organization that provides homes and other services for people with developmental disabilities to help them live the lives they want. Feel free to use your May/June Offering envelopes or another envelope marked as such. Thank you.

Thrift Sale at Immaculate Conception

June 14 @ 8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Church and School, 4030 Jackson St. NE, Columbia Heights, will have a Thrift Sale, Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15, 8 am-7 pm, and Saturday, June 16 (\$5 bag sale), 8 am-noon. Info: 763-788-9062 or ICCSonline.org.

Northeast Lions Golf Tournament

The 2018 Northeast Lions Golf Tournament will be Friday, June 15, at 10:30 am, at Columbia Golf Course, 3300 Central Ave. NE. It's an 18-hole, four-person Scramble Tournament. Everyone is welcome. Come out for a great afternoon of fun and games to support the Northeast community. There will be prizes, awards, and dinner, immediately following the end of the tournament, at Jax Café. The cost is \$110.

Registration is required: eventregisterpro.com/event/nelions.

Info: Larry Wajda at 612-849-0772 or larrywajda@aol.com.

Donate blood during Stone Arch Festival

June 16 @ 11:30 am - 4:00 pm

Memorial Blood Centers will set up near the Stone Arch Bridge during the festival, June 16-17. Go to 219 Main St., Suite 304, between 11:30 am and 4 pm to donate. Donors will be automatically entered into a drawing for a pair of Minnesota Twins game tickets.

Coffee With Your Council Member | June 20 @ 5:00 pm

Minneapolis Third Ward Council Member Steve Fletcher will host Coffee With Your Council Member, Wednesday, June 20, at 5 pm, at Glam Doll Donuts, 519 Central Ave. NE. Constituents are invited to drop by to ask questions and raise any issues they see in the community. All are welcome. RSVP on Facebook or just show up: facebook.com/FletcherMpls/.

Volunteers needed to help seniors with outdoor chores

The Senior Community Services HOME Program is looking for groups of volunteers to help seniors stay in their homes by helping with outdoor chores. Groups of all sizes are welcome, including faith groups, friends, family, neighbors, or sports teams. Kids are welcome. Volunteers must be 7 or older. Volunteers younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Info: seniorcommunity.org or Cat at c.beringer@seniorcommunity.org or 952-767-7894.

2018 Salo Park Summer Concert Series

Thursday evenings, 7 pm

June 21: 7 Cats Swing

June 28: The Backyard Band

July 5: Cornbread Harris and Friends

July 12: Jazz on the Prairie Big Band

July 19: The Fabulous Fairlanes

July 26: Ecuador Manta

August 2: Brio Brass

August 9: Everett Smithson Band, Music of the Mississippi

The Amphitheater is located on 39th Ave. NE between Silver Lake Road and Stinson Boulevard, in St. Anthony Village. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be held at the St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road.

Info: saloparkconcertseries.com.

Kiwanis selling compost

The Kiwanis Key Clubs at the high schools of Columbia Heights and Fridley are helping to sell bagged rich compost made by the "Plate to Garden" organics recycling program involving both cities. Each bag (about 20 lbs.) is \$3 each with the money going to scholarships at the participating high schools. The compost will be sold every Saturday at the Columbia Heights Recycling Center, Madison Ave. and 38th St., from 9 am-1 pm until winter. You don't need to live in Columbia Heights or Fridley to buy compost. Treat your garden to the best locally made compost around.

FUNDS STILL NEEDED FOR STREET REPAIR

You may have noticed over the last several weeks, street work and repairs have continued outside of Gloria Dei with upgrades to the pedestrian ramps, replacement of select curbs and gutters and a diamond grid resurfacing of the street pavement.

As a reminder in April 2017, we were assessed \$18,073.72 for this project. Since the work was not completed last summer, our assessment was postponed one year. Church Council has decided to pay the assessment in full to avoid interest charges. If you are interested in contributing toward the street repair fund, please mark your envelope "**Street Repair.**"

Thank you to all who have contributed

KOA+ is Coming Up Roses! Thursday, June 14th at noon

With June being National Rose Month, the focus will be on the many varieties of roses -- there are over 100 varieties. Verlayne will make a picnic lunch. Menu will include: Grilled Hamburgers, Summer Salad, Fruit Salad, Baked Beans, Chocolate Cake and Ice Cream. The cost will be \$7. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Church entry. Write "need ride" next to your name if you need a ride OR write "give ride" if you would be willing to pick someone up.

Plan to bring a friend!

2018 LWML District Convention



“Grace Above All”

is the theme of the 27th Biennial MN South District Convention –June 29-30, 2018 at the Verizon Center, Mankato, MN.

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain.” (1 Cor. 15:10a).

This year’s convention, will be Friday through Saturday. The business and decisions of the LWML Minnesota South District must be conducted at the convention. This includes setting the 2018–2020 Mission Goal, choosing the Mission Grants that we will fund, updating Bylaws, and electing the officers to serve from 2018 – 2022.

Christian Life Bible studies will be at 7:15am on Friday and Saturday, with the third Bible study Saturday afternoon as part of the convention program. The Communion Service will be Friday evening. Rev. Robert Mundahl, LWML National Senior Counselor, will be Proclaimer. Bible study leader will be Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions, Fort Wayne Seminary. Mission Speakers are Rev. Ben Griffin, Executive Director of LINC Twin Cities, and Rev. Ryan McDermott, Area Facilitator for Deaf Ministry - West and Central Africa.

Visit <https://www.mnslwml.org/events/convention> for registration forms or ask Pastor for one.

Catechesis Note for the Week **Paradoxes of the Christian Faith**

Sceptics often attack the Christian faith claiming that many parts of our belief have contradictions. I don't know about Christianity having contradictions because if it has, it means it doesn't work. But based on experience and facts, the truth that keeps coming out is that our faith is very much real and it works.

What we see in our faith is not a handful of contradictions but rather a good amount of paradoxes. While some paradoxes only cause more confusion, there are several paradoxes in the Christian faith that bring more light. Here are a couple paradoxes of the Christian faith that bring more clarity and make our faith truly something worth holding on to.

We Are Dead But Alive - Romans 6:4 tells us, **"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."** This is a paradox which means that while we die to our sinful nature more and more, we live more and more in the ways of Christ. As we live on this earth, we are in between death and life, experiencing a little of both. But once death is made complete in this body while the spirit lives, we are promised pure life for all eternity.

Victorious in Christ's Wounds - It's wonderful news yet also a terrible one to know the victory we have in Christ's death. On one hand, we are dismayed by our depravity that we would cause such grief to our Lord. Yet on the other hand, we are extremely grateful that Jesus was more than willing to pay the full price for us to live victoriously, and that price was His own life. Isaiah 53:5 tells us, **"But He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed."**

Rejoicing in Trials

As the world expresses joy in earthly victory, we as believers are taught to rejoice even in deepest trials because in trials we still experience a valuable benefit—the building of our perseverance and faith. James 1:2-3 says, **"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."** God's wonderful design allows us to still exist even in our deepest difficulties. We can rejoice even when the world calls us to grieve.

More paradoxes in the coming weeks

Today's Scripture Readings

GENESIS 3:8-15: After Adam and Eve had rebelled against God in their attempt to become divine like Him, they hid themselves in abject fear and naked shame from God. But He did not leave them there in that terrible place. Instead He looked for them in order to confront them with what they have done. But they refused to take any responsibility for their sorry state. Adam shifted the blame on to Eve and through her onto God. She, in turn, blamed the snake. Rather surprisingly, God cursed the snake, the devil, by turning him into the enemy of humanity and declaring that his head would be crushed under the heel of Eve's eventual offspring, Jesus.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1: Here Paul spells out the comfort that Christians have from the bodily resurrection of Jesus and their present participation in His death and resurrection. Their bodies are compared to two kinds of houses. While their present bodies are like flimsy tents that provide temporary accommodation, their resurrected bodies will be like an eternal mansion for permanent residence. At present Jesus is doing something amazing with them. Like a super-renovator He does not tear down the old building completely but renovates it from the inside to the outside. As their bodies age and decay, He makes new people of them, people for whom the best is yet to come.

MARK 3:20-35: Here Jesus raises two questions. The first is in answer to the claim that Jesus cast out demons by His use of superior demonic power, the power of the devil. He shows the absurdity of that kind of civil warfare. Instead, His deliverance of people from demons shows that He has come to bind the devil in order to plunder his house by freeing his slaves. Thus He is not empowered by an unclean spirit but the Holy Spirit. The second is in answer to attempt of His family to take Him home because they thought that He had lost his mind (3:21). Instead of submitting to their demands, He asserts that His family consists of all those who do God's will by listening to His word.

Lessons for the 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 1; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Mark 4:26-34



We all have different definitions of family, but Veronica Perez, a former nurse, was willing to expand her understanding of the term when she invited Bill Jakovac into her home through **Bethesda's** host home program. Bill, his vision severely obscured before Veronica pushed for Bill to have surgery to remove cataracts, has found a new way of looking at life – and a loving home where he is embraced by all. “You see him as a member of your family,” Veronica says. Just as Bill’s life has been impacted, Veronica says her life and family have been improved by caring for him. “Bethesda brought us together,” she says. “We’re just so grateful.” Be like Veronica and show your love for the people Bethesda supports.

By taking time today to make a donation, you’re helping Bethesda make connections and make a difference in the lives of people just like Bill.

Thank You