



ALWAYS BE HUMBLE
AND GENTLE.
BE PATIENT WITH
EACH OTHER,
MAKING ALLOWANCE FOR EACH
OTHER'S FAULTS BECAUSE OF
YOUR LOVE.

— *Ephesians 4:2* —

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

August 5, 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 — ***It's ALL about Jesus***

It is not the material, physical, or natural aspects of God's actions that reveal who He is, but rather the supernatural, spiritual and eternal aspects that are ultimately important. We pray that we may be given Christ, the true bread from heaven, so that He may give us life. As the "Body of Christ" where Christ is our head, we are the members of His living body. We are united in Christ and are given gifts, not for our benefit, but to contribute to the ongoing growth of the church. In the church we are to be humble and love one another; we are to avoid self-glorification, childish waywardness, and stagnation.

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)

THE DISTRIBUTION - DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Blessed Jesus, Living Bread"

Tune: LSB 687

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

Tune: LSB 527

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✂ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✂



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY Proverbs

Sunday Bible Study: Next class – September 9th

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

8/05 Sun Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Worship w/HC

6:00 pm NA

8/06 Mon 6:30 pm AIAnon 1

8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2

8/08 Wed 10:00 am Bible Study

8/10 Fri 5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice

8:00 pm AA/AIAnon

8/11 Sat 10:00 am TLWCC Worship

6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship

8/12 Sun Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am Worship

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Patty and Tom Lyrenman

Counters: Pat Scott and Shirley Holzingerr

Altar Care: Diane Gade

Attendance: 7/29/2018: 27

Offerings -- Regular \$1,675; Loose Plate \$20.26;

Memorials \$75; Flowers \$20; Hinges Book \$20

Total: \$1,810.26

Needed each week for 2018: \$3,480.87

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

August 5

"And the Pursuit of Happiness"

(Exodus 16:2-15; John 6:22-35)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

When the main goal in life is your happiness, you've turned in on yourself and away from others, especially God. Turn from yourself to Jesus and you'll know a peace that surpasses all understanding, and that is the basis for true lasting happiness.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

August 12

"Pigeonholed"

(John 6:42)

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

Just when you think you are getting to know Jesus, He says something which can confuse. Today the world remains confused about God's Son, our Savior. That's because Jesus refuses to be pigeonholed by the world's desires or expectations. He's God's Son, Who has come to save humankind. Anything else, or different than this, is simply unacceptable.

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: August 5 "We are not engaged in a battle for lives but souls. We fight for the souls that drift from the faith in their pursuit of abortion, and we battle for souls who do not yet know Christ as their Savior. It is our primary vocation because the evidence is clear. Society as a whole has no trouble ending human life it no longer values. We restore the value to human life when we venerate the place of its Creator." *Rev. Robert*

STEWARDSHIP: August 5 **Ephesians 4:1 – "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you were called."** The callings we have from the Lord are our "vocations." Here Paul talks about our vocation as Christian. We are called to be His people and to reflect His love, generosity, and peace within the Church.

Minnesota State Primaries are coming up on Aug 14

Both State Senators, your State Representative, our Governor and Attorney General are the main elections but County Commissioners, Mayors and School Board Members are also on the ballots. Primaries are important, use your freedom to vote seriously.

BIRTHDAYS: 1st Carin Anderson, 1st Roselyn Norman
6th James Sather

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: None

FLOWERS: Roselyn & James Norman –
In Memory of Muriel and Bob Heyer

PRAYER CONCERNS

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Carin Anderson, Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson, Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris, Robert & Delores Kluwe, Nanc Rixe, Ada Samson

IN OUR EXTENDED PRAYERS

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

Lewis & Vera Gade (Pastor's parents) COPD/dementia & MI

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

Jack Olson former member of Gloria Dei, brother-in-law to Meridel and Patty, complications of kidney failure after heart surgery

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Doris Rixe, (Nanc's mother) – heart valve issues

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.

Those Battling Cancer

Lynn & Edith Engel (friends of Sandy & Bob Bauer) Radiation to be successful

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

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

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

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

"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?

2-PAC meeting | August 13 @ 6:00 pm

The Second Precinct Advisory Council (**2-PAC**) will meet **Monday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m., at Monroe Village Apartments**, 1900 Central Ave. NE, in the community room. Entry is from the parking lot at the rear of the building.

The **August meeting topic will be elder abuse**. Speaker Susan Crumb, from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, will discuss what triggers legal action and how that works. The meeting will also include reports from police, attorneys, and other court officers about activity in the neighborhood, and Court Watch, which tracks certain offenders through the system. **2-PAC meetings are free and open to the public. Attendance is encouraged.**

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 7

Last year more than 1,500 events were registered with the City. It is free to participate in the National Night Out.

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting to know their neighbors as a way to prevent crime. It's a great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family.

Crest View Senior Community in Columbia Heights

4444 Reservoir Blvd. NE

National Night Out Block Party

Tuesday, August 7th | 4 to 5:30 pm

Plan to Join Us: KOA/50+

We will meet on Thursday, August 16th at 12 noon. The theme will be National Clown Month. Verlayne will be serving Beef Stroganoff, Coleslaw, Asian Medley and Raspberry Pie. The cost will be \$7.

Sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Lobby.

Feel free to bring a friend!

2018 Salo Park Summer Concert Series

August 9 @ 7 pm: 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.

Great Results – Thanks to YOUR Generosity!

Gloria Dei was able to raise **\$770** for **Bethesda Lutheran Communities** during our **Spring Offering**.

Every day Bethesda is making a difference in the lives of people in communities across the country. Bethesda is a Christian organization providing homes and other services for people with developmental disabilities.

We also raised **\$525**, which will provide the Word of God to active-duty troops and veterans via **Military BibleSticks**. Military BibleStick is a ministry of **Faith Comes By Hearing** and because of your generous donations, they continue to receive thank you notes and testimonies like the one below from the men and women being blessed and transformed by your generosity:

I received my BibleStick at the range and ever since, I have listened to it at least one hour a day. I love the way it makes the Bible come alive, it is not just someone reading to you. This is a fantastic way to share the word of God! I hope that through this technology many people find their way into the saving grace of our Lord. God bless you and your donors for what you do.

Thanks again. Morgan Jackson

**August Fellowship is Sunday August 12th
Diane Gade and Bev Svac will host – See there!**

Free Produce Market

Little Kitchen Food Shelf | 1500 Sixth Street NE

Distribution Dates: Aug 11, Aug 25, Sept 8, Sept 22

Distribution of product starts at 11 am and distribution ends at 1 pm. Takes place on the Fifth Street side of the building near the entrance to Little Kitchen food shelf. For more information about volunteering call Jennifer at 612-788-2444 x12.

St. Anthony Community Theater's "Mr. Popper's Penguins"

The St. Anthony Community Theater presents "Mr. Popper's Penguins," **Sunday, Aug. 5, at 2 pm, in the St. Anthony High School Auditorium, 3303 33rd Ave. NE.**

"Mr. Popper's Penguins" tells the story of a poor house painter named Mr. Popper and his family, who live in the small town of Stillwater in the 1930s when the Poppers unexpectedly come into possession of a penguin, Captain Cook. Info: sactheater.org.

The Washington Monument: Centerpiece of the National Mall

Catholic Eldercare will host a **free** presentation on Monday, **August 6, 1:30-3 pm** at the MainStreet Lodge, 909 Main St. NE. The 555 foot Washington Monument stands proudly in the center of the National Mall in Washington DC. Building the Monument involved disagreements about the design, political infighting, inability to raise money, and a 22 year interruption in the building phase. Presented by David Jones as part of Catholic Eldercare's Elder Enrichment Series. Call 612-362-2450 to register.



Join us for Weekly Devotions!

Everyone can use a little extra encouragement to start the week, right? **Bethesda** is excited to announce their new weekly devotions, *Inbox Inspiration*:

- Inspirational messages delivered to your email inbox weekly
- Receive guidance, encouragement and insights to strengthen your faith
- Help deepen your connection with God throughout the week
- Devotions created by Bethesda's Religious Life Team for you

Begin Your Week in God's Word

Start your week with encouragement by receiving Bethesda's weekly devotions, *Inbox Inspiration*, for guidance, enrichment and insights on living life with Jesus Christ. These devotions are written by Bethesda's dedicated Religious Life Team and will be **delivered to you via your email inbox every Monday morning**. Sign up at www.bethesdalutherancommunities.org/inbox-inspiration today and start connecting with God through our devotions right at the beginning of each week.

Preview Inbox Inspiration –

"You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" Isaiah 41:9b-10 ESV



With the start of August and the State Fair around the corner, that can only mean one thing, summer is coming to an end. With that in mind, enjoy the weather!

A Hiking Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Help me to be straightforward like the sky-seeking redwood tree. May my generosity be like the sap which ascends and nourishes. May my soul be clear like the spring water at its origin. May my will be like the faultless granite. May You be always throughout my life a constant companion. May the cross which rises at the crossroads be for me like the meeting of a friend. Amen.



Catechesis Note for the Week

Is Faith Merely Assurance? (Hebrews 11:1)

Hebrews 11:1 is one of the more important verses in the Bible as it helps to define what "faith" is. This passage also points out the challenges of finding just the right English word for a Greek word. Sometimes, there just isn't a word.

The KJV and NKJV speak of substance ***"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for." But what is "substance"?***

The NIV writes, ***"Now faith is confidence (ὑπόστασις) in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."*** The problem with "confidence" (other than I always hear Julie Andrews singing (Sound of Music) when someone says the word) is that it is too weak. I can be confident, and wrong.

Other translations speak of ***"assurance"*** (ESV, NASB, NRSV).

The NET (New English Translation) says, ***"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for."***

The HCSB (Holman Christian Study Bible) is getting much closer to what the word means: ***"Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for."***

The NJB (New Jerusalem Bible) has, ***"Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for."***

You can see what they are all struggling to say. Faith is the bedrock, complete and total, conviction of what is true, even though the fulfillment lies in the future.

We know that without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb 11:6). So the one indispensable quality of a true followers of Jesus is that he or she is completely and totally convinced that Jesus is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do. We trust not in ourselves but in Jesus and what He did, does, and will do for us.

In fact, the purest form of faith sees very little difference between looking forward in the present, and what it will be like to actually experience the future when our hope becomes reality. Perhaps it is better to say that faith sees the future as our present reality, and we do so with resolute confidence.

Today's Scripture Readings

Exodus 16:2-15: *God allowed the Israelites, after miraculous rescue from slavery and death, to be led into a hopeless physical situation without natural means of proper nourishment. His miraculous provision of food also provided a test and learning opportunity for them. The use of this food sent from heaven called for faith and obedience and demonstrated that the real source of continued life is the word from God's mouth and that God trains His people in obedience to that word (Deut 8:3,16). The name 'manna' is derived from their initial question, 'man hu' (what is it?). Jesus pointed to His own coming as analogous to this miracle (John 6:41) but identified Himself as an infinitely greater and eternal 'food'.*

Ephesians 4:1-16: *Every expression of Christian faith, Christian living and Christian love is meant by God to build up the unity of His people just as the means of giving the new life emanate from the Trinity's own unity. The many and varied gifts of spiritual leadership and ministry He has given His church are also given to achieve that unity. This unity is to bring Christians together to mature by growing into the character of their head, namely Christ. False doctrine destroys and divides. The truth of the word fabricates intricately a united body ever growing in love.*

John 6:24-35: *After Jesus had fed the 5000 he quietly withdrew to avoid efforts forcibly to make him a king. That was still in the mind of the crowd which found Him. They had seen no further in the miracle than the bread which they received, not giving a thought that it came from God's power. Jesus told them to devote their efforts rather to eternal life, which could only come by faith. The people, however, demanded a sign. They would only believe something they could see themselves. Jesus told them that the true bread gives what God deems to be true life; that He Himself was the bread of life, and that to receive it meant believing in Him.*

Lessons for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:17-5:2; John 6:35-51