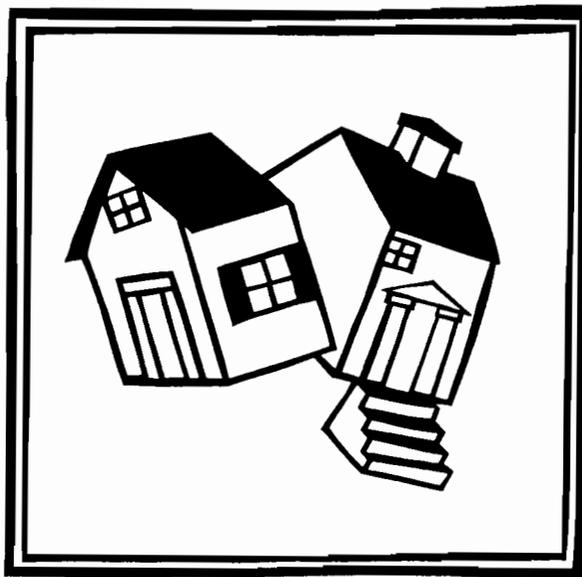


**Saturday, June 9th, 2012 & Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**Worship Music led by Praise Team**



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**



## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**ANTHEM: "Better Than Life"**

**CCLI # 3979862**

**FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

### **Chapter 4**

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — "I believed, and so I spoke" — we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

### **Chapter 5**

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## PSALM: Psalm 130

*Refrain: Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared. R**

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD  
there is plenteous redemption.

**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins. R**

## GOSPEL: Mark 3:20–35

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.*

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When Jesus' family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

## SERMON

OFFERTORY SONG:                    “Blessed Be the Lord”

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With reverence for the earth, those in need, and the whole human family, let us offer our prayers to God.

*A time for silent prayer.*

For the church, that it boldly stand against evil and oppression, even as it promotes reconciliation among nations, races, and religions. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all who work in commerce, government, or politics, that their work benefit those in need and the rights of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the land, that rains and showers water the earth, and produce food for all creatures that swim, walk, crawl, or fly. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick, anxious, lonely, or grieving (*especially*), that they not lose heart, but hold fast to your promises. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For the individuals, couples, and families in this community, that our words and deeds reveal your gracious will. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be made.*

We give thanks for all the faithful departed whose lives enriched the family of faith, and who now dwell with you in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive our hopes and prayers, O God of mercy, for great is your faithfulness in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER led by Praise Team**

### **BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING SONG: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" CCLI # 4127730**

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

Music: Praise Team  
Greeters: Lyn Hass & Judy Wozney  
Ushers: 8:30 Lee & Barb Forrester, 10:00 Dick & Sue Stebbins  
Lectors: 8:30 Karen Carron, 10:00 Joan Niskanen  
Coffee Servers: Mark Korngable & Alene Lowe, Jerry & Carolyn Morris

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (6/2/12 & 6/3/12)

Attendance: Sat. 5:00 – 25 Sun. 8:30 – 114 10:00 – 52

Offering: \$ 5,161.00 Building Fund: \$ 965.00 Blessing Box: \$ 300.44

**\$ 3,846.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.**

**\$ 580.00 – Weekly amount (building fund) needed for mortgage payment.**

## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

Mon., June 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Devotions at Pat Becker's home AA & Alanon
Tues., June 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Quilters Bells
Wed., June 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Stewardship Bible Study Choir Praise Team
Thurs., June 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S. Funtimers (Card Games & Dominoes)
Sat., June 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Saturday Evening Worship

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. the **Women's Devotions** group will be meeting at Pat Becker's home. Bring your Bible and come join us in our study of the Old Testament.

There will be a **Stewardship meeting** on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**Vacation Bible School** June 18-22, 2012. If you can help, contact Dianne Jones or Joanne Stueven.

**No Crafters** meeting VBS week – **Crafters** will meet at 9 a.m. on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Foot Care** will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.—Please sign up.

**Photos** will be taken for our **new church directory** on June 28, 29 & 30. July 9<sup>th</sup> has been added as there were not enough spots available. You must register for a time to have your photo taken.

We are in need of **coffee servers** for the months of July & August. The bulletin board on which you may sign up on is next to the serving window by the kitchen. Thank you for helping out.

**Summer Camp** Martha Sammes at Isle Community Ed office has received a grant for kids ages 8-15 to go to summer camp of their choice. Parents obligation is to get kids to & from camp. If you have grandkids, children, friends who would enjoy camp, please call Martha at 320-676-1585. This is not limited to Mille Lacs County.

At 5 p.m. on Saturday Evening, June 30<sup>th</sup> and at 10 a.m. on Sunday Morning, July 1<sup>st</sup> there will be featured **Rock the Spirit – Music of the 60's & 70's – A Celebration of Freedom** in the Fellowship Hall of Bethesda. Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. a **Traditional Communion Service** will be held. Join us! Invite your friends!

July 20<sup>th</sup> will be our Annual **Beef & Corn Feed** this year.