

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012



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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**

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## INTRODUCTION

*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

## PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP by Bell Choir:                      “Open Our Eyes”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:                      “Be Thou My Vision”                      # 793 ELW

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Gracious God, who is the source of all love, we have been called to share not only our lives but our livelihood, and we find it difficult. We are called to respond in total love to the needs which surround us, but we find this kind of commitment unattractive. The need is great and our hearts are hard. Help us today to discover the great joy of sharing the adventure of giving and the wonder of your Spirit at work in us. We desire a new beginning. Forgive our sin and give us a new start. Amen.**

Hear the word of the Gospel! The God of all the universe has loved us with an everlasting love that forgets our sin and makes all things new. Hear the word of the Gospel! Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross so our relationship with God would be made right. Hear the word of the Gospel! *For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.* Praise God for the Good News of the Gospel!

**Amen.**

## 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.

**O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**BELL CHOIR ANTHEM: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1–4**

*The prophet Malachi announces the coming of one who will prepare a way for God's arrival. His burning program of reform will make God's people ready for salvation.*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

**PSALM: Psalm 141**

*Refrain: My eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD. (Ps. 141:8)*

O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

**Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD, and guard the door of my lips.

**Let not my heart incline to any evil thing. Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, nor eat of their sweet foods. R**

*Refrain: My eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD.*

Let the righteous strike me; their rebukes, as oil upon the head, are not to be refused.  
Yet my prayers are continually against the deeds of the wicked.

**Let their rulers be thrown down upon the stones, that they may hear my words  
for they are sweet.**

Just as one who tills the earth breaks the rock, so let their bones be scattered at the mouth  
of the grave.

**But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD; in you I take refuge; strip me not of  
my life. R**

Guard me from the trap that they have laid for me and from the snares of evildoers.

**Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I alone pass through. R**

**GOSPEL: Mark 4:35–41**

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

**HYMN: "Day By Day" # 790 ELW**

**SERMON**

**HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story" # 661 ELW**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**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

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.*

That you send heralds and messengers to announce the dawn of mercy and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

That you raise up public leaders and officials who will work for the common good and seek reconciliation with enemies and foes. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

That the bright summer sun nourish and refresh trees, plants, crops, and vegetation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

That the light of your presence comfort and heal all who sit in the darkness of addiction, despair, or illness (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

That we delight in these midsummer days, reveling in the long hours of daylight and the great favor you bestow on your people. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be made.*

We give thanks for the birth of John the Baptist and for all your holy prophets and saints of old. May your light increase in us until the day when there is no more darkness, sin, or death. 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

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and grant you his peace.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Go My Children with My Blessing" # 543 ELW**

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**THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

- Organist: Marlys Beavers
- Greeters: Dennis & Lynne Meidlinger
- Ushers: 8:30 Keith & Dawn Kellen, 10:00 JoAnn & Ron Haglund
- Lectors: 8:30 Kathy Berland, 10:00 Wally Swenson
- Coffee Servers: Dick & Anita Nelson, Doug & Ingrid Trandahl

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (6/16 & 6/17)**

Attendance: Sat. 5 p.m. – 29 Sun. 8:30 a.m. – 114 10:00 – 44

Offering: \$ 3,105.50 Building Fund: \$ 495.00

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

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

**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

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| Mon., June 25 <sup>th</sup>   | 9:00 a.m.  | Stewardship                                      |
|                               | 7:00 p.m.  | AA & Alanon                                      |
| Tues., June 26 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:00 a.m.  | Quilters   |
|                               | 9:00 a.m.  | Crafters   |
|                               | 9:30 a.m.  | Bells  |
| Wed., June 27 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:30 a.m.  | Bible Study                                      |
|                               | 9:30 a.m.  | Hardanger  |
|                               | 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study                                      |
|                               | 6:00 p.m.  | Choir  |
|                               | 7:00 p.m.  | Praise Team                                      |
| Thurs., June 28 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00 a.m.  | R.O.M.E.O.S.                                     |
|                               | 9:00 a.m.  | Foot Care  |
|                               | 1:00 p.m.  | Funtimers  |
| Sat., June 29 <sup>th</sup>   | 5:00 p.m.  | Worship:Rock the Spirit-Music of the 60's & 70's |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for **Rock the Spirit – A Celebration of Freedom** at 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. **A Traditional Communion Service** will be held at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. **Come join us! Bring your friends.**

**Directory Photos:** Don't forget your photo appointments on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

The **Portals of Prayer** for July-September are available in the Narthex.

The **Glen Parade** will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The event will be hosted by Keith & Dawn Kellen of Glen. Valerie Benton will emcee.

The **Mille Lacs Area Youth** will present **The Beverly Hillbillies** on Wednesday and Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Isle School Auditorium and Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at Onamia Crosier Center. Free will donation. (See bulletin board for further information).

The **Veggie Stand** will open on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and every Saturday all summer until Labor Day. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for you and your friends to sign up to help with the Veggie Stand on Saturday mornings (we need volunteers). Also veggies, plants and baked goods donations are always welcome in order to make our Veggie Stand a shining success. Thank you.

For those of you who have not heard, **Pastor Winfield Johnson passed away** on June 13<sup>th</sup>. As Winnie and Marjorie were such an integral part of our congregation, many in our church family would like to provide a memorial to honor them. **We would like to purchase paver bricks for the Memory Garden in memory of Winnie and Marjorie.** There is a basket in the Fellowship Hall in which you may place a donation for the memorial. There is also a sheet that you may sign. We will use part of the monies to purchase the paver bricks for the Memory Garden and the remainder will be sent to Christ Lutheran Church Foundation per Winnie's request. For those that wish to send a card to the family, please mail to Ron Johnson, 2357 Elm Drive, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

Mark July 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. The **Annual Beef & Corn Feed** will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy! Bring your friends.

The deadline for signing up for the **State Fair Bus** has been extended for another week. They only have 18 signed up and need 30 people or the bus will be cancelled. If you are interested, please sign up now.

## **Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity**

There is just a whole bunch of stuff that God wants us to get done these days. The Bible tells us so. Justice stuff. Like a good roof over everyone's head (and walls and floors in place, too). To partner with others in getting things done that need to get done has proven to be a good route to follow.

Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity hopes that the churches in the county will look at Habitat as a partner, as an extension of your congregation's ministry. Together we can get a lot done in building decent low-cost, affordable housing. A number of Habitat homes have been built in the county over the past several years, and now a new home is being built in McGregor. The Aitkin County congregations are the key.

We can provide speakers and material for worship services or other gathering. Please call the Habitat office (218-927-5656). Feel free to stop at the Habitat office located in the Morris Certified Public Accountants office (214 First Ave. NW). Meet our Executive Director, Ann Schwartz, and stop at the booth at the County Fair.

Please know that volunteers are needed in snack and meal preparation for the work crews, office work, and public relations, as well as construction.

We look forward to a growing partnership with the congregations and members. Your prayers, participation and support are needed and appreciated.

**Bob Munneke, on behalf of Aitkin County Habitat for Humanity**