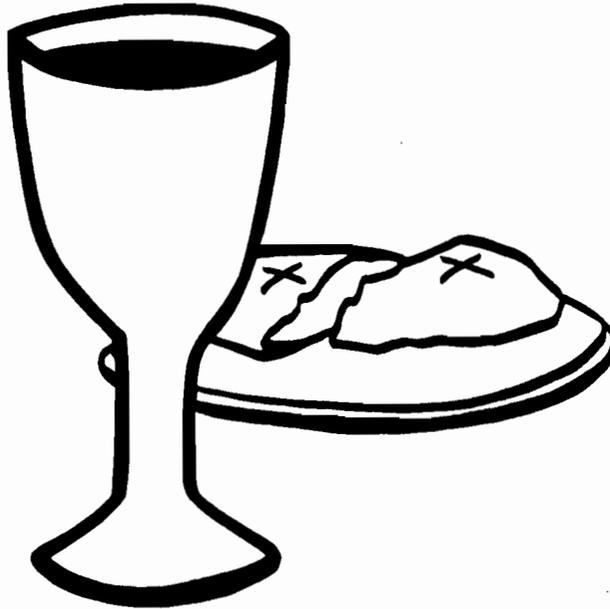


**Sunday, August 19th, 2012
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**



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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

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

"Blessed Assurance"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Glory Bound"

FIRST READING: Ephesians 5:15–20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PSALM: Psalm 34:9–14

Refrain: Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. (Ps. 34:10)

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. R**

Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.

**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. R**

GOSPEL: John 6:51–58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

HYMN:

"Day By Day"

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SERMON

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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.

Make your church into a house of wisdom, inviting all to live with simplicity and to walk in the way of insight. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Fill with your Spirit the leaders of nations, that they turn from evil, do good, and seek peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring forth a harvest from the earth and feed the poor and hungry with nourishing bread. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give grace to those in any kind of need (*especially*), that they may give thanks at all times and make the most of each day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless the music ministry of this assembly and make our lives a song of praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be made.

Raise us up on the last day with all your saints who shared your holy communion on earth and now abide with you in life eternal. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN:

"A Mighty Fortress is Our Lord"

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF AUGUST 19TH, 2012

Organist: Marlys Beavers
Greeters: Warren & Gail Rolek
Ushers: 8:30 Les Bolke, Del Jones, 10:00 Darrell Kelly
Lectors: 8:30 Barb Bray, 10:00 Alene Lowe
Coffee Servers: Bruce Gingerich, Carol Schlottman, Del & Dianne Jones

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (8/11& 8/12/12)

Attendance: Sat. 5:00 – 15 Sun. 8:30 – 110 10:00 – 40

Offering: \$ 2,501.00 Building Fund: \$ 475.00

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

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA AUGUST 19TH THRU AUGUST 25TH, 2012

Mon., Aug. 20 th	7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues., Aug. 21 st	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Crafters Bells
Wed., Aug. 22 nd	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Hardanger Bible Study Choir Praise Team
Thurs., Aug. 23 rd	8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S. Funtimers
Sat., Aug. 24 th	5:00 p.m.	Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you enter the Fellowship Hall for coffee please note the **LOST AND FOUND** items on the bulletin board and the table beyond. This is the last day for items to be claimed so if any of it belongs to you will you please take it.

COFFEE SERVERS are still needed. We need two or three people to help Joyce on August 26th and another couple to sign up with Wayne & Joanne Danielson for September 2nd. Many hands make light work so please be a volunteer & sign up.

The grass is still growing so we need volunteers to help with the **lawn mowing**. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

SEPTEMBER 14TH AND 15TH are the big nights for **Bethesda's Jamboree**. Tell your neighbors and friends—Invite them all. The show starts at 7 PM.

OCTOBER 27TH the doors open at 9 AM to begin Bethesda's **ANNUAL BAZAAR**. Crafts, baked goods, cookie walk, lunch, raffle tickets and much more so come join us.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin September 19th at 7 p.m.