

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**



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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.

**O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **ANTHEM**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 16:16–34**

*The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the

foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

**PSALM: Psalm 97**

*Refrain: Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous. (Ps. 97:12)*

The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,**

**righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

Fire goes before the LORD, burning up enemies on every side.

**Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,**

**and all the peoples see your glory. R**

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,**

**because of your judgments, O LORD.**

For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

**You who love the LORD, hate evil!**

**God guards the lives of the saints**

**and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name. R**

## **GOSPEL: John 17:20–26**

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**HYMN:                    "Be Thou My Vision"                    # 793 ELW**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN:                    "Thy Holy Wings"                    # 613 ELW**

## **OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**All we have, all we are, and all we hope to be belongs to you, God. We offer our gifts for use in your service. Receive these gifts and may they be used to further the work of your church on earth. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing with all the witnesses of the resurrection, let us pray in confidence for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A time for silent prayer.*

Unify your church and heal the divisions that keep us from proclaiming your love with voices joined as one. Help the church of Christ in every land make your name known.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Heal the places of the earth that are torn apart by natural disaster: earthquakes, storms, drought, and floods. Strengthen first responders in times of emergency and fortify those who rebuild. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Make wars to cease and end violence between nations, in our communities, and in our homes. Be present with peacekeepers and those who serve in the military throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Wrap your arms around all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit (*especially*). Reveal your love through the care and compassion of those who serve people in need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless mothers and all who protect the small ones in our midst. Comfort those who long for a mothering presence in their lives. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be made.*

Stir up in us the faith to believe in the promise of everlasting life. Strengthen us with the memory of those who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" # 817 ELW**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** to John Koziol, Jr. and Sherri Lohmann for leading the music during our worship services today.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** to all mothers, those here at Bethesda, and all around the world.

### **WELCA – Women of Bethesda**

Our In-Kind Focus Project for LWR will be a donation to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kits Shipping Fund. During the month of May, there will be a basket in the Narthex for your contribution.

**WELCA** will meet Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Jeannine Bruesewitz will do a slide show of Russian Churches. Come join us as Jeannine tells us about these Russian treasures.

**BETHESDA'S MEMORY GARDEN COMMITTEE** will be taking orders for new bricks until Memorial Day. Forms are available in the Memory Garden mailbox or contact Val Benton. Bricks will be placed in the garden at summer's end (if the snow has melted by then!) Here's to Spring . . .

**FUNERAL SERVICES FOR JOANNE GROTH** will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Bethesda.

**Address for George Ott** (Minnie Gilbert's brother): Faribault Care Center, 1738 Hulett Ave N, Faribault, MN 55021.

**Address for Mel Hamman** (Ruth Hamman's husband): St. Cloud VA Medical Center, 4801 8<sup>th</sup> St N, St. Cloud, MN 56303, Attention: Hospice unit Bldg 48-1 Room 116-1.

**"Eye Care For Seniors"** on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Glory Baptist Church, Free Lunch served. Reservations required. See bulletin board for details.

**"Syttende Mai"** Smorgasbord at Trinity Lutheran Church of Milaca on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. See bulletin board for details.

**Plant Memory Garden** on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

Music: John Koziol, Jr. and Sherri Lohmann  
Greeters: Jerry & Carolyn Morris  
Ushers: 8:30 Don & Donna Myhre, 10:00 Ron & JoAnn Haglund  
Lectors: 8:30 Lynn Hansen, 10:00 Merrill Honnold  
Coffee Servers: Marge Garbo & Ken Skogquist, Curt & Sue Lindberg

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (5/5/13)**

Attendance: 8:30 – 87                      10:00 – 46  
Offering:        \$ 5,337.00                      Building Fund:        \$ 1,560.00

**\$ 3,077.00 – Weekly amount needed for operating expenses.**

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

## **THIS WEEK AT BETHESDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> THRU MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

|                              |            |               |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Mon. May 13 <sup>th</sup>    | 8:00 a.m.  | Jelly Making  |
|                              | 7:00 p.m.  | AA & Alanon   |
| Tues., May 14 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:00 a.m.  | Quilters      |
|                              | 9:30 a.m.  | Bells         |
| Wed., May 15 <sup>th</sup>   | 8:30 a.m.  | Bible Study   |
|                              | 9:00 a.m.  | WIC           |
|                              | 9:30 a.m.  | WELCA         |
|                              | 9:30 a.m.  | Hardanger     |
|                              | 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study   |
|                              | 6:00 p.m.  | Choir         |
|                              | 7:00 p.m.  | Praise Team   |
| Thurs., May 16 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00 a.m.  | R.O.M.E.O.S.  |
|                              | 1:00 p.m.  | Funtimers     |
| Fri., May 17 <sup>th</sup>   | 10:00 a.m. | Bone Builders |