

**June 2nd, 2013
Second 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

Sunday, June 2, 2013/Second Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

God hears every prayer—the prayer of the outsider as well as the prayer of the insider. The attentive nature of our God is evident as God comes to us again and again in the word and in the supper. "Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD." Do it today.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

"Jesus Loves Me"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

WE ADMIT WE NEED A MIRACLE:

God of miracles, we confess that we separate ourselves from you by what we think, say, and do. We make choices based on what we can see and accumulate. We choose directions that cause us the least amount of pain. We live our day-to-day existence without adventure and excitement. God of miracles, we are in need of a miracle. We need our priorities ordered and our attitudes rearranged. We need a new direction that leads us into authentic relationships. We need to be excited about life through living your adventure of faith.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S MIRACLE:

Our God is a miracle God. Forgiveness is ours because of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus, God's only son. God's miracle of resurrection from death belongs to us. Through the Holy Spirit, God lives in us and through us, giving us power to become all we were created to be. God's miracle of life-changing power belongs to us. Through God's daily activity in the world we are made new and we are given new eyes to see the world as God sees the world. Praise God for miracles. 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.

Merciful Lord God, we do not presume to come before you trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great and abundant mercies. Revive our faith, we pray; heal our bodies, and mend our communities, that we may evermore dwell in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Galatians 1:1–12

Paul, who started this church in Galatia, is angry and troubled that the congregation is confused by other teachers. As he begins this letter, Paul is direct with them about his desire for Christ's pure gospel to be the center of their lives.

Paul an apostle — sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead — and all the members of God's family who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel — not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9

Refrain: Declare the glory of the LORD among the nations. (Ps. 96:3)

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods. R**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth. **R**

GOSPEL: Luke 7:1-10

A Roman centurion stands to lose a highly valued slave. Jewish leaders in Capernaum consider the centurion worthy, but the Gentile declares himself unworthy. In the midst of this tangle of attitudes, the centurion shows his understanding of authority and his testimony that Jesus has it, even authority over illness and death.

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

SERMON

HYMN:

“One Bread, One Body”

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OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we bring before you these offerings of our treasure. Bless these gifts and use them in the work of your realm on earth. Give strength to hands that labor, vision to minds that create and hope to lives who serve. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the good news of God come near, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A time for silent prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for your church. Keep us faithful to the gospel, that we might serve your beloved world with glad and generous hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have created a world teeming with life. Bless creatures of every shape and size; bless rivers, lands, seas, and sky. May all your creatures show forth your praise. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of every nation, especially for the weak, the vulnerable, and the oppressed. May justice and compassion flourish in every land. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wherever Jesus walked, he brought healing and forgiveness. Give us faith to call out to you in his name, seeking healing for all in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, its pastor/s, its leaders, and its mission in this community. Keep us faithful to your call, and give us grace to be the presence of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be made.

We give you thanks for the saints, whose lives show us what it means to live in you. We remember those who have recently died (*especially*), as well as the many saints of old. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God of compassion, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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. On the third day he rose again; 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.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. You are the forgiven people of God.

All: We will celebrate forgiveness in every tomorrow. We will celebrate forgiveness in the week ahead through acts of kindness, times of listening concern, and deeds of generosity.

Pastor: Go in peace. You are the forgiven people of God.

All: We have heard the Good News. We will share the Good News.

Pasor: God be with you. Go and serve in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CLEANING DAY – a list of duties has been set up in the narthex for church cleaning day on June 4th. If you can help out on any of these, please sign up and do it on your own schedule or come on June 4th. Ask someone else to join you

CARE GROUP SUNDAY – On Sunday, June 16, all Care Groups will meet for coffee fellowship between services. If you can't find anyone in your Care Group, please feel free to join another for that day. It is good to know who in our neighborhood is a member of our church; it is good for us to help each other in time of need.

ALL CALL for Bible school volunteers!! Please consider helping in any way you can. We will meet Wednesday, June 5 at 10:00 a.m. to confirm plans for the week of June 17-21. If you can not attend the meeting just check in with us and we can confirm a volunteer position. You will want to be there everyday but part time help is welcome. Mary Kramer, Dianne Jones, Joanne Stueven, Barb Forrester, Elsa Carlson.

Join the **PRAISE TEAM** next Sunday, June 9th for a journey through the Old Testament. Learn stories about some of its most unforgettable characters & sing songs based their lives.

The Bulletin Boards in the narthex have special items being requested by the **Vacation Bible School**. If you can help out with a special donation, please take a slip or two to fill.

Graduation Open House for Lyle Nyberg today at the Nyberg residence at 31760 230th Street (North of Malmo on Cemetery Road) from 1-5 p.m. and for **Ronesha Keil** on Saturday, June 8th from noon to 4 p.m. at the Malmo Community Center.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF JUNE 2ND, 2013

Organist: Marlys Beavers
Greeters: Lyn Haas, Judy Wozney
Ushers: 8:30 Lee & Barb Forrester, 10:00 Dick & Sue Stebbins
Lectors: 8:30 Barb Bray, 10:00 Laurina Tofteland
Coffee Servers: Carol Raymond & Jerry Schewe, Wayne & JoAnne Danielson

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (5/26/13)

Attendance: 8:30 – 100 10:00 – 49

Offering: \$ 2,089.00 Building Fund: \$ 200.00

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

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA JUNE 2ND THRU JUNE 8TH, 2013

Mon., June 3 rd	9:00 a.m.	Kitchen Clean-Up
	7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues., June 4 th	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	9:30 a.m.	Bells
	9:30 a.m.	Church Clean-Up
Wed., June 5 th	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 6 th	8:00 a.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S.
	8:30-1:00	Foot Clinic
	10:30 a.m.	Worship & Music
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	Funtimers
Fri., June 7 th	10:00 a.m.	Bone Builders
Sat., June 8 th	5:00 p.m.	Saturday Evening Worship Service