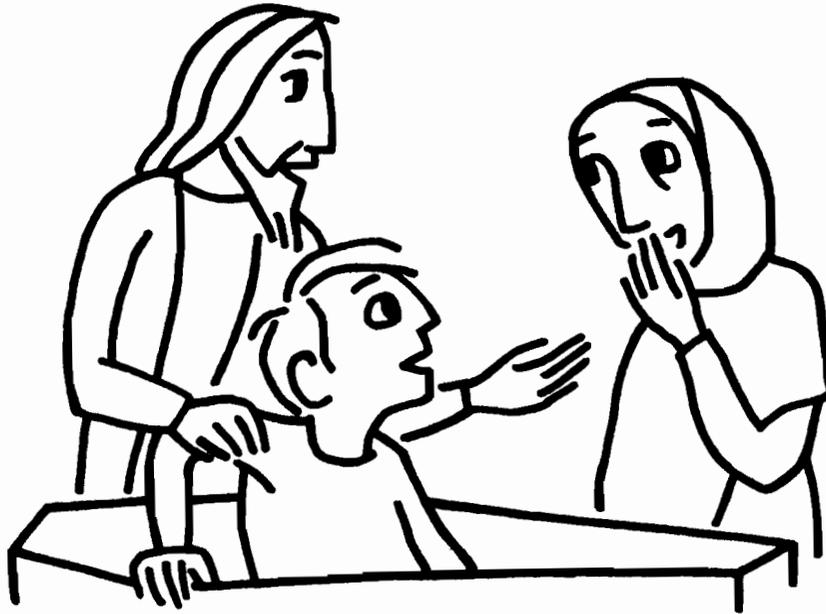


**June 9th 2013  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Praise Team**



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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**

# **Sunday, June 9, 2013/Third Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Led By Praise Team**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*The Time after Pentecost is a teaching time, a growing time, in the life of the church. Today's texts celebrate God's ability and intention to provide us with a new lease on life. To that end we gather today with the whole people of God to be instructed by the word and nourished in the blessed sacrament.*

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**                    “Rock of My Soul”



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PASTOR**

**SONG:**            “Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho”

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**WE ADMIT OUR WANDERING IN LIFE'S DESERT:** We are people who need a reason to rejoice. Our spirits are dry from the hard journeys of life. Our bodies are weary and we need to drink from your well of eternal life. We have lived in the desert for too long and we are weak from our failure in love and life. We feel the despair of defeat and the emptiness of ambition. Forgive the sin which clings so closely that we now name silently in our hearts. *(Time for silent reflection)*

**THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S WATER OF FORGIVENESS:** People of God, today there is reason to rejoice. God in Christ refreshes our spirits and gives life to our tired bodies. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ forgives our sin and brings newness to each day. We are no longer wandering in the dry desert of life but are given the fresh waters of eternity and the daily nourishment of freedom and forgiveness. Praise God for love and life. We can rejoice and celebrate! Amen.

**SONG:**                    “Ezekial Saw the Wheel”

## **THE LESSON: Galatians 1:11–24**

*The apostle and church-planter Paul tells the story of his ministry given to him by Jesus Christ. In the midst of grave tension in his church in Galatia, he assures his congregation that his work is centered in the pure gospel of Jesus Christ, unlike the other teachers among them.*

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.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

## **SERMON**

**OFFERING SONG:            "Days of Elijah"**

## **OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER**

**Creator of all that is and all that will be, we offer the gifts of our labors in daring response to your blessings. We are yours, and all we have belongs to you. Use these offerings in ministry and mission in your world. 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.*

God of faithfulness, bless Christians everywhere with the courage and compassion to be your church, offering themselves to the world in unity and love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom, give us eyes to see the earth as an expression of your love, and teach us wisdom to live upon it with gentleness, care, and humility. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, we pray for the nations and peoples of the world. Come with the mercy you have promised from of old. Be this world's hope and salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, touch the lives of all who suffer now (*especially*). Where there is despair, bring hope; where there is illness, bring health; where there is death, bring life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for those recently married, and for all those preparing to join their lives in faithfulness to each other. Uphold them in their vows and teach them gentleness and mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be made.*

God of the ages, we thank you for the saints. Through their lives of faithful witness may we glimpse your steadfast love. 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.**

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

## **BENEDICTION**

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 SONG:                   “Swing Low Sweet Chariot”**

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

Music: Praise Team  
Greeters: Carol Schlottman & Bruce Gingerich  
Ushers: 8:30 Chuck & Elsa Carlson, 10:00 Darrell Kelly  
Coffee Servers: Merrill & Patti Honnold, Joyce Rimer

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK (6/2/2013)

Attendance: Sat. 6/1/13 – 24 Sun. 6/2/13 8:30 – 110 10:00 – ?

Offering: \$ 4,679.00 Building Fund: \$ 1,040.00  
Blessing Box: \$ 76.24

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

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

## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

Mon., June 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Devotions at Pat Beckers's home AA & Alanon
Tues., June 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Quilters Bells
Wed., June 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Hardanger Stewardship Committee Bible Study Choir Praise Team
Thurs., June 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S. Funtimers
Fri., June 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	Bone Builders

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BETHESDA QUILTS** are on display today. These quilts and several blankets will go to Lutheran World Relief. Thank to WELCA for the handling fees.

**Golf at Wealthwood** on Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

We need **Coffee Servers** for the remainder of the summer. Please sign up on the bulletin board next to the kitchen serving window. If everyone signs up to serve, you would only need to do it one or maybe two Sundays out of the year. So everyone, please do your part to keep our Sunday coffee hours going. Thank you.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CARE GROUPS** next Sunday. During the Fellowship Hour on June 16, please sit with the members of your Care Group and get to know one another.

We will be having our **CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM** Services on July 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> with John Koziol, Jr. & friends. John will be here for the Saturday evening service at 5 p.m. and the 10 a.m. service on Sunday. At 8:30 a.m on Sunday there will be a regular Sunday morning worship service.

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP:** Please check the clean-up poster and see if you can help with getting some of these jobs done. Find a partner or two and see what we can accomplish.

If you would like to help the families who have suffered the devastation of tornadoes in the U.S., please make out your check to Bethesda Lutheran Church and in the memo put "U.S. Tornadoes". These monies will be sent through the ELCA toward these efforts. See the bulletin insert for more information.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**JUNE 16 – NEIGHBORHOOD CARE GROUPS**

**JUNE 16 – PASTOR LUFABA FROM UGANDA WILL BE HERE**

**JUNE 17-21 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JULY 6 & 7 – CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM**

**CORN FEED – JULY 27**

**VEGGIE STAND OPENS – JULY 6**

## **RAISED TO NEW LIFE**

After two suicide attempts and weeks in a psychiatric hospital, she began to come out of the fog. Her parents saw glimpses of the young woman they used to know. Progress was slow. She would improve and then regress. She got her 30-day pin from Alcoholics Anonymous. Over time, with the help of antidepressants and therapy, with the support from friends and family, she found a new life—or maybe it was her old life, the one before depression and drugs. She started a new job, made new friends, and returned to college.

And what about the young man? What happened to him after Jesus brought him back to life? Did he do anything useful? Did he live a life worthy of resurrection? Luke doesn't tell us. In fact, the gospel writers rarely say anything about those who have encountered Jesus. He raises a few people from the dead, heals some others, teaches many, but we learn little about how their lives were changed afterwards because the central character in every story is God acting through Jesus. Luke wants us to focus on the one who does the healing, the one who changes lives. Apart from the twelve disciples, most of the New Testament characters remain faceless and nameless.

Often their stories are told in ways that cause us to think of miracles as sudden events. In our lives, when things fail to change in an instant, we think God doesn't care or has abandoned us. When change evolves over time, we credit the medical field or our own choices rather than God. But all stories of healing, of lives restored and sanity regained—these are all stories of resurrection. Don't be misled by slow recovery, cyclical progress, or regression. Christ is present with the words, "I say to you rise!" (7:14). And we do.

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## Rock my Soul in the Bosom of Abraham

**Why don't you rock my soul, in the bosom of Abraham?**

**Rock my soul in the bosom of Abraham.**

**Rock my soul in the bosom of Abraham? Ohhh rock my soul!**

I would not be sinner. I'm telling' you the reason why.

I'm afraid my Lord might call me, and I wouldn't be ready to die. -

***Chorus***

I would not be a liar. I'm telling you the reason why.

I'm afraid my Lord might call me, and I wouldn't be ready to die. -

***Chorus***

I would not be a back biter. I'm telling you the reason why.

I'm afraid the Lord might call me, and I wouldn't be ready to die. -

***Chorus***

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## Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

**Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho**

**Joshua fought the battle of Jericho,**

**and the walls came tumbling down.**

1) I know you've heard of Joshua..... He was the son of Nun.

He never stopped his work for God.... Until that work was done. -

***Chorus***

2) You may talk about the men of Gideon..... You may talk about the men of Saul.

There's none like good old Joshua....At the battle of Jericho. -***Chorus***

(3) Up to the walls of Jericho...He marched with spear in hand  
Go blow them horns Joshua cried....  
The battle is in my hands -*Chorus*

(4) Then the lamb ram sheep horns began to blow....  
The trumpets began to blow  
The people shouted, .....“Glory to God”....  
And the walls came tumbling down. -*Chorus*

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### Ezekiel Saw the Wheel

**Ezekiel saw the wheel..... Way up, in the middle of the air.**  
**Ezekiel saw the wheel..... Way in the middle of the air.**  
**The big wheel runs by faith.... The little wheel runs by the grace**  
**of God.**  
**A wheel in a wheel.... Way in the middle of the air.**

1) Some go to church to sing and shout...  
**Way in the middle of the air.**  
Before six months they're shouted out...  
**Way in the middle of the air. -Chorus**

2) Let me tell you what a hypocrite'll do...  
**Way in the middle of the air.**  
He'll talk about me, he'll talk about you....  
**Way in the middle of the air. -Chorus**

3)Don't pray for things that you don't need...  
**Way in the middle of the air.**  
The Lord don't like no sin and greed....  
**Way in the middle of the air. - Chorus**

4) There's one thing sure that you can't do....

**Way in the middle of the air.**

You can't serve God and Satan too....

**Way in the middle of the air. - Chorus**

5) One of these days about twelve o'clock....

**Way in the middle of the air**

This old world's gonna reel and rock....

**Way in the middle of the air. - Chorus**

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### Days of Elijah

1) These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord.

And these are the days of your servant, Moses,  
righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trials,  
of famine and darkness and sword.

Still we are the voice in the desert, crying,  
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

**Chorus\* Behold he comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun, at the trumpet call. Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

2) And these are the days of Ezekiel, dry bones becoming as flesh.

And these are the days of your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of  
praise

And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the  
world.

And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the  
Lord.\*

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Who was and who is and who is to come. Who was and who is and  
who is to come. Who was and who is and who is to come. Who was  
and who is and who is to come.

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Swing Low Sweet Chariot

Chorus:

**Swing low, sweet chariot,  
Comin' for to carry me home.  
Swing low, sweet chariot, Comin' for to carry you home.**

**1) I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,  
Comin' for to carry you home.  
A band angels comin' after me,  
Comin' for to carry you home. -Chorus**

**2) If you get there before I do,  
Comin' for to carry you home.  
Just tell my friends that I'm comin' too,  
Comin' for to carry you home. -Chorus**

**3) I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,  
Comin for to carry me home.  
But still my soul feels heavenly bound,  
Comin' for to carry me home. -Chorus**

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