

August 25th, 2013
Fourteenth 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

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

PRELUDE by Bell Choir: "Fanfare"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" # 631 ELW

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Let us be honest with ourselves, our God, and with each other and confess our sins in order that we might receive the forgiveness of God, and experience the joy of the community of Christ.
- C: **God, we sin by what we think, what we say and what we do. We continue to pull away from you even though you love us with an everlasting love. Today in worship, we recognize our failures and our weaknesses. We confess our sins of omission and commission. We confess we do not love our neighbors as ourselves. We come to you now, as brothers and sisters in Christ, who need your power and forgiveness.**
- P: In the name of Jesus, the Christ, I speak his word to you: *"I belong to you as you belong to me. I am one of you. I died and rose for you so your sin might be forgiven. I feel what you feel and I live through your life. I forgive your wrongs and with that forgiveness give you power to change your condition as you live lives which are pleasing in my sight."*

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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b–14

The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

PSALM: Psalm 103:1–8

Refrain: The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; R

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. R

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10–17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

HYMN:

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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SERMON

HYMN:

“Now Thank We all Our God”

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OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

In loving response to your gracious blessing, we come with the offering of our time and treasure. May these gifts bring hope and healing to a world in need. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A time for silent prayer.

Deliver your church from all that binds and limits. Free us to boldly proclaim the gospel and seek the truth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bestow on your creation ample rain and an abundant harvest. Cultivate in us a fresh respect and a deep humility for the environment. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Uphold the oppressed, liberate those in bondage, and strengthen those who labor under the yoke of repressive government. Free us to work for justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rescue all in harm's way, sustain the poor and hungry, heal those who are ill or afflicted (*especially*). Free us to be your hands of love and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Save us from lives and schedules filled with too much activity. Free us to be a sabbath people who take time for worship, rest, and renewal. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be made.

Gather us at the last with all your saints and bring us in awe and joy to your unshakeable kingdom, the heavenly Jerusalem. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

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

C: **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.**

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

C: **We have heard the Good News. We will share the Good News.**

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

CLOSING HYMN:

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF AUGUST 25TH, 2013

Organist: Marlys Beavers
Greeters: Sam & Sue Samuelson
Ushers: 8:30 Les Bolke & Don Myhre, 10:00 Darrell Kelly
Lectors: 8:30 Kathy Berland, 10:00 Carolyn Morris
Coffee Servers: Alene Lowe, Mark Korngable, Steve & Melody Lackner

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD (8/18/13)

Attendance: Sat. – 16 Sun. 8:30 – 100 10:00 – 47

Offering: \$ 3,364.75 Building Fund: \$ 215.00

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

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA AUGUST 25TH THRU AUGUST 31ST, 2013

Mon., Aug. 26 th	7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues., Aug. 27 th	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Quilters Bells
Wed., Aug. 28 th	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Hardanger Bible Study Choir Praise Team
Thus., Aug. 29 th	8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S. Funtimers
Fri., Aug. 30 th	10:00 a.m.	Bone Builders
Sat., Aug. 31 st	Morning 5:00 p.m.	Veggie Stand Sat. Eve. Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, September 1st, is **BLESSING BOX SUNDAY**. If God has smiled upon you and you'd like to give above and beyond your regular offering, please contribute to the Blessing Box.

“GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS” – MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE SUNDAY is September 8th.

Saturday, August 31st, is the last day the **VEGGIE STAND** will be open for this year.

Saturday, August 31st will also be the last **Saturday Evening Worship Service** for this year.

REMINDER: **Annual Reports** are due by September 1st.

Take note and mark September 13th & 14th on your calendar for the **BETHESDA JAMBOREE**. Bring your friends & relatives and come enjoy a fun evening!

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COFFEE SERVERS – We are in need of coffee servers for the month of September. The signup sheet is next to the kitchen serving window.

An **OLD FASHIONED CHICKEN SUPPER** will be held Saturday, September 7th at the Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. See bulletin board for details.