

**May, 18 2014**  
**Fifth Sunday after 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**

**Sunday, May 18, 2014**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter/Communion**

**INTRODUCTION**

*As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN**

**“My, Lord, What a Morning”**

**#627 WOV**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

**Amen.**

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,  
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,

**by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new.**

**Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.**

**We have not listened to voices that challenge us.**

**We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions.**

**Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**and renew us to embrace without fear**

**the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

People of God:

Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.

Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God.

Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

**Amen.**





## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION**

Made alive in Christ and filled with his Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

God our salvation: you have made us your living stones in the waters of baptism. We pray for the church and its leaders; for the newly baptized; for missionaries around the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our home: your Spirit dwells with creation. We pray for the earth; for clean water and air; for the earth's foundation; for the lands all creatures inhabit. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our way: you call us to paths of justice. We pray for nations and leaders; for courts and legislatures; for strife torn communities; for our enemies. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our refuge: you deliver us in times of trouble. We pray for the rejected and persecuted; for neglected infants and children; for the sick (*especially*); for all in need. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God our shelter: you draw all people to yourself. We pray for those who are homeless and those with inadequate housing; for all who come to this building seeking a safe haven. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God our life: you prepare a place for us. We give thanks for the witness of your saints. Lead us also in Christ's way and truth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, merciful God, and dwell in us richly, through Jesus Christ, our life and our redeemer.

**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**

**Loving God,  
by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation.  
Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever.  
Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ,  
restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Christ is your light.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**CLOSING HYMN:**

**“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”**

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**THOSE SERVING TODAY MAY 18 , 2014**

Organist: Marlys Beaver

Greeters: Diane Sandberg and Jan Phillip

Ushers: 8:30 am Les Bolke and Nancy Hansen 10:30 am Darrel Kelly

Lector: 8:30 am Steve Lackner 10:30 am Lynn Hass

Coffee Servers: Warren & Gail Rolek and Jerry & Pat Becker

*Thank you for your service!*

**Response to God’s Word Last Week**

Attendance:

(05/11/2014) 8:30 am – 84 10:00 am - 58

**THIS WEEK AT Bethesda May 18 thru May 24, 2014**

Sunday 05/18 11:00 am Church Council

Monday 05/19 10:00 am Golf  
7:00 pm AA & Alanon

Tuesday 05/20 8-11am Pastor’s Text Study  
9:00 am Crafter’s

Wednesday 05/21 8:00 am - Noon WIC  
8:30 am Bible Study  
9:30 am Hardanger  
9:30 am WELCA  
11:00 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Choir  
7:00 pm Praise Team

Thursday 05/22 8:00 pm R.O.M.E.O.S  
1:00 pm Fun Timers

Friday 05/23 10:00 am Bone Builders

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> 8am -1pm. Featuring Rollie's Famous Syrup, Krusteaz Pancakes, new Eggbake, French Toast and Sausage. Adults \$7.00, \$3.00 children under 12 years. One half of proceeds benefit the Garrison Fire & Rescue. They are also collecting food for the local food shelves.

**GOLF (FINALLY)** starting Monday May 19, 2014 at 10 am at Wealthwood Golf course. All welcome.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** I thank everyone for my cards, nice gifts and all who came to celebrate my birthday last Sunday, from Irene Long.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS-** They are due June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Lutheran World Relief offers Personal Care Kits to third world countries in need. Bethesda WELCA would like us all to help send personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief for distribution. Each kit is to contain: One light or medium weight towel, dark in color, 52" x 27", 2 bath sized bars 4-5 oz of soap in original wrapping, one adult sized tooth brush in original packaging (toothbrush multi packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business sized paper envelope). No plastic. One sturdy comb, no packaging, one metal nail clipper, packaging removed. You can purchase every item, wrap in the towel and tie. Return to church and place by the donation sign for Personal Care Kits.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is scheduled for June 16-20, 2014. Send in your registrations and invite all 4-12 year olds to come. Adults are needed for teachers, shop keepers, music, help with sets and many other opportunities. Contact Joanne Steuven, Elsa Carlson or Barb Forrester. Know you can volunteer all week or a day or two.