

**Sunday, June 1st, 2014**  
**Seventh 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

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## Holy Communion/Baptism

### INTRODUCTION

*In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation"**

**#654 ELW**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**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.**

## **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.

**Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **CHOIR**

**BAPTISM:**

**Kevin Thomas Schulz**

**10:00 a.m. Service**

**FIRST READING:**

**Acts 1:6-14**

*Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension.*

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35**

*Refrain: Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)*

Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;**

**as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;**

**I AM that name, rejoice before God! R**

In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;**

**but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

O God, when you went forth before your people,

when you marched through the wilderness,

**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,**

**at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,**

**at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

**Your people found their home in it;**

**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. R**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;**

**you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,**

**giving strength and power to your people! <sup>1</sup> Blessed be God! R**

**GOSPEL:**

**John 17: 1-11**

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**HYMN:** “I Love to Tell the Story” #661 ELW

**SERMON:** “Where the Church Gets Its’ Power”

**HYMN:** “Let’s Us Break Bread Together” #471 ELW

### **OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.**

**Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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.*

For the body of Christ, made one yet suffering divisions; for strength to proclaim the gospel; for those who do not believe. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For farmers planting the seeds that grow our food; for sun and rain in right proportion; for lands suffering flood or drought. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those who hold authority over others; for presidents, governors, and mayors; for generals and officers; for executives and managers; for parents and teachers. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For those suffering or in want; for victims of abuse; for those who are depressed or

anxious; for estranged families; for the ill or hospitalized (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly; for its leaders, council, and committees, that difference and division not obscure the oneness we share in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for all who lived and died in faith. Make us one with them, trusting the one hope to which we are called. 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**

Let us pray.

**Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN:                   “Go My Children, With My Blessing”                   # 543 ELW**

**THOSE SERVING TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2014**

|           |                        |                          |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Organist: | Marlys Beavers         |                          |
| Greeters: | Karen & Richard Carron |                          |
| Ushers:   | Lee & Barb Forrester   |                          |
| Lectors:  | 8:30 a.m. Barb Bray    | 10:00 a.m. Patti Honnold |

**RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD LAST WEEK**

Response to God’s Word Last Week (5/25/2014)

Attendance: 8:30 a.m. - 103           10:00 a.m. - 25

|                   | Month of May | Monthly amount needed |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| General Offering: | \$ 11,794    | \$15,340              |
| Building Fund:    | \$ 871       | \$2,500               |

## THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA JUNE 1 THRU JUNE 8, 2014

|       |     |   |            |  |
|-------|-----|---|------------|--|
| Sun   | Jun | 1 | 10:00 a.m. | Communion/ Baptism 10:00 am Service          |
| Mon   | Jun | 2 | 9:00 a.m.  | Golf   |
|       |     |   | 7:00 p.m.  | AA & Alanon                                  |
| Tues  | Jun | 3 | 9:00 a.m.  | Crafters                                     |
|       |     |   | 6:30 p.m.  | Faith, Health & Wellness                     |
| Wed   | Jun | 4 | 8:30 a.m.  | No Bible Study                               |
|       |     |   | 9:30 a.m.  | Vacation Bible School Organizational Meeting |
|       |     |   | 9:30 a.m.  | Hardanger                                    |
|       |     |   | 11:00 a.m. | No Bible Study                               |
|       |     |   | 7:00 p.m.  | Praise Team                                  |
| Thurs | Jun | 5 | 8:00 a.m.  | No R.O.M.E.O.S.                              |
|       |     |   | 10:30 a.m. | Worship and Music                            |
|       |     |   | 12:30 p.m. | Fun Timers                                   |
|       |     |   | 6:00 p.m.  | Bells  |
| Fri   | Jun | 6 | 10:00 a.m. | Bone Builders                                |
| Sat   | Jun | 7 | 5:00 a.m.  | Saturday Service                             |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KEVIN THOMAS SCHULZ** will be baptized this morning at the 10:00a.m. service. His parents are Kayla and Ryan Schulz. Sponsors are Justin and Lindsay Schulz and Matt and Reysol Nelson. Let us lift this little one and his family in prayer to God.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.** It is TIME FOR THE **BLESSING BOX** to be passed after the regular offering. God has blessed us to be a blessing to others. The monies received are used for Bethesda's Wish List. In the past we've bought a water softener and water heater, repaired & insulated front doors and paid for emergency furnace repairs. On our current Wish List is: working microphones, video cameras for the Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall, new insulation and additional storage cabinets for classrooms.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is coming June 16-20, 2014. Please sign up to bring your kids and grandchildren and come to volunteer. Contact Joanne Stueven, Elsa Carlson or Barb Forester.

**THE BETHESDA FELLOWSHIP HALL/CLASSROOM MORTGAGE BURNING CELEBRATION** June 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome!