

June 29th, 2014
Third 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

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.**

Amen.

**In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds,
let us confess our sin.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

**God our strength,
we confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells within us.
We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy
leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good,
we find ourselves doing the opposite.**

**Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day,
that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Amen.

Sisters and brothers,
all have fallen short of the glory of God;
therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift.
Nothing can separate us from the love of God in + Christ Jesus,
in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you, joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 28:5-18

Through a symbolic action, Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon. Hananiah contradicted Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Psalm 13

Refrain: I trust in your unfailing love, O LORD. (Ps. 13:5)

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day?

How long shall my enemy triumph over me?

Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God;

give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

lest my enemy say, "I have defeated you,"

and my foes rejoice that I have fallen. R

But I trust in your unfailing love;

my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

I will sing to the LORD,

who has dealt with me richly. R

GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 4:12-23

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

HYMN:

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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SERMON:

“The Voices”

HYMN:

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

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OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with bold witnesses who will work for justice, serve with compassion, share your love, and spread the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Pour out your Spirit on those without access to fresh water, and on those who dig wells to provide it for them, that they may be refreshed. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Stir in the hearts of those who thirst for justice, that they bring peace, speak out against oppression, and preserve human dignity across the globe. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Make families everywhere be places of safety, encouragement, and love. Protect and uphold healthy relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children, friends and neighbors, and all your people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Wherever there is brokenness, bring healing. Bind up our wounds, teach us compassion, and dry our tears. Be especially with those we name now. (*Pause*) Give them comfort, reconciliation, and hope. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Thank you for those who through their words and deeds have passed on the faith from one generation to the next. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” #536 ELW

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK OF JUNE 29-July 5, 2014

Organist: Marlys Beavers

Greeters: Skip & Lynn Hansen

Ushers: 8:30 am Ron & Joanie Mehlhop
10:00 am Marilyn Andrews and Judy Seifert

Lectors: 8:30 am Dawn Kellen 10:00 am No Volunteer

Coffee Servers: Bev Ferdelman, Carol Bakken, Carol Bipes, Lois Johnson
and Steve Long on coffee

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK

Response to God's Word Last Week (06/22/2014) Mortgage Burning Celebration

Attendance: 9:00 am – 138

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA JUNE 29 – JULY 6 , 2014

Mon June 30 9:00 a.m. Golf

7:00 p.m. AA & Alanon

Tues July 01 8:00-10:30 Pastor's Text Study

9:00 a.m. Quilters

Wed July 02 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 Choir

Thurs July 03 8:00 a.m. R.O.M.E.O.S.

10:30 a.m. Worship and Music

12:30 p.m. Funtimers

6:00 p.m. Bell Practice

Fri July 04 10:00 a.m. No Bone Builders, Glen Parade! Happy Fourth!

Sat July 05 5:00 p.m. John Kozial & Friends Special Music Service

Sun July 06 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

10:00 a.m. John Kozial & Friends Special Music Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Val Benton for her message today and to Pat Becker for managing the announcements and service liturgy. Well done!

Come to the “Coffee Party” today, honoring Jan Phillips. It is held between services. Wish her the best as she moves to her new life in the Cities.

Join the fun at the 4th of July Parade in Glen. Free lemonade before the parade, bring a lawn chair, and find a place on the corner of Glen or along the dirt road by the store or under the big pine trees. If you chose to be in the parade, line up by 10:00 am on the north side of Clear Lake at the Slettom Farm. Hope to see you there!

Everyone is welcomed to the Fourth of July weekend music services offered by John Kozial & Friends. They will perform on July 4, 2014 at 5:00 pm and Sunday morning at 10:00 am. There will also be a traditional service Sunday morning at 8:30 am.

Check the board in the entry way for ideas on how one can donate to the veggie stand. Folks are ready to bake, but would like some ingredients to be donated. Just mark the item for the veggie stand and put your donation in the kitchen. Everyone knows what it takes to make a batch of cookies. Just do a little shopping and bring in your donation. Remember, most of the money raised from the veggie stand supports people who need help right in our own neighborhood.

The Beef and Corn Feed will be Saturday, July 26, 4:30- 6:30. Watch for signup sheets to volunteer to serve, and clean up and all the other jobs that are needed. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner. Tell your friends and neighbors.