

**Sunday, July 20th, 2014
Sixth 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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Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's Table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "AMAZING GRACE" #779 ELW

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

Let us pray.

O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHOIR

FIRST READING:

Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Psalm 86: 11-17

Refrain: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore. R**

For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the child of your handmaid.**

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me
may see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me. **R**

GOSPEL:

Mathew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are

the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

HYMN: **“Shall We Gather at the River”** **#423 ELW**

SERMON: **“Daddy I’m Afraid”**

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

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

Filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus in praying for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord of the harvest, sow the seeds of your word throughout the world, that all your children grow into your kingdom. Use our hands to tend your garden, wherever it may be. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Send the summer winds to bring much-needed rain and blow the hope of what is unseen through your creation, that it be set free from decay to bear good fruit. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord of all nations, guide our leaders with your strength and wisdom as they search for common ground. Through your mercy show them the way to justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Listen to the cries of your people waiting patiently for your healing hand and comforting Spirit (*especially*). Ease the sufferings of this present time and fill us with hope. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Teach your way, O Lord, to our congregation. Help us walk in your truth, grow together in your word, mirror your patience, treat one another with kindness, and sing your praises with undivided hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord of hosts, you are the first and the last, gathering all those who have gone before us into one. Thank you for your steadfast love and for their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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

May God the sower make you good and fertile soil. May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions. May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives. God the 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: “A Mighty Fortress is our God” # 503 ELW

THOSE SERVING TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 20TH, 2014

Saturday Service Music: Marilyn Samuelson

Sunday Organist: Marlys Beavers

Greeters: Bill & Cheri Johnson

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Roy & Char Berg 10:00 a.m. Jerry & Caroline Morris

Lectors: 8:30 a.m. Barb Bray 10:00 a.m. Myra Honl

Coffee Servers: Marilyn Elling and Val Benton

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD LAST WEEK

Response to God’s Word Last Week (7/12/2014) Saturday 5:00 – 56

(7/13/2014) Sunday 8:30 – 86 10:00 - 27

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA JULY 19 THRU JULY 26, 2014

Sat	July 19	5:00p.m.	Saturday service/ Baptism Samantha Rossier
Sun	July 20	8:30 &10:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion Service
Mon	July 21	9:00 a.m.	Golf
		7:00 p.m.	AA & Alanon
Tues	July 22	8:00 -10:00 a.m.	Pastor Text Study
		9:00 a.m.	Quilters
Wed	July 23	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study
		9:30 a.m.	Hardanger
		10:00 a.m.	Mission & Evangelism Meeting
		11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:00 a.m.	Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Praise Team
Thurs	July 24	8:00 a.m.	R.O.M.E.O.S.
		12:30 p.m.	Fun Timers
		6:00 p.m.	Bells
Fri	July 25	10:00 a.m.	Bone Builders
Sat	July 26	8:00 a.m.	Veggie, Baked Goods and Homemade Jelly Stand
		8:30 a.m. - 1:00 pm	Foot Clinic
		5:00 p.m.	Saturday Service
		5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Beef and Corn Feed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAMANTHA ROSSIER will be baptized at the Saturday 5:00 pm service. Sponsors are Nancy and Harvey Lamke. Let us lift Samantha in prayer to God.

BEEF AND CORN FEED Saturday July, 26th. Sign up to help with husking, serving the corn and beef sandwiches and clean up. The signup sheets are on the table in the entry. We serve from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, yum!

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO SHARE SURVEY. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE RETURNED THEIR SURVEYS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held the last Sunday in September. Our church year ends August 31, 2014. It's time to start putting together your committee reports. Please submit them to the office by the first week of September. We need to get the report together for the congregational meeting.