

**Sunday, July 20th, 2014  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**



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**Ministers: All Members of the Congregation**

**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**



## **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.<sup>7</sup> 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



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 20<sup>TH</sup>, 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**

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

### **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.