

Sunday, August 3, 2014
Eighth 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

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **“Morning Has Broken”** **#556 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.

**Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness,
and you cover creation with abundance.**

**Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit,
and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.**

CHOIR

FIRST READING:

Genesis 32:22-31

Jacob wrestled all night with God, and when God wanted to get away as dawn was breaking, Jacob would not let God go until God had blessed him. Jacob's name is changed to Israel to mark his new relationship with God as he enters the land. Jacob is astonished that he remains alive after seeing God face to face.

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 17: 1-7, 15

Refrain: I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied. (Ps. 17:15)

Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

**I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. R**

My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.

**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me your marvelous loving kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

**But at my vindication I shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness. R**

GOSPEL:

Matthew 14: 13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

HYMN: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #759 ELW

SERMON: “Bring it to Jesus”

HYMN: “Give Me Jesus” #770 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.

A brief silence.

Incline your ear and come to us, gracious and merciful God. Raise up among our congregations strong leaders to guide mission work (*especially Bread for the World*), so that everyone who hungers is fed. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The earth flourishes in your steadfast love and care. Open your hand to satisfy the desire of every living thing, and have compassion over all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In this war-torn world, the thirst for justice and peace is never quenched. We pray for those who live under tyranny (*especially*). Watch over them and be near to all who call upon your name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

When we are falling, hold us up; when we are bowed down with grief or loneliness, raise us up; when we are hungry, fill us; when we are sick, heal us. We remember (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Accompany all those experiencing life transitions: those pursuing new studies; those who are retiring; and those moving to new communities. Give them the courage to embrace change and flourish in their new roles. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With gratitude for their loving witness and faith-filled lives, we remember those who have died. Receive the praise of all those who call upon your name. 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

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:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Saturday Eve Pianist: Marilyn Samuelson-Saturday Service Leader-Randy Tofteland

Sunday Organist: Marlys Beavers -Sunday Service Leader Mike Macioch

Greeters: Harold & Ardie Kendall

Ushers: Lee & Barb Forrester

Lectors: 8:30 a.m. Char Berg 10:00 a.m. Randy Tofteland

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD LAST WEEK

Attendance:

Saturday 7/26/2014 Attendance - 32

Sunday 7/27/2014 Attendance: 8:30 a.m. - 85 10:00 a.m. - 53

	Month of JULY 2014	Monthly amount needed
General Offering:	\$ 12,510	\$15,340
Facility Fund:	\$ 1,195	

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA AUGUST 3 THRU AUGUST 9, 2014

Sun	Aug	3	8:30 am & 10:00 am /Communion
Mon	Aug	4	9:00 a.m. Golf 7:00 p.m. AA & Alanon
Tues	Aug	5	9:00 a.m. Crafters
Wed	Aug	6	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 Team
Thurs	Aug	7	8:00 a.m. 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	Aug	8	10:00 a.m. Bone Builders
Sat	Aug	9	5:00 a.m. Saturday Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

COMMUNION SUNDAY is today. Please complete your green card registration for communion. It is found in front of you in the pew. Put it in the offering plate or give it to the usher. We appreciate visitors and members alike to complete the communion registration card.

THANK YOU to Randy Tofteland for offering the service on Saturday night and to Mike Macioch for Sunday's services. You are both appreciated.

LIGHT OF THE CROSS-

Ice Cream Social and Music Jam August 10, 2014; 2:00-4:00 Free, and....

Knowledge Bites, History On and Off Mille Lacs, Joe Fellegly August 12, 2014 2:00pm. Free. Check the board in the fellowship hall for details.