

**Sunday, August 10, 2014**  
**Ninth Day 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**



## **GREETING**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God:  
grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM:**

**“Carrier”**

**FIRST READING:**

**Romans 10:5-15**

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

*Refrain: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying (Ps. 85:8)*

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land. R**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway. R**

### GOSPEL:

**Mathew 14:22-33**

*Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith" who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**SERMON: “Sometimes You Have to do Something”**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY SONG: “Change My Heart, Oh God” #801 ELW**

**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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION**

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.*

Lord of all, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news. We pray for missionaries across the world. Keep them safe and bless the work they do in your name. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You have given us vast seas, great lands, and abundant natural resources to feed a hungry planet. Give us also grateful hearts and willing hands to care for these good gifts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Be present with those across this earth who are hiding from their enemies, and who are afraid they are all alone (*especially*). Wrap them securely in the mantle of your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Calm the storms that sweep across families dealing with the death of a loved one, and the grief of those who mourn (*especially*). Fill their aching hearts with your peace and hope for the future. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Guide pastors, teachers, volunteers, and worship planners as they prepare educational opportunities for all ages, and creative ways to worship you. Place your word on their lips

and in their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Faithful One, thank you for all the saints who have gone before us. We take heart in your saving grace, which reaches out to us across all eternity. 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.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER – Led by the Praise Team**

### **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 your light.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **CLOSING HYMN:**

**“I Believe”**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CORRECTION TO WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**-in the Life-Line. Please note that Sunday worship services for the **month of August** will still be 8:30 am and 10:00 am. The Worship Schedule in the August Life-Line was incorrect.

**FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND MUSIC JAM**, Today, Sunday August 10, 2014 2:00-4:00 pm at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. It is an outdoor event; bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets. Bring your musical instruments and join in the fun. Everyone is welcomed. For inclement weather the event will be held inside.

**KNOWLEDGE BITES**- by Joe Fellegly, Mille Lacs Historian. He will present a talk entitled, "History on and off Mille Lacs". It is Tuesday, August 12 at 2:00 pm at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. This is open to the public at no charge. Treats and beverages will be served.

**FAITH, HEALTH and WELLNESS** committee meets August 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the church. If interested you are welcomed to attend.

**LOVE FOR A LIFETIME** – Marriage Enrichment Retreat. Sponsored by the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA. August 24-26, 2014. At Rutger's Bay Lodge, Deerwood, MN. The retreat will be led by Rev. Ron Hunt, Pastor, Spiritual Director, Psychologist. For the cost and more details check the board in the fellowship hall for registration information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS, SAVE THE DATES!** The **Malmo Jamboree** is coming **September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. There is still time to join the cast. Talk with Val Benton (218) 879-9364.

**REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR VEGGIE STAND! TAKE SOME TIME BAKING DURING THE WEEK. BRING YOUR DELICIOUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCH BY SATURDAY MORNING OR COME SATURDAY MORNING TO SHOP AND DONATE. ALL THE MONEY RAISED AT THE VEGGIE STAND STAYS LOCAL AND SUPPORTS PEOPLE IN OUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD WHO ARE EXPERIENCING A CRISIS.**

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## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Saturday Pianist: Marilyn Samuelson

Sunday Music: Praise Team

Greeters: Maynard & Kathy Berland

Ushers: 8:30 am Lloyd & Shirley Lilienthal  
10:00 am Dennis & Audrey Bistodeau

Lector: 8:30 am Steve Lackner 10:00 am Carolyn Morris

*Thank you for your service!*

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Saturday Eve – 25, Sunday August 3 8:30 am – 89, 10:00 am - 36

## THIS WEEK AT Bethesda August 10 thru August 16, 2014

|           |       |                                     |
|-----------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 08/11 | 9:00 am Golf                        |
|           |       | 7:00 pm AA & Alanon                 |
| Tuesday   | 08/12 | 8:00 am Pastor's Text Study, Onamia |
|           |       | 9:00 am Quilter's                   |
|           |       | 7:00 pm Faith, Health and Wellness  |
| Wednesday | 08/13 | 8:30 am Bible Study                 |
|           |       | 9:30 am Hardanger                   |
|           |       | 11:00 am Bible Study                |
|           |       | 6:00 pm Choir                       |
|           |       | 7:00 pm Praise Team                 |
| Thursday  | 08/14 | 8:00 pm R.O.M.E.O.S                 |
|           |       | 12:30 pm Fun Timers                 |
|           |       | 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice         |
| Friday    | 08/15 | 10:00 am Bone Builders              |
| Saturday  | 08/16 | 8:00 am Veggie Stand                |
|           |       | 5:00 pm Saturday Night Service      |