

Sunday, June 7, 2015
Second Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.
Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION:

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OPENING HYMN: “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying” #752 ELW
(Repeat 3 Times)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean, the bread of life coming down from above, the power at work within us and this world.
Amen.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God and Father of all,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

5:30PM SATURDAY SERVICE:

Today a new sister in Christ will join us in baptism. Madison Sage Wehrman.

CHOIR ANTHEM: His Love Remains

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

Chapter 4

¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture "I believed, and so I spoke" we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Chapter 5

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 130

Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared. R**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins. R

(Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love.)

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20–35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.

²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

SERMON HYMN:

“Faith of Our Fathers”

#812 ELW

SERMON:

“Don’t Give Up Now”

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 INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

O God, we pray for the church, for pastors and prophets, for ministries of forgiveness, for unity as the body of Christ in the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the creation: for soil and water, for all animals, for an end to divisions among those who care for the earth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For houses of government, tribal leaders, and civic officers; for judges and legislators; for all entrusted with power, that it be used in service to those in need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For those who cry out to you: those who are abused, addicted, broken-hearted, ashamed, and ill (*especially*). Comfort those who mourn and those who will die this day. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For this faith community: for broken relationships, for divided families, for all ministries in need of renewal. Empower us for lives of reconciling love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember in thanksgiving the saints who have died in Christ (*especially Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy*). Joined to them in baptism, we trust in the eternal home Christ prepares for us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this

in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #536ELW

Great to have you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Marlys Beavers & Choir

Greeters: Harold & Ardis Kendall

Ushers: 8:30 am — Don & Donna Myhre
10:00 am — Steve Long

Lector: 8:30 am – Dawn Kellen

Hospitality Hosts: Wayne & Janice Olson, Lloyd & Shirley Lilienthal

Communion Servers: Kathy Larson, Carol Schlottman, Bruce Gingerich

Thank you for your service!

Response to God’s Word Last Week/Month

Attendance: Sunday, May 31, 2015: 8:30 am 100 10:00 am 40

Offerings for May General: **\$16,945.79** Building Fund: **\$685**

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda June 8 through June 14, 2015

Monday	6/8	7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
		9:00 am	Personnel Committee Meeting Council Meeting
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
Tuesday	6/9	8-10:00 am	Pastor’s Text Study, Onamia
		9:00 am	Quilters
Wednesday	6/10	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Hardanger
		1:30 pm	4H
		6:00pm	Choir Practice
		7:00pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/11	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Hand Bell Choir Practice
Friday	6/12	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	6/13	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday	6/14	8:30 am	Worship (Outdoors-weather permitting)
		10:00 am	Worship (Outdoors-weather permitting)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance Registry Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This is a new process we are trying. This will replace the green cards. Information will be gathered for Evangelism.

Saturday Evening Worship serves have started on Saturday nights – join us at 5:00pm

Coffee Servers Needed Please check the list on the wall to the left of the serving windows by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn.

Memory Garden Bricks Orders will be taken for Memory Garden paver bricks through today. Order forms can be found in office for standard size (\$46) or large (\$75) bricks and payment is due upon delivery at summer's end. Turn completed order forms into Val Benton or place in Nature Trail/Memory Garden office mailbox.

Vacation Bible School will be June 15-19. Get the registrations in by June 8th. Registration forms are available on the secretary's desk in the office. Check the bulletin boards outside the Fellowship Hall to see if there are items that we still needed for this week.

New Members We receive new members the last Sunday of the month. If you are interested in membership or associate membership, please talk to Pastor Raisanen.

Knowledge Bites “Premium Olive Oils/Balsamic Vinegars; Handcrafted Beverages” Presented by Tammy Jo Johnson from Our Winehouse in Deerwood. Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 2:00pm. Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Garrison. Open to the community, everyone is welcome, no charge, treats and beverages served. See Poster in Fellowship Hall for more information.

Mille Lacs Lake Area Operation Community Connect – Monday, June 8th, 10:00am – 2:00pm. Singles, Teens, Seniors, or Families with Children. Multiple Free Services available: Meal Served, Haircuts, Dental Services (for children and pregnant women), IREC Clothes Closet, MNsure Navigators, Body Composition Analyzer, Door Prizes and more. Holy Cross Center, 104 Crosier Drive, Onamia, MN (Same parking lot as Mille Lacs Health System)

Refrigerator donated by Sears for the Pie & Ice Cream social is still available and if anyone is interested in purchasing it they can contact Sears in Baxter at 218-824-9313. If anyone calls into Sears just say you are interested in the refrigerator for Bethesda Lutheran Church.

Can You Help? The church has two very expensive problems that need to be addressed; the replacement of parts of our sound system and the repair of our parking lot. With the Jamboree approaching in September and winter closing in soon after that, both of these problems have approaching deadlines. The total costs for these projects are still being finalized, but the repairs could be as high as \$25,000 or more. Therefore we obviously need to begin fundraising now to see if we can afford to begin these projects soon. If you can help, please use the Building Fund line on your giving envelopes for your financial gifts towards these needs. Thank you in advance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God Bless.

Praise Team will be leading worship next Sunday outside at the Memory Garden at 8:30 and 10:00am if the weather cooperates. Please bring your lawn chairs.