

Sunday, June 21, 2015
Fourth 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:

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OPENING HYMN:

“Beautiful Savior”

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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

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Jesus Messiah

FIRST READING: JOB 38:1–11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? — ⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

PSALM (ELW): PSALM 107:1–3, 23–32

You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea. (Ps. 107:29)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters. R

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

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, you call your church through the waters of baptism. Give courage to those who lead us through word and sacrament, witness, service, and song. Strengthen all the baptized for lives of service in Christ's name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You nourish the waters of creation. We pray for oceans and rivers, streams and lakes (*local water sources may be named*). Grant us wisdom as we care for life-giving waters. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You pilot the nations. Direct all leaders in the daily tasks of listening and speaking. Bring peace to all people and places afflicted by war, violence, disaster, and injustice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You soothe our fearful hearts. Comfort those who grieve, those who are lost, those who doubt, and those who are sick (*especially*). Give faith in the midst of all that troubles your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You protect and guide the human family. Supply wisdom and energy to those who nurture children, especially fathers and mentors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the saints (*especially translator Onesimos Nesib, whom we commemorate today*). Make us attentive to your voice in this life and grant us eternal peace in the life to come. Hear us, O God

Your mercy is great.

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: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #742 ELW

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Saturday: Marilyn & Warren Samuelson

Sunday: Marlys Beavers & Choir

Greeters: Char Berg

Ushers: 8:30 am — Rich & Marge Nelson

10:00 am — Ron & Joanne Haglund

Lector: 8:30 am – Carolyn Morris

Hospitality Hosts: Becker Family (Grandpa is 80)

Communion Servers: 8:30am Sam & Sue Samuelson 10:00am Marilyn Andrews

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Saturday, June 13, 2015: 35

Sunday, June 14, 2015: 8:30 am 72 10:00 am 58

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda June 22 through June 28, 2015

Monday	6/22	1:00pm	Stewardship & Budget Meeting
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon

Tuesday	6/23	8:30-10:00am	Pastor's Text Study, Onamia
		9:00 am	Quilters

Wednesday	6/24	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Hardanger
		11:00 am	Bible Study
		6:00pm	Choir Practice
		7:00pm	Praise Team

Thursday	6/25	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Hand Bell Choir Practice

Friday	6/26	10:00 am	Bone Builders
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Saturday	6/27	5:00 pm	Worship
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Sunday	6/28	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
		2:00 pm	Funeral for Maxine Pearson

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 services have started on Saturday nights – join us at 5:00pm. Music provided by Marilyn Samuelson and Margaret Holmberg next Saturday, June 27th.

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.

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.

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.

WANTED: Church Treasurer for our church. Duties include paying bills, maintaining records and providing monthly reports to Council. Approximately 20 hours/month required. Basic accounting and financial record keeping and fundamental computer knowledge required. If you have these skills and would like to make a difference for our church, contact the church secretary for full job description and application form.

Celebration of Freedom Service will be held on Saturday, July 4th at 5:00pm and Sunday, July 5th at 10:00am. Classic Rock will be the music featured. John Koziol, Jr. and friends will sing “Don’t Stop Believing”, “Turn, Turn, Turn”, “Here Comes the Sun” and more. Come and celebrate your freedom on the 4th & 5th of July.

Veggie Stand opens on Saturday, July 4th.

Beef and Corn Feed will be on Saturday, July 25th from 4:30pm – 7:00pm