

Sunday, June 28, 2015

Fifth 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 woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

OPENING HYMN: “He Lives”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

CONFESSON 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.

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

RECEPTION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Today we welcome Donald & Diane Calverley to our Bethesda family.

10:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE:

Today a new brother and sister in Christ will join us in baptism.
Donette Marie Root & Kyle James Root

SPECIAL MUSIC “Come Now is the Time to Worship” Hand Bell Choir

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7–15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little."\\

PSALM (ELW): Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance. R

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper." R

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. R

SERMON HYMN “Breathe On Me”

SERMON: **“Is the Doctor in Today?”**

OFFERTORY HYMN: **“In the Garden”**

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

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.

For the church of Christ, that as we are strengthened in faith we will be sent forth in peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For your Spirit flowing through the natural world, that we delight in creation's goodness and protect what is threatened. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those who govern (*especially*), that they lead with wisdom and listen with compassion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For those who cry out from disease, distress, poverty, or powerlessness (*especially*), that they be raised up in the arms of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For ministries of healing in this congregation, that your Spirit's power flow through us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving for your mercy shown to your saints throughout the ages (*especially to Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons*), that all be made well in your eternal keeping. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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: “Onward Christian Soldiers”

It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Saturday: Margaret Holmberg & Marilyn Samuelson
Sunday: Marlys Beavers & Hand Bell Choir

Greeters: George & Kathy Larson

Lector: 10:00 am — Ruth Hamman

Hospitality Hosts: Warren & Gale Rolek, Penny Sjoquist, Carolyn Morris

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Saturday, June 20, 2015 5:00pm: 32
Sunday, June 21, 2015 8:30am: 95 10:00am: 49

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda June 29 through July 4, 2015

Monday	6/29	1:00 pm	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	Alanon & AA
Tuesday	6/30	8:30-10:00am	Pastor's Text Study
		1:00 pm	Property Meeting
Wednesday	7/1	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30 am	Hardanger
		9:30 am	Mission & Evangel. Meeting
		11:00 am	Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	7/2	8:00 am	Romeos
		10:30 am	Worship & Music Meeting
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Hand Bell Choir
Friday	7/3	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	7/4	5:00 pm	Worship – Celebration of Freedom Service
Sunday	7/5	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship – Celebration of Freedom Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance Registry Please sign and pass the new attendance registry folders 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.

Lawn Mowing Schedule is on the entry table. Please pick a week to mow. Thank you!

Helping Hands Ministry Please pick up and fill out the yellow forms at the church entry if you have some free time to help out church members in need.

Coffee Servers Needed Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. Still need some for June & July.

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. Invite your friends and neighbors! There will be no communion on these days.