

Sunday, June 5, 2016
Third 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

CHOIR ANTHEM:

“Rain on Me”

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 17:17-24

Having offered hospitality to Elijah, a widow in Zarephath loses her son to an illness. Through prayer, Elijah restores the boy to life, and the joyful mother acknowledges that Elijah is indeed a man of God.

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹But he said to her, “Give me your son.” He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?” ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²²The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, “See, your son is alive.” ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

Psalm: Psalm 30

My God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health. (Ps. 30:2)

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

²**O 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.

⁴**Sing 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.

⁶**While 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.

⁸**I 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?

¹⁰**Hear, 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.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. R** (*My God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health*)

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Jesus' ministry bears witness to God's coming reign, where the lowly are shown mercy and the dead are raised. Here, Jesus ministers to a widow by raising her only son to life.

¹¹Soon afterwards [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

SERMON HYMN **"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"** **#597 ELW**
(vs. 1, 2 & last)

SERMON: **"A Widow at the End of Her Rope"**

OFFERTORY HYMN: **"This Little Light of Mine"** **#677 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God, we praise you for revealing your gospel to prophets, preachers, and leaders in your church. Inspire their continuing faithful proclamation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the living and the dead, work in your creation, and work through us, in such ways that lead to life for your creation and for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the city, we pray for cities, urban areas, suburbs, small towns, and all communities. Look favorably on all lands; bring peace where there is conflict and cooperation where there is disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy One, you see the needs of those who suffer. When we are sick, tend to us and to our neighbors, and give us gratitude when we are well. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Giver of joy, make your presence known in this assembly. Give us such a clear and bold share of your Spirit that your life and vitality shine through us into our neighborhood.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us (*with Boniface, bishop and missionary,*) into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of ☩ Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN: “How Great Thou Art” (vs. 1,2,4) #856 ELW

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

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, May 29: 8:30am 105 10:00am: 49

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Marilyn Samuelson & Choir

Greeters: Ron & Joni Melhop

Ushers: 8:30 - Winnie Zahradka 10:00 – Richard & Sue Stebbins

Lector: Char Berg

Communion Servers: Keith & Dawn Kellen, Diane Sandberg

Thank you for your service!

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

June 5 – June 12

Sunday	6/5	10:00 am	Confirmation – Anna Westerland
Monday	6/6	1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/7	7:30-10:00 am 9:00 am	Pastor Text Study Crafters
Wednesday	6/8	8:30 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Stitchers Choir Practice Praise Team
Thursday	6/9	8:00 am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm	Romeos Fun Timers Bell Choir
Friday	6/10	10:00 am	Bones
Sunday	6/12	8:30 am 10:00 am	Worship Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Anna Westerland who will Re-Affirm her Baptismal vows during our service at 10:00am. She is the daughter of Norm & Laurie Westerland.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew.

THRIVENT has made us aware that there is \$250 available to every event Bethesda sponsors but we need to identify who are members of Thrivent. Please let the church office know if you are a member and we will assist you in applying for these funds.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS Attention Committee chairs: Please have next year's budget recommendations to Stewardship by Friday, June 10th. If you have questions talk to Pat Becker.

FOOT CLINIC Our next Foot Care Clinic will be held on Saturday, July 2nd, 2016. Call the church office to make an appointment: 320-684-2123 (M-F 11:00am – 3:00pm).

PRAYER CHAIN WELCA is re-doing the Prayer Chain list. Anyone who wants to be added please contact Judy Forester: 218-678-2667.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

WELCA Co-CHAIR WELCA is again in need of a co-chair. This is a 2-yr term. The first year is mainly spent just helping the 2nd year co-chair and learning what to do. The 2nd Year co-chair is Sandy Pullen. The second year you would be responsible for making the agenda and leading the meeting for only 6 meetings. If you are interested in this position please contact Sandy Pullen or Elsa Carlson. Our next meeting is August 17, 2016. We hope everyone will give this a prayerful consideration. WELCA has an important function and it's a wonderful way to serve the women of this church. Let's keep this organization going.

HOPE LODGE Just a reminder, we are still collecting for Hope Lodge. Some items needed are toilet paper, Kleenex, travel mugs, stamps, and travel size conditioner. A more complete list is on the WELCA bulletin board. The bin for collecting items is located in the Fellowship Hall.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE June 12th at 8:30am and 10:00pm. Led by the Praise Choir. Bring your own lawn chair.

BRIDGE Anyone interested in learning how to play Bridge can join Mary Nitti at Bethesda Church on Tuesdays at 1:00pm starting June 14th. Free of charge.

2ND ANNUAL MILLE LACS LAKE AREA OPERATION COMMUNITY CONNECT

The OCC is a one day event designed to help community members receive needed services. The hope is to connect families and individuals of all ages to local resources, jobs, information, housing and other services. For more information contact Diane Seefeld (320) 532-2604. This event meets in the Onamia Elementary School Gym on Monday, June 6th 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! – Bethesda's Annual Celebration of Freedom will be held on Saturday, July 2nd at 5:00pm and again on Sunday, July 3rd at 10:00am. Come and enjoy the music of "That Old Time Religion" led by John Koziol, Pat Balder and friends. A free will offering will be received.

VEGGIE STAND wants to give a big Thank You to all who baked and contributed to the Veggie Stand last weekend. Thanks to the support of our Bethesda family we had a fantastic sale. Special Thanks go out to Dave and Joanne Stueven and Pastor Jim who worked at the Stand, also to everyone who came and visited and supported our work. Our next opening will be July 2nd, then every Saturday until Labor Day.

CAN YOU HELP? There are lists of items needed for Vacation Bible School posted on the bulletin boards in the entry. Please take a donation slip, find or purchase the item, and bring to church by date suggested on the slip. Thank you for your help!