

Sunday, June 26, 2016
Sixth 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

(Please turn off your cell phones)

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INTRODUCTION

We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path of life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#434 ELW

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, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Just and gracious God,
we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

The apostle Paul assures us:

“When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross.” Jesus says to you, † “Your sins are forgiven.” Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM: “Thy Word”

First Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ’s Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Psalm: Psalm 16

I have set the LORD always before me. (Ps. 16:8)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips. R**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. **R**

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said,

“Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

SERMON HYMN “Oh Master, Let Me Walk With You”(vs.1,2,3) #818 ELW

SERMON “People Who Procrastinate”

OFFERTORY SONG “Jesus The Very Thought of You” #754 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.

Anointing God, you commission us for our ministry in daily life. You also call us to pass our faith and ministry on to the next generation. Inspire us in our equipping of others. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, you have given us all we need. Inspire us to honor your creation as an inheritance and trust. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of the nations, the distractions of the world draw our attention away from you. Refocus us in our commitment to your ways and the justice you desire for the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Through the fruits of your Spirit, make us healers in the world. Bring love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control into the lives of all in need. We pray especially for Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Steadfast God, guide this congregation by your Spirit. Make us neighbors to each other, ready to be and receive strangers, and show us how to love our neighbors as you intend. 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 them, 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.

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: “Rise, Shine, You People” #665 ELW

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music:	Bell Choir
Greeters:	Jerry & Carolyn Morris
Ushers:	8:30-Nancy Hansen, Paula Spetz 10:00-Marilyn Andrews
Lector:	Dawn Kellen

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: June 19, 2016: 8:30am 93

10:00pm 55

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

June 27 –

July 3

Monday	6/27	10:00 am	Chairperson Meeting
		1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/28	7:30-10:00	Pastor Text Study
		9:00 am	Quilters
		9:00 am	Crafters
Wednesday	6/29	8:30 am	Bible Study
		9:30am	Stitchers
		1:00 pm	Funeral-Edna Smith
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team
Thursday	6/30	8:00am	Romeos
		12:30 pm	Fun Timers
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	7/1	10:00am	Bones
Saturday	7/2	1:00-4:00pm	Foot Care
		5:00 pm	Worship - Celebration of Freedom
Sunday	7/3	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship - Celebration of Freedom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

OFFERING FOR RICK AND SHARON RAISANEN A special collection will be taken today for Rick and Sharon Raisanen (Pastor Jim's brother) who lost everything in a house fire. Please remember them in your prayers also. **Checks can be made out to Bethesda Lutheran marked Rick and Sharon.**

NEXT WEEKEND! – 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. If you have an Old Time favorite please call it into the church and we will sing it on Sunday.

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.

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.

VEGGIE STAND The Veggie Stand will be open as usual on July 2nd. Mary Vukelich, Emily and Will very graciously volunteered to staff the stand at least during the month of July. Of course any extra help will be appreciated. So keep those donations of baked goods and veggies coming and help them have a profitable and fun experience. Many thanks to our Bethesda family.

Coffee Servers Needed Please check the hospitality host chart for coffee fellowship. If you can help out in this way, please find a partner and sign up. Thanks.

Did someone borrow the DOUBLE TENT? It was in a carry bag with WELCA written on it. Please return it to the garage if you have it.

