

Sunday, July 1, 2018

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

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: **"This Little Light of Mine"** # 677 ELW
 Please Stand on the Last Verse

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, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

PRAYER 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.

Amen.

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

READING: 1 John 1:5-2:2

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

² My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL John 1:29

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

#875 ELW

Please stand if able

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 to the dead. 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God’s merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, send out your church to cross boundaries for the sake of your holy compassion. Use our words and our actions to bring peace and wholeness to all people. Lord, in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Bountiful God, all creation is a gift from you. Protect the earth from disaster and misuse. Free us from selfishness and help us to honor the bounty of nature, sharing our earthly home gently with one another and with future generations. Lord, in your mercy

Your mercy is great.

Liberating God, soften the hearts of rulers and governments. Strengthen the voices of those who cry out for freedom and opportunity for the overlooked, oppressed, and abused. Teach your people to speak peace to all people and nations. Lord, in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, give us faith and make us whole. Ease the anxiety of undiagnosed or chronic illness. Soothe the heartache of miscarriage or infertility. Look with compassion on all who cry to you for healing (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, protect and bless all civil servants, local government officials, and members of the armed services who work for our safety and security. Help us to be thoughtful citizens and good neighbors in our community. Lord, in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Immortal God, your mercies never end and your faithfulness is everlasting. Inspire us by the faith of the saints (*especially Catherine Winkworth and John Mason Neale*) to wait patiently for your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

*Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.
Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

(Communion by intinction - red wine; white apple juice)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

Amen

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

CLOSING HYMN:

“Shine Jesus, Shine”

#671 ELW

DISMISSAL

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Adult Choir & Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Shirley Moe & Winnie Zahradka

Ushers: 8:30am Wayne & Janice Olson 10:00am Darrell Kelly

Hospitality Hosts: Wally & Bev Swenson – 60th Anniversary

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, June 24th: 8:30 am 88 10:00 am 25

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

July 2 – July 8, 2018

Monday	7/2	1:00 pm	Double Deck Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/3	9:00am	Crafters
		12:00-2:00	Pastor Text Study
		5:30 pm	Praise Team
Wednesday	7/4	Happy 4th of July!!!!	
		10:00 am	Line Up for Parade
		12:00 noon	Glen 4 th of July Parade
Thursday	7/5	8:00 am	R.O.M.E.O.'s
		10:30 am	Worship & Music meeting
		12:00 pm	Funtimers-Pot Luck (Noon) & Cards (12:30pm)
		6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Friday	7/6	10:00 am	Bone Builders
Saturday	7/7	7:30 am	Veggie Stand
	7/7	7:00 pm	Dakota Road Concert
Sunday	7/8	8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY *Please* sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for annual reports to the Synod.

BLESSING BOX The first Sunday of every month we pass the “Blessing Box”. If you feel blessed, please contribute to the Blessing Box today to help others. All donations this month will go to Feed My Starving Children. Thank you! What a Blessing!

PRAYS AND CARE CONCERNS:

LAWN MOWERS NEEDED: If you enjoy the outdoors, we have an opportunity for you. Please sign up to help mow the church lawn. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Training on use of mowers is available if needed. Contact Lee Forrester.

LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY will be here August 15-18 to take pictures for our new church directory. Schedules will be available as we come near to those dates. More details coming next week.

WOMEN’S DEVOTIONS will be on Monday, July 9th, 9:00 am at Pat Becker’s home.

VEGGIE STAND will be opened on July 7th, then every Saturday until Labor Day. Donations from your garden or kitchen will be welcomed. Deliver to the church by Friday, or bring to the stand on Saturday morning.

HOSPICE KITS The women of Bethesda will be assembling Hospice Kits at their August meeting for Global Health Ministries because there is a great need for the kits. Please see the Women of the ELCA bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for items that are needed for the kits. All are welcome to join us to assemble these kits.

GLEN PARADE on the 4th of July. We have a trailer for the parade. We are looking for riders who want to throw candy and sing. Anyone interested talk to Sheila Penoyer about the parade float.

BEEF & CORN FEED Our annual corn feed is set for Saturday, July 28th; 4:30-7:00pm. Not Friday, July 28th as printed in the Newsletter.