

# Sunday June 2, 2024

## Second Sunday after Pentecost/New Member Sunday



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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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Jan Aho

**HIGHWAY CLEAN UP** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Bethesda is responsible for a 2 mile stretch in front of the church. We would like at least 8 people to help with the project. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. If it rains, we'll try again on the 13<sup>th</sup> to clean ditches.

**CRAFTING FUN!** Join us to work on crafts for our Holiday Bazaar on the following Mondays from 9-11 am: June 3 & 24; July 1 & 29; Aug. 5 & 19; Sept. 16 & 30; Oct. 7. A few of these dates will be workshops where we will work on specific items: June 3 - Mushrooms; July 1 - Papermaking; and Aug. 19 – Dried fruit crafts. The bazaar is on Oct. 26 this year.

**JUNE RAFFLE BASKET** Help support Local Benevolence and get a head start on your Christmas celebrations. Sugar cookies, coffee, a snuggly warm blanket, and more. Merry Christmas! \$1 per ticket.

### **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda** **June 3, 2024 – June 9, 2024**

Monday	6/3	11:30 am	Card Players
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	6/4	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 am	Choir Practice
Wednesday	6/5	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	6/6	8:00 am	ROMEOS
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Sunday	6/9	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

### **TEMPLE TALK – CARE**

**Mary Vukelich**

**OPENING HYMN: “You Have Come Down To The Lakeshore” #817 ELW**

*(Please rise on the last verse)*



1	You	have come down to the lake - shore	seek - ing
2	You	know full well what I have, Lord:	nei - ther
3	You	need my hands, my ex - haus - tion,	work - ing
4	You	who have fished oth - er wa - ters;	you, the

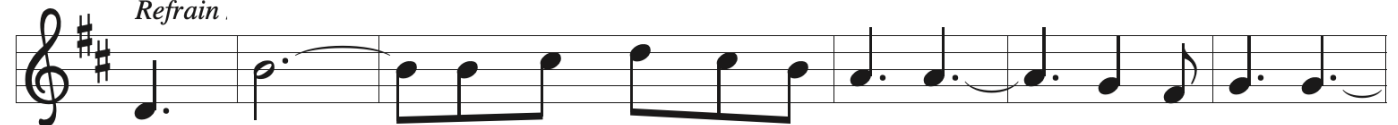


nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's  
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
 fish nets and will for work - ing.  
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
 Friend, you have come to call me.

*Refrain.*



Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

## CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God,  
**throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM: "I Will Believe"**

#### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 81:1-10**

- <sup>1</sup> Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> **Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.**
- <sup>3</sup> Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast;
- <sup>4</sup> **for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.**
- <sup>5</sup> God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:
- <sup>6</sup> **"I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**
- <sup>7</sup> You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- <sup>8</sup> **Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**
- <sup>9</sup> There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.
- <sup>10</sup> **I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel: Mark 2:23—3:6**

**Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord ~ **Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Day By Day”**

**#790 ELW**



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug- gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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## Welcoming New Members to the Congregation

### PRESENTATION of NEW MEMBERS

*Representative/s of the congregation, and ministers gather at the font or at a convenient place before the assembly.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

*A representative of the congregation or the presiding minister may introduce each new member or household*

*We welcome to our congregation:*

*Jim & Darlene Meinert, sponsored by: Sylvia Tapelt*

*Please stand if you are able.*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

### APOSTLES' 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.**

### Address and Questions

*The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.*

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the

mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism  
among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God,

do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## **WELCOME**

*Those being welcomed face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

Let us welcome *these sisters and brothers* in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God**

**and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring



favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them (*especially*). Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING** - *Please be seated as the Ushers pass the offering plate.*

*Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life,

**you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
**we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:            “Thy Strong Word”                            #511 ELW**

### **DISSMAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

### **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Greeters: Julie Swaggert & Dennis Hennessy  
Ushers: Lee & Barb Forrester  
Lector: Susan Samuelson  
Hospitality: Joanne & Dave Stueven

**Thank you for  
your service!**

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, May 26, 2024: In Person: 9:00am   68   Online:   16