

**Sunday July 7, 2024**  
**Seventh 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Ron Aho

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

**JULY WOMENS' DEVOTION** is changed to Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

**LECTORS NEEDED** We need lectors for weekly Sunday readings. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex heading into the Fellowship Hall and include the weekly readings.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED** Please sign up so we many continue to enjoy coffee & fellowship after service. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board mounted in the Fellowship Hall next to the serving window.

**BAKED GOODS FOR VEGGIE STAND** are gladly accepted for Saturday mornings.

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

### **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**July 8, 2024 – July 14, 2024**

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Monday	7/8	9:00 am	Women's Devotion
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/9	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
		5:30 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Wednesday	7/10	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	7/11	8:00 am	Romeos
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Saturday	7/13	8:00 am	Veggie Stand
Sunday	7/14	9:00 am	Worship in Person & Live Stream

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**OPENING HYMN: “Before You, Lord, We Bow” #893 ELW**  
*(Please rise on the last verse)*



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and  
 2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine  
 3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -  
 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
 forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry  
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your  
 all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!  
 tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.  
 pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.  
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.  
 Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

**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**

God of the covenant,

**in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "Battle Hymn"**

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 123**

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>4</sup> **too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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## **GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of

power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

## SERMON

**HYMN: “O, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”**

**#772 ELW**



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint (*names and*) all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed (*especially*). Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**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! *(hymn: #629 ELW)*

## **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: “For This Land and All It’s Wonder” (on screen)**

(sung to the tune of: “God of Grace, God of Glory) Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

- 1 For this land in all its wonder, for each city, farm and town,  
For each mountain filled with splendor, for each place where love is found,  
For the freedoms we enjoy here,  
God, may thanks to you abound! God, may thanks to you abound!
- 2 For your peace and love unending, breaking barriers that divide;  
For the joy of cultures blending as we live here side by side;  
God, we thank you and we pray now:  
May we all be unified! May we all be unified!
- 3 For your hand to lead and guide us, for your work in history,  
For your vision born inside us of a just society,  
God, we thank you and we pray now:  
May this vision come to be! May this vision come to be!
- 4 May we be a nation seeking ways that are both wise and fair,  
May our living and our speaking serve your purpose everywhere.  
May we follow where you lead us;  
God, this is our hope and prayer! God, this is our hope and prayer!

## **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**

Music: Adult Choir

Greeters: Julie Swaggert & Dennis Hennessy

Ushers: Gary & Brenda Sjerven

Lector: Merrily Jones

Hospitality:

**Thank you for your service!**

Response to God's Word Last Week:

Sunday, June 30, 2024: In Person: 9:00am   30   Online:   38