

# Second Sunday of Pentecost

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HYMN— #252—*Oh, Sing to the Lord*

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

# GLORY TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

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You are seated at the right hand of the  
 Father; receive our prayer, re-  
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BE SEATED

<sup>13</sup> Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

<sup>14</sup> "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell face-down to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

<sup>15</sup> The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

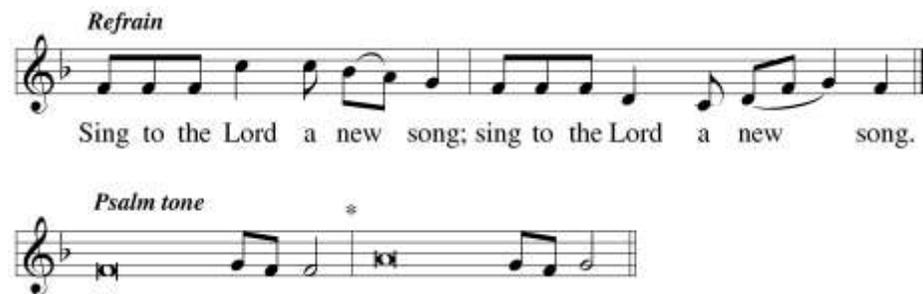
<sup>1</sup> Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. <sup>3</sup> March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. <sup>4</sup> Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. <sup>5</sup> When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in."

<sup>20</sup> When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 100

*Refrain*

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.\*

Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.\*

Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;\*  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

*Refrain*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;\*  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;\*  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain*

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. <sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

<sup>9</sup> Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. <sup>10</sup> But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. <sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia. (*Psalm 119:105*)

STAND

GOSPEL

*Luke 7:1-10 (NIV)*

Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup> There a centurion’s servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. <sup>3</sup> The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. <sup>4</sup> When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, “This man deserves to have you do this,” <sup>5</sup> because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue.” <sup>6</sup> So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: “Lord, don’t trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. <sup>7</sup> That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>8</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

<sup>9</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.” <sup>10</sup> Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

## APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY #404—*Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven*

SERMON (*sermon text Luke 7:1-10*)

*"The Amazing Faith of a Soldier"*

STAND

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a  
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

BE SEATED  
OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

M: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

M: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C: **Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

M: Heavenly Father, as our nation pauses to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort and guidance. Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant your loving protection. Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving your past goodness on this country. If it is your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry.

C: Most of all, we pray that you would turn the hearts of all – military and civilian – to your holy Word where we find the true peace for our sinful souls that surpasses all understanding. Keep us repentant of sin. Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace.

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions

*Silent prayer.*

M: To you O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: **Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN #379—*Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound*

STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder **your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you** in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN — #551:1-3—*For All the Saints*



*Wishing you a peaceful  
and blessed*

# *Memorial Day*

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS:  
JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US.  
AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN  
OUR LIVES FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

1 JOHN 3:16



# News And Notes

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WELCOME!

Welcome to worship! We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us today. Guests, if there is anything we can do to make your worship more meaningful, please do not hesitate to ask us. Pastor, the ushers, and all members of our Bethany family stand ready to serve you. May the Lord bless your worship!

## THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

A special "thank you" to those who served their Lord by serving us this morning, our violinists, our organist, and our ushers. Thank you for edifying and beautifying our worship with your service.

## CONFIRMATION OF JAKE LIPPERT AND SEAN CUNNINGHAM NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 5th

On Sunday June 5th, Jake and Sean will be received into communicant membership of Bethany as they publicly confirm the faith of their baptisms in our 10:30 AM Sunday worship. Join us for this special occasion of celebrating God's grace in their lives.

## FELLOWSHIP AT THE KLUENDER HOME SATURDAY, JUNE 11th

On Saturday, June 11th, all of Bethany is invited to join the Kluenders and their family to celebrate Hannah's graduation with food and fellowship from 4:00—7:00 PM at the parsonage. We look forward to seeing you there! Please note: a few of you have asked if you can/should bring any food. This is not necessary, please just come and enjoy! But if you would like to bring something, you are welcome to bring some sort of side dish, dessert or salad Any questions? See Pastor or Jennifer. Thank you!

## VBS AND WEST DEER COMMUNITY DAYS VOLUNTEERS

If you are willing to help with either of these outreach opportunities and have not yet signed up on the signup sheets in the narthex, please do so ASAP so we can begin to assign shifts and tasks each event. We are thankful for the help already pledged, but we can always use more.

## 2016 PASTORAL VISITS

Pastor Kluender will be scheduling home visits with all Bethany members this summer and early fall, and if you would like to have "first dibs," feel free to speak with him about when your visit could be scheduled. Otherwise, expect to receive a call from Pastor to have a visit scheduled sometime between now and mid-fall.

## LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

In last Sunday's worship, 41 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God.

# Our Walk For God

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31	June 1	2	3	4	5
MEMORIAL DAY  Happy Birthday Barb McCreary!	7:00p Bible Study				<b>Men's Fellowship</b> Bible Study 8:30-10:00 AM	9:00a Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30a Worship  Confirmation of Jake Lippert and Sean Cunningham

Serving next Sunday: Altar: Kluender Greeter: Stadler Ushers: Team: B (H)