



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost..... July 13, 2014

9:00 a.m. Worship..... * Please stand

Prelude

Welcome

***Gathering Song** “You Are Holy” (Sing 2 times)..... ELW 525

***Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: In the presence of God, who sees our hearts and our minds, let us confess our sin,

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God our strength,

C: We confess that we are captive to the power of sin that dwells with us. We put ourselves first and others last. What we think will make us happy leaves us longing for more. Even when we want to do what is good, we find ourselves doing the opposite. Rescue us from death's grip on our lives, and raise us up day by day, that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, all have fallen short of the glory of God; therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.

C: Amen.

***Kyrie Eleison**..... Printed

***Prayer of the Day**

C: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Lesson Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law--indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Psalms 65: 1-13

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded a bout with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Announcement of Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 13.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Song “Borning Cry”..... ELW 732

The Sermon

***The Song of the Day** “Day by Day”..... ELW 790

***Apostles' Creed**

C: 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.

***Sharing of the Peace**

The Offering

Special Music “This Is My Father's World”. Bill Groskreutz, Jr

The Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)

***The Lord’s Prayer**

***Blessing**

***Sending Song** “Sent Forth by God's Blessing”. ELW 547

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Serving Today: Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Myrwood (Woody) Bagne

Assisting Worship Leader: Bill Groskreutz, Jr. **Scripture Reader:** Shirley Lesto

Birthdays - July 13-19 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

13-Gordon Martin, Jr.	15-Bryan Schroeder	18-Pam Baird	19-Carter Schrader
Sue Vee	Megan Tatge	Jacob Billings	Mason Schrader
14-Jadelyn Niebuhr	16-Betty Heitner	Kolt Bullerman	

Thank You to Bill Groskreutz, Jr for sharing with us today his gift of music.

Do you enjoy the Kernel Days Hamburger Stand? Church Council is looking for someone to chair/co-chair this years stand. Please call the church office if you are interested!

Women of Good Shepherd - Do you long for a time of relaxation spent with friends? A time to get away from the busyness of life and study God's amazing word? Join us July 23rd for our summer retreat. Pastor Laurie will be leading our study. Kathy Ehlert will be our hostess at their Bass Lake home. Space is limited - sign up by calling the church office or the sign up sheet by the office. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at church to car pool. Pot luck lunch.

Senior Saints - Join the senior saints for a picnic lunch provided by the July service group. Be at the Broadway Apartments on July 16th, at 11:00 a.m. to participate in the fun and fellowship. We will celebrate "America". Bring a thought to share about what makes being an American special to you.

Daily Scripture Readings

July 14- Psalm 92 Leviticus 26:3-20
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

July 15- Psalm 92 Deuteronomy 28:1-14
Ephesians 4:17—5:2

July 16 - Psalm 92 Proverbs 11:23-30
Matthew 13:10-17

July 17 - Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 41:21-29
Hebrews 2:1-9

July 18 - Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:9-17
Hebrews 6:13-20

July 19 - Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:18-20
Matthew 7:15-20

I, John R. W. Stott, have found this helpful for many years, at the very beginning of each day, to recite the following trinitarian liturgy, which begins with praise and ends in prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God,
 Creator and Sustainer of the universe, I worship you.
 Lord Jesus Christ,
 Savior and Lord of the world, I worship you. Holy Spirit,
 Sanctifier of the people of God, I worship you.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
 Amen.
 Heavenly Father, I pray that this day
 I may live in your presence and please you more and more.
 Lord Jesus Christ, I pray that this day
 I may take up my cross and follow you.
 Holy Spirit, I pray that this day your fruit may ripen in
 my life--love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness
 and self-control. Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons
 by John R. W. Stott (1921-2011) from *Through the Bible-Through the Year*