

Holy Communion
Sunday, June 23, 2019
Pastor - Rev. Mick Roschke
Organist - Lori Free

Organ Prelude

Pastor's greeting

Opening Hymn: **#879 For the Beauty of the Earth**

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Dismissal

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS
CELEBRATING OUR 137th YEAR
IN HIS SERVICE
1882 - 2019

Before retiring, Pastor Mick served as a street pastor in Uptown Chicago and led several congregations in Milwaukee. Over the past five years, Mick has served as a seasonal pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Myers, Florida, during the winter months. He also preaches frequently at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Milwaukee where he and his wife are members. Mick and his wife, Judy, recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. Judy is a retired teacher who taught in parochial schools and in the Milwaukee Public Schools. Their son, Micah and his wife, Gloria, have two children. Their daughter, Melissa and her husband, Jeremy, also have two children. In February, Mick and Judy sold their home in Milwaukee. They are currently staying with their children until they find a place to live. The Roschke family has been blessed to come to Bethany for over 25 years and are thankful to the Bethany congregation for the opportunity to serve.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. If you spend time in Door County please consider becoming a member of our special ministry. Contact any member for information.

All baptized Christians who celebrate the Real Presence in the Sacrament of Communion are invited to the Lord's Table.

Restrooms are located in the Pioneer School

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on the web site.**

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

A brief silence.

For all servants of the gospel, for the church throughout the world, and for all who sing the praise and glory of God, that through the gift of faith, all declare the wonderful name of Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the well-being of creation, for mountains and lakes, for fields and forests, and for plants and animals, that God lift up good stewards to care for the entire earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations and their rulers, for aid workers, and for people in war-torn areas (*especially*), that God raise up leaders and advocates to work for the equality of all, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who cry out in need: the hungry and poor, the downtrodden and outcast, the grieving and the sick (*especially*), that all know that God is near and hears their cries, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For teachers preparing for the upcoming school year, for those who are traveling and absent from worship, and for those who visit our congregation, that God's love lead them in their daily vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For all baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, including those who have died (*especially*). Confident that we belong to you in life and in death, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday (John the Baptist) Luke 1:57-67 [68-80]. **Tuesday** (commemoration of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530; Philipp Melancthon, renewer of the church, 1560) Psalm 64. **Wednesday** Luke 9:37-43a. **Thursday** (commemoration of Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, 444) Psalm 16. **Friday** (commemoration of Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202) Galatians 4:8-20. **Saturday** (Peter and Paul, Apostles) John 21:15-19. **3rd Sunday after Pentecost** 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62.

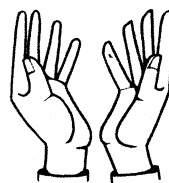
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Celebrate

Sunday, June 23, 2019
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self absorption is idolatry, and images from pagan worship fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

I was ready to be sought out by those
who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not
seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my
name.

²I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in
their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too
holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷their iniquities and their ancestors'
iniquities together,

says the LORD;
because they offered incense on the
mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the LORD:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
⁹I will bring forth descendants from
Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my
mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.



But you, O LORD, be not ¹ far away;
O my help, hasten ¹ to my aid.

²⁰**Deliver me ¹ from the sword,
my life from the power ¹ of the dog.**

²¹Save me from the ¹ lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have ¹ rescued me.

²²**I will declare your name ¹ to my people;
in the midst of the assembly ¹ I will praise you. R**

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's ¹ line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- ¹ spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hid- ¹ den from them;
but when they cry out, ¹ the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹ great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹ fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹ and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts ¹ live forever! R**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow ¹ before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹ to the LORD,
who rules o- ¹ ver the nations. R**

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power.

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.