

**Holy Communion**  
**Sunday, June 30, 2019**  
**Pastor - Rev. Mick Roschke**  
**Organist - Lori Free**

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

Organ Prelude

Pastor's greeting

Opening Hymn: **#574 Here I Am, Lord**

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Prayer of the Day - Celebrate

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm: 16

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Sermon

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Communion Hymn: **#614 There Is a Balm in Gilead**

Sending Song: **#543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

Dismissal

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 49<sup>th</sup> 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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and follow our worship service live, and archived,  
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 followers of Christ; for the church and its ministers; and for the mission of the gospel, that all will know the gifts of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the wilderness and deserts; for the rain forests and tundra; for native lands and farmland; and for all who tend the land, that God's mighty work be seen in all creation, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who govern in Canada and the United States; for those responsible for peace among people and nations; and for those who strive for freedom, that all are guided by Christ's commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For refugees in need of protection; for the homeless in need of shelter;

for those who work in the summer's heat; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*), that God provide compassionate advocates and skilled medical professionals to aid them, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who travel this summer; for those celebrating significant events in their lives; and for this community of faith, that the love of Christ be present in our joy and pleasure, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving for those who now rest in the hope of the resurrection, that with them we receive assurance that God does not abandon us in any time or place, 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.**



# Celebrate

Sunday, June 30, 2019

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

*We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path of life.*

## Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There the Lord reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

Then the LORD said to [Elijah], "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and

threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

## Preparing for Next Week

**Monday** (commemoration of Catherine Winkworth, 1878; John Mason Neale, 1866; hymn translators) Psalm 140. **Tuesday** Jeremiah 3:15-18. **Wednesday** (Thomas, Apostle) John 14:1-7. **Thursday** Psalm 66:1-9. **Friday** Jeremiah 51:47-58. **Saturday** (commemoration of Jan Hus, martyr, 1415) Zechariah 14:10-21. **4th Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

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- Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
 I have said to the LORD,  
 "You are my Lord, my good above all other."  
<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
 upon those who are noble among the people.**  
<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
 shall have their troubles multiplied.  
<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
 never take their names up on my lips. R**  
<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
 it is you who hold my lot.  
<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
 indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**  
<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
 my heart teaches me night after night.  
<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me;  
 because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R**  
<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
 my body also shall rest in hope.  
<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
 nor let your holy one see the pit.**  
<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
 and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. R

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if

you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

## Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will

follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."