

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

6th Sunday After Pentecost – July 1st & 2nd, 2018

suffering at the threat of death from the suffering of those who have no such victorious and infinitely loving comforter! ²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher any more?”

³⁶ Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.”

⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon Hymn: 448 In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust

Sermon: **Don't Be Afraid. Just Believe.**

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

3rd Hymn: 406 This Is the Threefold Truth

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 765 Day by Day

We rejoice with Brady and Lynsey Broedlow as their daughter Raelyn is welcomed into God's Family through Holy Baptism at the 9 AM Service this Sunday. The Sponsors for the baptism are: Treesa Landry, Matthew Ganser, Ryan Broedlow and Katelyn Broedlow

Ushers: This Week – Tyler Danielson & Tim Walsh
Next Week – Russ Schuld & Justin Draeger

Greeters: This Week – Dave & Andrea Stewart
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We Welcome You!

Order of Worship: Sunday - pg. 12 for Holy Baptism
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Opening Hymn: 213 Forever with the Lord

Prayer of the Day:

M: O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Lamentations 3:22-33

Much of human suffering is the direct result of sin, often the sins of others. So Jeremiah endures the loss of everything because of the rebellion and stubborn unbelief of his countrymen. They have nothing now but death and the living nothing but shame, misery, despair. But Jeremiah recognized that regardless of the sin that caused the misery or whose sin it was, suffering even to the point of death has a salutary benefit of clearing out the rubbish in the brain and focusing the Christian's attention on what really matters. And what matters is grace and the sustaining promise of God's abiding presence and his unfailing love expressed in the gospel.

²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." ²⁵ The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; ²⁶ it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷ It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. ²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him. ²⁹ Let him bury his face in the dust—there may yet be hope. ³⁰ Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace. ³¹ For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. ³² Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. ³³ For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 30, p. 76

Second Lesson - 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13, 14

But maybe this is not the moment when you must suffer like Jairus or Jeremiah. Maybe that day has not come for you; maybe for the moment it is past. Then what does the Office for this Sunday have to say to you? You are blessed now with peace and plenty so that you can show the riches of God's grace to those who are tormented and in need. That's what Jesus did. Having everything he gave it all up so that you would have everything. And now he

bleses you with confidence in the gospel promises on this good day so that you can share those promises with those in a bad day. The same holds for your time and wealth; it is yours to share in humble imitation of what Jesus has shared—no, what Jesus has generously and freely given to you. That's how we pass the test of sincerity; that's how invisible faith created by the Word turns into visible works of love for our neighbor when he is having trouble seeing the grace and love of God because of the evidence of his pained circumstances.

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. ⁵ And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. ⁶ So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

¹³ Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. ¹⁴ At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia. (Mark 8:34b)

Gospel - Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

How tragic beyond words! A little girl, the apple of her father's eye, is dying. There is nothing left to do but to turn to Jesus. When everyone tells him that there is no further point in bothering Jesus because the child has died, Jesus encourages Jairus' faith with the words, Only believe! But believe what? Jesus had not promised to raise the child. Yet his going was the unspoken promise of help. In the face of death Jairus trusted the promise even when he could not know exactly what form the fulfillment of the promise would take. That's our trust, too, when disaster, even death, approaches. We take refuge in the promise of Jesus to go with us, even if it means a journey to the cemetery. Do you wonder if he is too busy to be bothered? Look at how the gospel lesson ends! Jesus is the one who attends even to the smallest detail in the story; he orders something for the little girl to eat. Is he any less concerned with you, especially when you need the comfort of him who triumphed over death for us and also for our believing loved ones? How very different our experience of