

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 23, 2014**

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**The Approach to God**

**PRELUDE/PROCESSIONAL**

*"Wade In the Water"* Bahamian Brotherhood

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*"Bless the Lord"* Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 103)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,**

**And all that is within me bless his holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits.**

**The Lord forgives all your iniquity, and heals all your diseases.**

**God satisfies you with good as long as you live.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #464**

*"Morning Has Broken"*

**\*SALUTATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have not done those things which we should have done; and we have done those things which we should not have done. Lord, have mercy on us. Spare those who confess their faults; restore those who are penitent. Through the power of your Spirit, help us to live a holy, just and humble life that brings glory to you. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Psalm 103:8-13

**LAW OF GOD**

**Ten Commandments**

(Page 12 Hymnal)

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE**

*"Thy Word"*

(see insert)

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

Chancel Choir

**The Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*"Open Our Eyes, Lord"*

(see insert)

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 7:1-23

(Page 32 New Testament)

**MOMENT FOR CHILDREN**

**\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

**\*HYMN #253**

*"How I Love Thy Law, O Lord"*

**SERMON**

**"Rules and Regulations"**

**Our Response to God**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*"Down By the Riverside"*

Choir, Congregation & Bahamian Brotherhood

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #405**

*"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

*"Amen"*

**\*POSTLUDE**

Bahamian Brotherhood

\*The congregation may stand.

## TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Duane & Becky Woodward

Ushers: Carole Angrilla, Nancy Dey, Pete & Barbara Nickel

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship: Bill & Rebecca Kalsbeek

Next week's stewards (**March 2**):

Greeters: Walt & Lucy Paradies

Ushers: Walt & Lucy Paradies, John & Sandi Tarrant

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship:

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Just a reminder that this Friday, February 28th is our church's regularly scheduled day for delivery of meals. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Dey.

## CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES

A Mighty Fortress is our Basement will be presented in Rocky Mount at the Dunn Center on Friday, March 7, at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$20. Please see Paula Pynaker, if you are interested. We would like to have a group; possibly have dinner before the show. Today is the deadline to order tickets.

## PIG PICKIN'

Mark your calendars for a pig pickin' on March 15 at the church. A group of youth and youth leaders from the Cornerstone Christian Reformed Church in British Columbia will be coming to our area in March for a mission trip and will be working alongside some of us for projects in the area. This activity is made possible through the contacts of Mark Knetsch. The mission team will be sponsoring a pig pickin' here at the church on Saturday, March 15 and you are invited. It will start in the late afternoon around 5:30; the exact time is to be determined later. Check out the next issue of the Family Times for more information.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

## **Mark 7:1-23**

Introduction – How I Love Thy Law, O Lord

### I. Pharisees and Scribes

A. Pharisees – history

B. Scribes

C. Pharisees – Jesus' Day

### II. Mark 7 – Confrontation

A. The issues

B. Jesus' response

### III. Our Lives