

Pastors Network

Church of the
Lutheran
Brethren

6th Sunday after Pentecost (Series B)

July 8th, 2012

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

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14

Lesson: Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalms: Psalm 30

CLB Commentary – Dr. Eugene Boe

Jairus, a leading person in the synagogue, now a desperate father, makes his way to Jesus with a crisis that is beyond him. “My daughter is at the point of death! Come and lay your hands on her so that she may be healed and live. And he (Jesus) went with him.” Imagine the hope that this father now has as Jesus, a proven healer, is on the way to his precious daughter.

But Jesus makes another stop on the way. The delay was long enough for the end to come. His daughter was dead. What little hope Jairus had was now lost to death. Hope is gone. The bearers of the bad news conclude that the situation is now even beyond what Jesus can do, so they say to Jairus, “Why bother the teacher anymore?” What they knew of Jesus gave them hope for the sick, even those at death’s door, but not for one who is dead. The ultimate enemy has triumphed. There is no help for this enemy.

But just then, Jesus speaks to Jairus, “Do not fear, only believe.” They walked on with only these words from the lips of Jesus. Entering the house, standing by her side, taking her hand, he speaks to her with an endearing, yet sure word, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” And immediately the girl got up and began walking. Jesus spoke; she was made alive. This miracle advanced the disclosure of who Jesus is. He is the Lord of life. He gives life. He speaks the word, the girl lives. He takes on death and wins. The word Jesus speaks gives and does what it says. His word is all that his person is. To have a word from Jesus is to have him with all that he is good for.