

15th Sunday after Trinity - September 17, 2023

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Ushers: Guy and Ken

A Warm Welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us this morning.

Prepare for Worship: Psalm 32 Hymnal pg. 130

Opening Prayer

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, be present with Your grace and mercy. Lord, open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may see Your great goodness and be moved to sing your praise. Move us to true repentance and faith that we may receive and rejoice in your forgiveness and salvation. Strengthen us to live as your true children, including forgiving one another as you have forgiven us, until we stand before You face to face in paradise. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



A _____ men.

Opening Hymn: 371 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
2. Bold shall I stand in that great Day, For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully through these absolved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
3. The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb, Who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, e'en me t'atone, Now for my Lord and God I own.
4. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy-seat of God
Forever doth for sinners plead, For me--e'en for my soul--was shed.

5. Lord, I believe were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.
6. When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then, this shall be all my plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.
7. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

Confession of Sins:

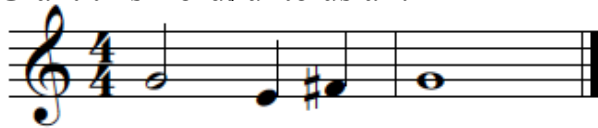
P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, seeking His grace and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C & P: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray, Oh Lord, by your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, that you would be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Absolution:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you, and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake He forgives you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this Lord, unto us all.

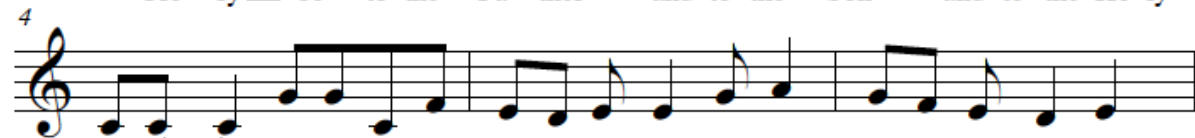


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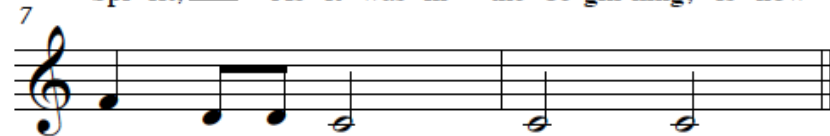
Glorv to God:



Glo - ry — be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly



Spi-rit; — As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and al-ways will be



for - ev - er - more. A - men.

P: With our sins forgiven, we also have access to the throne of grace to seek God's mercy in all areas of life.

Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Prayers or Mercy: May God show mercy to Pastor Hein as he continues to battle his cancer.

P: The Lord be with you,

And al - so with you

Scripture Lessons: Ezekiel 33:7-9

7 "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Romans 13:1-10

13 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath

7 “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! 8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15 “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 373 By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
Nay; then this word must true remain; By grace thou, too, shalt heav'n obtain.

2. By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.
3. By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise When thou art by thy sins opprest,
When Satan plagues thy troubled conscience, And when thy heart is seeking rest.
What reason cannot comprehend God by His grace to thee doth send.
4. By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of thine own merit That Jesus died thy soul to win?
Nay, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heavenly throne.
5. By grace! This ground of faith is certain; So long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,
What our whole faith must rest upon, Is Grace alone, grace in His Son.
6. By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,--
By grace, despite all fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?

Sermon: Nehemiah 9:16-17

“But they and our fathers acted proudly, hardened their necks, and did not heed Your commandments. They refused to obey, and they were not mindful of Your wonders that You did among them. But they hardened their necks, and in their rebellion they appointed a leader to return to their bondage. But You are God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness, and did not forsake them.”

Theme:

God Pardons His People!

Hymn: 391 Blessed Are the Sons of God

1. Blessed are the sons of God, They are bought with Christ's own blood;
They are ransomed from the grave, Life eternal they shall have:
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!
2. They are justified by grace, They enjoy the Savior's peace;
All their sins are washed away, They shall stand in God's great Day:
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!

3. They are lights upon the earth, Children of a heavenly birth;
One with God, with Jesus one; Glory is in them begun:
With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing while bringing up the offering) Melody of 568

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
6 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
12 way from your pre - sence and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of Your Sal - va - tion and up -
hold me with your spir - it free. Cre - ate in me a clean
heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 777 Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.



Scripture Treasure to Remember

Isaiah 40:1-2

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Your pastor leaves for the Board of Doctrine Meetings in Eau Claire this week. He plans to return home Friday evening.
There will be no classes or visits this week.

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00

Mission Festival

Our Mission Festival is scheduled for two weeks from today. Pastor Drew Naumann will be coming early for our pastoral conference and be our guest speaker. There will be a dinner after the service, and then Pastor Naumann will be presenting a report on some of our foreign Missions following the dinner.

Check the sign up sheet to see what is still needed for the dinner.

Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference

Plans are coming together nicely for hosting the Pastoral Conference. The pastors will be arriving Monday afternoon and evening and having supper at the parsonage before heading up to our rented house on Silver Star. Our meetings will begin Tuesday morning.

Tuesday evening will be our worship service together with the pastors. We are planning a soup supper before the service to have an opportunity to visit with the other pastors. Check to see if anything is needed for that meal.

Update on Pastor Hein

Today I received the pathology report of yesterday's biopsy. The news I received was that the lump under the skin on the left side of my collarbone is metastasized thymic carcinoma. Again, more cancer. So in the midst of this troubling news, I have the confidence that the Good News of Jesus still rings true. This is the news that I truly desire to cling to in the midst of what news this world may try to distract me with.

Ephesians 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ...

CLC Call News

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC has returned the call to be the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. **Calvary Lutheran** of Marquette, MI has sent a call to Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran in the Atlanta, GA area.

Professor Mark Kranz will be retiring as of the end of the current school year due to health issues.

*Live every day as if Yesterday was Christmas, Today is Easter
and tomorrow is Judgment Day.*