

Pentecost XV	Romans 14:7
<p>“For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves: we belong first of all to God and through Him we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church; as a neighbor you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.</p>	
Stewardship News	
<i>Attendance last Sunday: 50</i>	
<i>Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$2,119.00</i>	<i>General Fund offerings YTD: \$100,852.50</i>
<i>Weekly 2017 Expenses: \$3,154.13</i>	<i>2017 Expenses YTD: \$113,548.85</i>
Fall Festival Rummage Sale Items Needed	
<p>Please gather your rummage sale items together (no clothes, please!) and call the church office at 985-879-1865 Ext. 1 or Bonnie Dupre at 985-870-6266 for item drop off information. Please box items if possible due to limited storage space. We will be pricing items this week from Tuesday to Thursday, 10am-2pm in the fellowship hall. We will also be calling on our bakers for some goodies to sell at our rummage sale.</p>	
FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION	
<p>We are collecting articles for the Silent Auction. We ask that these be new items only. You may bring your donations to the fellowship hall clearly marked “Silent Auction”. Call Jeannie Thalheim at 985-448-0923 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your generosity!</p>	
RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE!	
<p>We need everyone's participation in selling these to your family and friends. Tickets are \$2.00 a piece. You may purchase single tickets or a book of 5 for \$10.00.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This year's prizes are: 1st prize - \$1000 cash 2nd prize - 2600 PSI Pressure Washer 3rd prize - Childs Battery Ride-on Trike</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prizes are on display on the fellowship hall stage.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stop by the table outside of the Sacristy on Sunday mornings or the church office (Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm) for your tickets.</p>	
Biscuit Makers	
October 1 - Gabby & Haily Crawford 15 - Victoria Thalheim 29 - Brandon & Jacob Cinnater	
Grace's Mission	
<i>Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching, and Fellowship</i>	

+ PREPARATION +

Stand

HYMN “My Redeemer Lives” #166 in The Best of the Best Songbook

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 103:1–5*

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and forget not all His benefits,

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,
People: who heals all your diseases,

Pastor: who redeems your life from the pit,
People: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Pastor: who satisfies you with good
People: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. Joseph’s brothers cast him into a pit, sold him into slavery, and then lied to their father about what had happened.

People: We, too, are guilty of sinning against our own families. We have harmed our brothers and sisters. We have lied to our parents. We have covered up our sins, hoping to get away with evil.

Pastor: We turn to our heavenly Father, who is merciful and gracious, and repent of our sins.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. He showed compassion to us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, who died for our forgiveness and rose again to bring us new life.

Because of Jesus, God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

INTROIT

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!
I have fled to you for refuge!
 Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
 Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!
I have fled to you for refuge!

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
 People: **Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "My Jesus, I Love Thee" #168 in The Best of the Best Songbook

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
 People: **O God, our righteousness, restore the broken relationships in Your Church, especially between family members. Provide reconciliation and peace where Satan has sown division and discord, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 50:15–21*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 14:1–12*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Chorus
Saviour, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures...Fill my life again
Let me live my life and follow
Your mercy to believe in...Now I surrender

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Bridge – repeat 4 times
Shine Your light and, let the whole world see We're singing, For the glory, of the risen King
Jesus !!

Chorus sung twice to end
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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, for the benefits of forgiveness, peace, and unity You have given us in this Sacrament. Strengthen us to forgive others as we have been forgiven in this Meal, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*
 People: **Amen.**

HYMN "There Is a Redeemer" #211 in The Best of the Best Songbook

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

People: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The Lamb" #210,
"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" #116,
"Then I Will Praise You, My Savior, Again" #216,
"Peace Be Yours" #183, all in The Best of the Best Songbook

Guitar Song: Mighty To Save - Reuben Morgan & Ben Fielding

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing...
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour...
The hope of nations

Stand

VERSE *Matthew 6:14*

Pastor: Alleluia.
People: If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21-35*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Comfort, Comfort All My People" #43 in The Best of the Best Songbook

SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(After each petition...)

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" #234 in The Best of the Best Songbook

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

[Colossians 3:1]

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

[Psalm 136]

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

People: **Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing:
Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything,
And I will adore You! Yeah!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a Second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

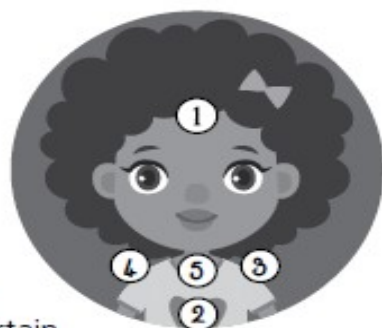
PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your life, passion, and death, which have given us life; Your resurrection and ascension, which call us upward into heaven; and Your coming at the final judgment for the harvest of Your vineyard. So remember us, look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine in Your kingdom; and teach us to pray:

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



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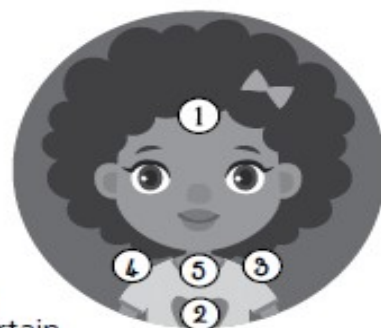


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