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P - Pastor ♦ C - Congregation ♦ A - Assisting Minister

*** Please stand as you are able**

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
God, our provider,

C help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *How Clear Is Our Vacation, Lord*

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²² Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young
twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³ On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,
in order that it may produce
boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will
live;

in the shade of its branches
will nest

winged creatures of every
kind.

²⁴ All the trees of the field shall
know
that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;
²**to herald your love | in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**
³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,
and to the melody | of the harp.
⁴**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O Lord;
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.**
¹²The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
¹³**Those who are planted in the house | of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;**
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit | in old age;
they shall be | green and succulent;
¹⁵**that they may show how upright the Lord is,
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though
we know that while we are at home in the
body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we
walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have
confidence, and we would rather be away
from the body and at home with the Lord.
⁹So whether we are at home or away, we
make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of
us must appear before the judgment seat of
Christ, so that each may receive
recompense for what has been done in the
body, whether good or evil.
[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord,
we try to persuade others; but we ourselves
are well known to God, and I hope that we
are also well known to your consciences.
¹²We are not commending ourselves to you
again, but giving you an opportunity to
boast about us, so that you may be able to
answer those who boast in outward

appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we
are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are
in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the
love of Christ urges us on, because we are
convinced that one has died for all;
therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for
all, so that those who live might live no
longer for themselves, but for him who died
and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no
one from a human point of view; even
though we once knew Christ from a human
point of view, we know him no longer in that
way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a
new creation: everything old has passed
away; see, everything has become new!

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34** *(please stand as you are able)*

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the

ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*** APOSTLES' CREED** *(please stand as you are able)*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS

(you may be seated)

A Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musicians. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C Amen.

*** LORD'S PRAYER** *(please stand as you are able)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and bass lines of each system.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Laura & Mike Kruse.

This week please hold in prayer: Karl & Oneta Wiechers, Mary Lou Zwiebel, Rick Ford, Paul Mowery, Juanita Clausen, John Castello, John Sharpe, Ben Michaelis, Jacob Skeens, the family of Marvin Biederstedt as they mourn his death, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

HELP!! Please consider volunteering as Readers – Ushers – Camera Operators – Sound Board Operators. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Joe Kohout or Laura Ellis-Kruse to volunteer. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Altar Flowers Needed

Open dates: August 15, 22, 29. September 12, 19. October 3, 10, 24, 31. November 14. December 5. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex for your special day!! If no one signs up for a Sunday we will be using an artificial bouquet.

Thursday evening services

Our Thursday evening service begins at 7 pm. Tell your friends.

JOIN US in reading the New Testament in chronological order in 2021! This week's readings are:

June 13: Acts 5:1-11
June 14: Acts 5:12-16
June 15: Acts 5:17-32
June 16: Acts 5:33-42

June 17: Acts 6:1-7
June 18: Acts 6:8-15
June 19: Acts 7:1-16

CARING CORNER: Our June Caring Corner will highlight the various food pantries in Henry County. It can be very difficult for some families to keep their children fed during the summer months when they are home from school. Please consider donating food items that will help alleviate these difficulties. We suggest easy shelf-stable items such as:

Peanut Butter	Jelly	Pudding/Jell-o Cups
Macaroni & Cheese	Pasta	Spaghetti Sauce
Soup	Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, etc.)	
Granola Bars	Canned Fruit and Vegetables	

OLD T-SHIRTS NEEDED! Do you have t-shirts or tank tops in your home that you or your children have outgrown or no longer wear? Together We Can Make A Difference needs them! They are turned into t-shirt bags for their clients. It does not matter if they have holes or are stained. They can be dropped off at the charity or church. Let us help you clean out your closets and drawers!

Naomi Circle is meeting Monday, June 14th at 7:30 pm, questions call Kathy Bostelman.

Devotionals

The new devotionals are available at both entrances. We have *Portals of Prayer* and *Christ in Our Home* in both regular and large print editions. They will be available in the mailbox by the back doors. Please help yourself to your favorite devotional book.

Membership Directory

The 2021 Membership Directory is available today at both entrances.