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Today

Service Elder - Joe Deane
Scripture Reader - Mona LaCour
Acolyte - Ross Reaves
Greeters - D. & L. Kelley
Offering Stewards - B. & M. Beach
Altar Guild - R. DaSilva & J. Burke
Ushers - D. & K. Boger & R. LaCour

Next Sunday

Joe Deane
William Muenchinger
Karly Kyzar
D. & G. Armstrong
R. DaSilva & B. Kinsella
M. Beach & P. Cuneo
D. Akins, D. Armstrong,
G. Fitzgerald & J. Souther

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2009

Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God by the Kinsella and Stegall families in celebration of Jennifer's birthday today.

As We Gather

We face challenges, struggles, and hardships on a regular basis. Sometimes, we even face these challenges with family and friends. We are not alone. Our Savior faced these same challenges and promises to give us eternal relief as He welcomes us into His family, giving us comfort and assurance that He is walking with us no matter where life takes us.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus or Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic wine is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

Stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray...

All: Almighty God, who has given Your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive His enormous gift, and also try ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*
People: Amen.

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.
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

**My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring.**

**My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.**

**Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.**

**Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!**

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+ PREPARATION +

Your Love Oh Lord

Brad Avery, David Carr, Mark Lee & Mac Powell

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky;
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain,
And Your justice flows like the ocean's tides

*And I will lift my voice to worship You my King;
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings*

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky;
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain,
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In His Time

Diana Ball

In His time...In His time
He makes all things beautiful, In His time
Lord please show me every day as You're teaching me Your way
That You do just what you say in Your time

(interlude)

In your time...In Your time
You make all things beautiful, in Your time

Lord my life to You I bring May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing in Your time

Lord my life to You I bring. May each song I have to sing.
Be to You a lovely thing in Your time

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Pre-Service Music

Stand

OPENING HYMN "Do, Lord!" : Psalm 27 #41 (*The Other Song Book*)

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: We are empowered by the Holy Spirit!

People: Let us live for Christ!

CONFESSION

Pastor: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins,

People: O LORD, who could stand?

Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness;

People: therefore You are feared. *Psalm 130:3-4*

(Kneel in silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: we come before You today as people who fall in love with worldly wisdom. We fall prey to the sin-sickness of this world and fall short of Your expectations for us. Often we are weak and sick and in complete denial. We don't readily embrace the wisdom and healing power of Your Word. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Heal us, forgive us, and make us whole.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As people who suffer from the effects of sin, we are thankful for Jesus who became sin for us. God's Word reminds us, "For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise." And again, "I will put my trust in Him." (*Hebrews 2:10-13*). As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Stand

HYMN OF PRAISE "Hosanna" - Paul Baloche & Brenton Brown

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day

In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Ho- san- na, ho- sanna
You are the God Who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises
Ho- san- na, ho- sanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

*Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away*

Ho- san- na, ho- sanna
You are the God Who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises
Ho- san- na, ho- sanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Ho- san- na, ho- san- na
Ho- san- na, ho- san- na

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 2:1-5

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 123

Reader: To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

People: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

Jesus, Thank You

Pat Sczebel

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary

You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin

Jesus, thank You

The Father's wrath completely satisfied

Jesus, thank You

Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table

Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near

Your enemy You've made Your friend

Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace

Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Your blood has washed away my sin

Jesus, thank You

The Father's wrath completely satisfied

Jesus, thank You

Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table

Jesus, thank You

Lover of my soul I want to live for You

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Your blood has washed away my sin

Jesus, thank You

The Father's wrath completely satisfied

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Open The Eyes Of My Heart *Paul Baloche*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You.

*To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory;
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You.

*To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory;
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.*

*To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory;
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.*

Holy, holy, holy...
Holy, holy, holy...
Holy, holy, holy...
I want to see You.
(repeat X 4, louder each time)

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EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

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

Stand

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th 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.

APOSTLES' CREED *(as found on back page of pew hymnal)*

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Shout To The North" - Martin Smith

*Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness, complete.*

(Chorus)

**Shout to the north and the south! Sing to the east and the west!
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth!**

*Rise up women of the truth; stand and sing to broken hearts,
Who can know the healing power of our glorious King of love?*

(Repeat Chorus)

We've been through fire, we've been through rain;
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name;
We've fallen deeper in love with You; You've burned the truth on our lips.

*Rise up church with broken wings; fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high; by His grace again we'll fly.*

(Repeat Chorus twice)

1995 Curious? Music UK CCLI #1562261

SERMON

MEDITATION *by Mike Cape*

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY “Create In Me A Clean Heart” – Mary Rice Hopkins

Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might serve You
Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might be renewed

So fill me and heal me
And bring me back to You
Create in me a clean heart oh God
That I might serve You

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us call upon our heavenly Father on behalf of all people, because He has shown mercy to us by forgiving our sins and welcoming us as His dear children.

People: We ask You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank You for calling us to faith in You. Keep and strengthen us in the Christian faith that we remain faithful to You.

People: We ask You to hear us, good Lord. Almighty God, You are our Strength and our Shield, we pray for all who serve our nation at home and abroad, in war and in peace.

Pastor: Be with all those who serve, both here and throughout the world; strengthen and shield them from all harm.

People: We ask You to hear us, good Lord. Gracious God and Father, we pray for all in need of help and healing.

Pastor: Forgive their sins and heal them from all their diseases. Bless all those who help us in healing, that they may be guided by Your healing hand.

People: We ask You to hear us, good Lord. Lord Jesus, You are the Faithful and True Witness, we pray for our missionaries.

Pastor: Guide them and make them faithful and bold as they take Your message to the ends of the earth.

People: We ask You to hear us, good Lord. You are the Lord of the Church and Creator of the universe, hear our prayers for our church and our world.

Pastor: Guide us waking and guard us sleeping,

All: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS *is sung acappella as per page 161 in LSB*

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember all You have done to secure for us eternal life. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-11*

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord + be with you always. *John 20:19*

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *is sung acappella as per page 163 in LSB.*

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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Even though St. Paul suffered great abuse because of his faith in Jesus and his preaching that Jesus is the only Savior of the world, he considered himself to be blessed in spite of the circumstances. How much more should we consider ourselves blessed to be a blessing to others as we manage our time, talent and treasure in a God - pleasing way!

This week, Sunday School students study "Workers Build the Temple." The temple was a magnificent structure that symbolized God's even more magnificent dwelling with His people: Christ Jesus. Families could discuss, "What kinds of special workers helped build the temple? What kinds of workers help build churches and other buildings today?"

FALL FESTIVAL MEETING

We invite everyone to join us this **Tuesday, July 7th at 7pm** for our monthly meeting. Our tenth annual festival is a little over three months away and we need full congregational participation in order for it to be a success. See you there!

**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**



**SUNDAY, JULY 12 -
THURSDAY, JULY 16
6 - 8:45 PM
3 YR OLDS - 5TH GRADERS
Registration forms in narthex**

We need you! Through the dedication of our members and friends who volunteer at VBS, we minister to 50 children each year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you aren't part of VBS yet, why not sign up today? If you can help some evenings, just one evening, every evening, or in advance, we have many levels of involvement to suit your schedule and interests. There is a sign up sheet on the Christian Ed bulletin board by the fellowship hall.

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship/Food Bank	Friday	7:00 p.m. Prayer Mtg. at Kendra Eschete's home
	Coffee & biscuits follow	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship/Mite Box Collection
Tuesday	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages		Coffee & MG Baked Goods follow
	9:00 a.m. ECC Meeting		10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Fall Festival Meeting		11:45 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
	9:30 a.m. Bible Study		
	6:00 p.m. Potluck fellowship		
	6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise		
	Social Ministry Mtg. follows		
Thursday	6:00 p.m. Mission Outreach Meeting	Sunday-Thursday	6:00-8:45 p.m. VBS

For the week of July 5 - 11, 2009

	Birthdays		Birthdays
July	5 Jennifer Kinsella	July	7 Carol Pellegrin
	Karly Kyzar		9 Eric Smedstad
	6 Kirk Ledet		11 Patrick Veatch
	7 Brandon Corbitt		

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Audrey Buquet, Connie Oswalt, David Mack, Denise Reaves, Eddie Olivier, Geraldine Lewis, Gary Baker, Genny Brunette, Gladys Dupre, Glen Carpenter, Iva Kohls, Jack Hansen, Jean Frey, Jessica Herradon, John Schlichting, Joy Kraus, Joy Rodrigue, Joy Stegall, Kristen Brandtly, Lloyd Chiasson, Matthew Taylor, Mila Estupinan, Pat Rabun, Percy Songe, Randy Smedstad, Raymond Godail, Todd Mueller, & Wanda Williams

EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Casie Duplantis & Laura Schmitt

ELDERLY: Elaine Cofield

MOURNING A LOSS: the family of Inez Smith

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Matt Babin, Brandon Darce, Stephen Darce, Caleb Dufrene, Jack Hansen, Todd Mueller & Matthew Spolarich

MISSIONARY FAMILY IN VIETNAM: J.P., Aimee & Celeste Cima



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

TODAY is "Food Bank Sunday" and we are collecting food & monetary donations for the Food Bank. You may leave items in the baskets in the narthex or designate your donation "Food Bank" on an envelope for the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!

Next Sunday there will be a Board of Directors meeting immediately following Sunday School in the conference room.

Grace's Mission

Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching, and Fellowship