

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those with illness:

Carolyn Bonsignore
Kaye Brandy
Chris Burdette
Bibiana Chestnut
Helen Fisher
Bev Garner
Dorleen Hall
Elaine Herr
Edward Jockel
Gene Kolb
Virginia Mason
Earl Miller
Stephanie Phelps
Shirley Rappold
Evan Connor Smith
Ricky Snyder
Holly Upperco
Elizabeth June Weeks
Charlotte Weir
Joy Yoder
Those with destructive addictions

Those bereaved:

Family of Myrtle Miller, mother of
Charlie Miller

Special Needs:

Those unemployed
Our country and our leaders
Peace in the Middle East
Victims of the Gulf Coast oil spill

Deployed soldiers & families:

Nicholas Bachert
Dominic Bridges
Rob Cockey
Carl Meise
Doug Muhly
Nathan Palisca
Josh Pyle
Fred Smith
Brad Thurlow
Nicholas Tokos
Partners in Care Congregations
for the MD National Guard

Current Ministries:

Empowerment of the Holy Spirit in:
† McClean Small Group
† Media Team
† Memorial Committee

Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Mr. Henry Bernardo
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson
Pr. Tyrone Smith

Prayers of thanksgiving:

Dary Schmidt
Kurt & Stacey Schneidereith, Madison
Whalen, Brooke
Scott & Michelle Schober, Scotty, Danny

Names that have been on the Prayer List for **4 weeks** have been removed from the current list. If you would like a name placed on the list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card and place it in the offering plate or call the church office. ***Please be sure to get prior permission from the person whose name you submit.***

***Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5, 2010 – 8:15 AM & 11:00 AM
Holy Communion***



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OUR MISSION:

WELCOME ALL

As Christ accepts and loves all kinds of people, we seek to accept and reach out to others with hospitality, flexibility and love.

TELL THE STORY

so that all will experience Jesus and His triumphant, unconditional love in their real lives.

GROW AS DISCIPLES

As His followers, we move between nurturing ourselves in relationship with God, and going out to love and serve others in the world.

OUR VISION

GOD CALLS US TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS. WE GO FORWARD WITH A PASSION FOR A VARIETY OF MINISTRY AND WORSHIP EXPERIENCES, AND DISCIPLESHIP GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES. LAY MINISTRY IS PRIMARY. OUR GOAL IS THAT EACH ONE WILL HAVE A TRANSFORMING AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF JESUS. GOD WILL PROVIDE ALL THAT WE NEED!

Theme of the Day

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

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MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

8:15AM

Ushers:

Earl Canapp*
Janet Canapp
Linda Peper
Alma Bethke

Greeters:

Earl & Janet Canapp

Reader:

Judy Lewis

Preaching Minister:

Pastor David Asplin

Presiding Minister:

Pastor H. J. S. Otto

Assisting Minister:

Judy Lewis

Communion Assts:

Celaine Montague
Linda Peper
Karen Donoho

Acolytes:

Nursery Caregivers:

Altar:

Janet Grove
Bixie Leedy

Organist:

Michael Chambers

11:00AM

Michael Hoppes*

Bill Markley
Don Gutermuth
Carolyn Gutermuth
Bob & Vi Gettier

Gino Liberati

Pastor David Asplin

Pastor H. J. S. Otto

Greg Derwart

Gino Liberati

Susan Liberati

Jim Bridges

Rachel Derwart

Hannah Derwart

Karen Diehl

Samantha Southern

Janet Grove

Bixie Leedy

Michael Chambers

*Post-Communion Canticle



Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

*Post-Communion Prayer

A. Let us pray.

C. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Benediction

P. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.

C. Amen.

*Sending Hymn

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

Green Hymnal # 383

*Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C. Thanks be to God!

*Postlude

"Worship has ended; let the service begin!"

WELCOME ALL!

Prelude

Welcome

*Confession and Forgiveness (**please stand*)

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

C. Amen.

P. Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

C. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination. Please kneel or sit.)

P. God of justice and compassion,

C. **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, We have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P. Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents and a lost sheep is found. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. **And also with you.**

*Entrance Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

Green Hymnal # 377

*Greeting

A. The grace given to us in Christ Jesus, the power of God who calls us with a holy calling, and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us be with you all.

C. **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray.

C. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

TELL THE STORY!

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 1

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Juice is available in the center of the communion trays for those who prefer juice instead of wine. Please alert an usher if you would like communion but are unable to come forward.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

“Eat This Bread”

Blue Hymnal # 709

“Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”

Green Hymnal # 494

SENDING FOR SERVICE!

*Blessing

P. May the body and blood . . .

C. Amen.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Eucharistic Prayer ~ The Words of Jesus**

P. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***Lord's Prayer**

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.**

SECOND READING: Philemon 1–21

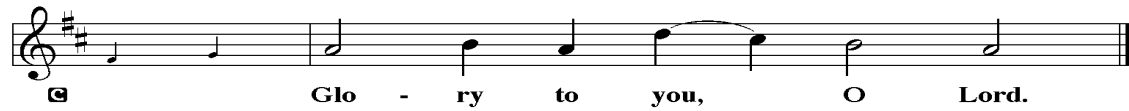
Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.



***GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33**

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them,
²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

P. The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon Fainting Goats and Disciples of Christ Pastor David Asplin

*Hymn of the Day "Take My Life, that I May Be" Green Hymnal # 406

***Apostles' Creed**

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 of the People (*Please be seated or kneel.*)

- A. Lord, in your mercy,
- C. hear our prayer.

MEAL FOR DISCIPLES

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

Piano Solo by Michael Chambers

*Offertory

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

*Offertory Prayer

- A. Let us pray.
- C. **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving

