



## TEACHING THE UNCHANGING TRUTH OF GOD'S SALVATION TO ALL PEOPLE

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### Meeting Times

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM  
Bible Study 9:45 AM

7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 8, 2018

**W**elcome! If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the "guest register" in the back of the sanctuary so that we might better get to know you.

- **Restrooms** are located in the Fellowship Hall and a baby changing station is located in the Women's bathroom in the Preschool wing.
- **Cry-room.** If you have need of a cry-room, you may use the entry way couch area.

## OPENING HYMN: #389 – “*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*”

### INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: *(spoken)* And also with you.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in Him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever.**

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray:

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON:**

**EZEKIEL 2:1-5**

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” <sup>2</sup>As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

<sup>3</sup>He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ <sup>5</sup>And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. (NIV 1984)

**PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 143 ON PAGE 118 IN THE FRONT OF YOUR HYMNALS**

## **SECOND LESSON:**

**II CORINTHIANS 12:7-10**

<sup>7</sup>To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup>That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (NIV 1984)

## VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15 cf. RSV)

C: *(Sung)* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## GOSPEL LESSON:

### Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. <sup>2</sup>When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! <sup>3</sup>Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.” <sup>5</sup>He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their lack of faith. (NIV 1984)

C: *(Sung)* Praise be to You, O Christ!

## HYMN OF THE DAY: #388 – *“Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”*

## SERMON

**Text: Luke 15:11-32**

<sup>11</sup>Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup>“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup>After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

<sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup> “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”  
(NIV 1984)

**Theme: “I Had To”**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

## **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.**

## **THE OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **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.**

**HYMN: #372 – “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”**

**PRAYER**

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen**

**THE BLESSING**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: #562 – “I Love to Tell the Story”**

# Announcements

The flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Bill and Elaine Geisser in celebration of their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY: 27 COMMUNED: 25**

WE WISH TO **THANK** PASTOR GARY TRYGGESTAD FOR LEADING US IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING!

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO **THANK** SARAH EWALD FOR PLAYING THE PIANO FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES!

## FELLOWSHIP AND SERVING

**Volunteers for this week:** *Ushers:* Richard Dettmann (C) & “Volunteer” *Counters:* Brenda Henschen & Cynthia Champlain *Snacks:* Lois Zastrow

**Volunteers for next week:** *Ushers:* Richard Dettmann (C) & “Volunteer” *Counters:* Brenda Henschen & Cynthia Champlain *Snacks:* Brenda Henschen *Communion Set-up:* JoAnn Miller *Communion Assistant:* John Henschen

If you need a monitor for your computer, we have two 17” and one 19” available for ‘free’. Contact Pastor Gumm if you would like to have one of them!

## FUND RAISER

We are having a fund raiser for a ‘**new sign**’. Unfortunately, our current sign has seen better days and needs to be replaced. Our new sign will have an electric crawler at the bottom which Pastor Gumm will be able to control with a remote control. Please place your contributions in the bottle by the ‘Thermometer’ located in the Narthex. \$2,000.00 is needed! We currently have raised \$970.00!

**PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

**Chronic pain or illness** – Jean Johnson; Carroll & Evelyn Lothar, David Champlain (brother of Allan Champlain); Carolynn Perkins; Lois Montesano; Tammie Mueller; David Schield; John & Ruth Ladner; Bill & Elaine Geisser; Rose Marie Lenz; Ray Renner; Manny Vega (brother-in-law of Allan Champlain); Don Bublitz; John Roth; John Saylor; Allan Champlain; Jonathan Gumm (son of Pastor & Carolyn Gumm); Marlys Stolt; and Laura Reilly

**LWMS:**

The Suncoast circuit is always looking for new officers. If interested, talk to Susan Halverson.

**HEADS UP:**

**The Central African Medical Mission** is in need of pill bottles. Bethany’s Women’s Ministry is going to make this our fall project and thought you might like to start saving pill bottles now!

**VACATION:**

Contact Pastor John Gensmer at 850-445-1970 in case of an emergency during July 1-17<sup>th</sup>. Because Carolyn Gumm is recovering from surgery Pastor Gumm will be around, but may be heading out for vacation once Carolyn has seen her doctors.

**THIS WEEK: JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**Sunday:            8:30 am – Worship Service**  
**9:30 pm – Fellowship**  
**9:45 am – Bible Class**

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**9:30 am – Fellowship**  
**9:45 am – Bible Class**