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*Family*

**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

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 10, 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 entryway couch area.

**OPENING HYMN: #490 – “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”**

## 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.**

## PRAAYER 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:

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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:

## GENESIS 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup>He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

<sup>11</sup>And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all the livestock  
and all the wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly  
and you will eat dust  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

(NIV 1984)

**PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 51A ON PAGE 86 IN THE FRONT OF YOUR HYMNALS**

**SECOND LESSON:**

**II CORINTHIANS 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. <sup>15</sup>All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (NIV 1984)

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

P: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 5:19 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 3:20-35**

<sup>20</sup>Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

<sup>22</sup>And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

<sup>23</sup> So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. <sup>27</sup> In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. <sup>28</sup> I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. <sup>29</sup> But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.”

<sup>30</sup> He said this because they were saying, “He has an evil spirit.”

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.

<sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”

<sup>33</sup> “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked.

<sup>34</sup> Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.” (NIV 1984)

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #366 – “O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild”**

## **SERMON**

**Text: Mark 3:31-35**

**Theme: “Who Is Jesus’ Real Family?”**

## **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**

## **CONFIRMATION OF KEVIN TUCKER**

## **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: #499 – “O God of Mercy, God of Might”**

**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: #494 – “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”**

# Announcements

The flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Alan Gumm in celebration of Kevin Tucker's confirmation!

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY: 26 COMMUNED: 21**

WE WOULD LIKE TO **WELCOME** KEVIN TUCKER TO OUR BETHANY FAMILY! PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE, FOR CAKE AND REFRESHMENTS.

## 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:* Steve Mueller (C) & "Volunteer" *Counters:* Brenda Henschen & Cynthia Champlain *Snacks:* Brenda Henschen *Communion Set-up:* Lois Zastrow *Communion Assistant:* John Henschen

## PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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

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!

## FUNDRAISER

We are having a fundraiser 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 \$850.00!

**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!

Pastor Gumm and Carolyn will be at the South Atlantic District Convention from June 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office if you need anything during this time period!

**THIS WEEK: JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup>**

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