


September 8, 2019

13th Sunday of Pentecost

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Behold, the days are coming,
declares the LORD,
when I will make a *new*
covenant.



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 71:1-12

¹ In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! ² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me! ³ Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. ⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man. ⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. ⁶ Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. ⁷ I have been as a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge. ⁸ My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day. ⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent. ¹⁰ For my enemies speak concerning me; those who watch for my life consult together ¹¹ and say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver him." ¹² O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #437

"Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"

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

C ♪ A - - - men.

P Pastor

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 70:2ff

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

C Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!

P Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

C May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You!

P You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is presented in four systems. The first system shows the vocal line in treble clef and the piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence in the piano part.

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Ps. 81:1

P Alleluia. Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Alleluia.


THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C  All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray. ... You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – 1 Samuel 7:1-14 And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated his son Eleazar to have charge of the ark of the LORD. ² From the day that the ark was lodged at Kiriath-jearim, a long time passed, some twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD. ³ And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, "If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and direct your heart to the LORD and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." ⁴ So the people of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtaroth, and they served the LORD only. ⁵ Then Samuel said, "Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD for you." ⁶ So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the LORD and fasted on that day and said there, "We have

sinned against the LORD." And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah. ⁷ Now when the Philistines heard that the people of Israel had gathered at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the people of Israel heard of it, they were afraid of the Philistines. ⁸ And the people of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that he may save us from the hand of the Philistines." ⁹ So Samuel took a nursing lamb and offered it as a whole burnt offering to the LORD. And Samuel cried out to the LORD for Israel, and the LORD answered him. ¹⁰ As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the LORD thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion, and they were defeated before Israel. ¹¹ And the men of Israel went out from Mizpah and pursued the Philistines and struck them, as far as below Beth-car. ¹² Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the LORD has helped us." ¹³ So the Philistines were subdued and did not again enter the territory of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. ¹⁴ The cities that the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron to Gath, and Israel delivered their territory from the hand of the Philistines. There was peace also between Israel and the Amorites.

GOSPEL READING – Mark 7:31-37 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

**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.

HYMN: TLH #381

"I Know My Faith is Founded"

SERMON – 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶ who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ⁷ Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹ For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰ Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹ For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

God is Offering Us a New Contract

I. The Old Covenant is a contract leading to death.

II. The New Covenant is a contract leading to eternal life in Christ!



OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- C** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #380

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- C** ♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

HYMN: TLH #370

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

✠ Announcements ✠

Bible Class and Sunday School Resumed

last weekend! Our Sunday morning worship services are truly an excellent way to be nourished and refreshed by the Word of God, but Bible Class is also an indispensable blessing for Christians. Please join us on Sundays at 9:15 am for our Bible Class and Sunday School hour.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Orlando Service
✠ **Sept. 22:** Orlando Service

Church Cleaning We currently have only six individuals who rotate the church cleaning duties from week to week. I believe all six would appreciate it if more people volunteered to help out. If you are able to donate an hour of time on a Saturday every couple of months to keep the church neat and tidy, please speak with Jessica Rodebaugh after the service. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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Shut-in/Encouragement List **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann’s** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers. **Bill Issitt Sr.** is making good progress in his recovery from his hospital stay. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis. **Steve Goodwin** broke his shoulder in a fall from a ladder last weekend. Please offer him encouragement and keep his family in your prayers.

Last Week (9/1) WH – 51

General = \$1,649 | Tuition = \$2,200 | Property Improvement = \$130
Activity Fund = \$125 | School Fund = \$1,000 | CLC Missions = \$10

Total Offering = \$5,114

September Usher: Paul Seger

| **Cleaning (9/14):** Bernthal
| **Acolyte (9/15):** Landon