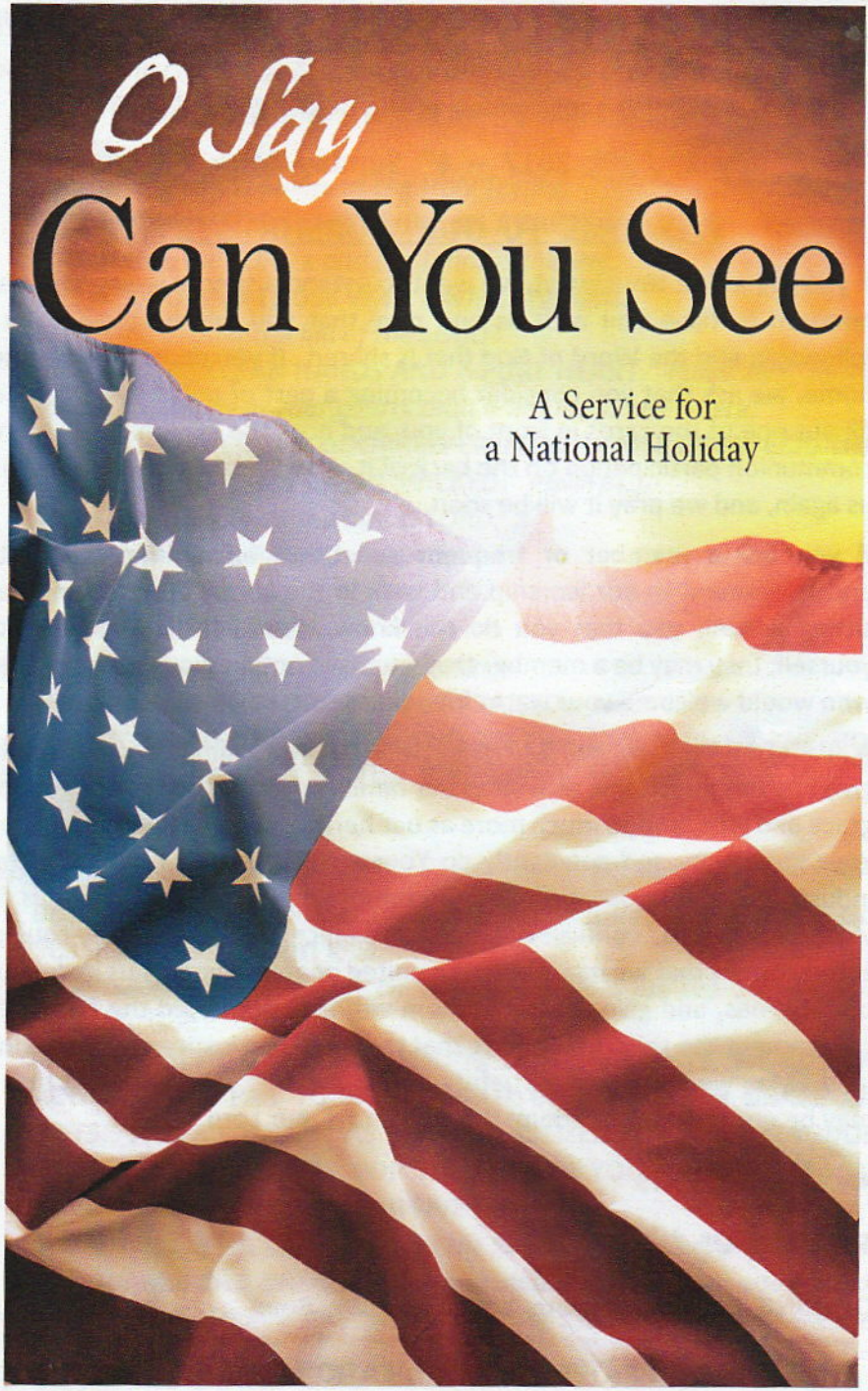
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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member congregation of the THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

July 1st / 2nd, 2017 – 4th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

If you are a first time guest, we want to extend a special welcome. We are honored to have you with us and pray that you will be blessed by our fellowship and the Word of God that is shared. If you do not have a church home, we ask that you consider becoming a part of our fellowship. Please fill out one of the cards in front of you, and note the information regarding communion participation on the back of it. You are always welcome to join us again, and we pray it will be soon.

If you are a member or frequent guest, we appreciate your faithful encouragement in our worship and walk in the Lord. If there is someone sitting around you that you do not know, please be sure to introduce yourself, they may be a member that you have not previously met or a guest who would welcome your warm friendliness.

A SILENT PRAYER, AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP: Almighty God, You have given us this good land, as well as our families, our abundance of goodness, grace and gifts, and so much more as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, confusion, pride, arrogance, and every evil course of action. Grant that we may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. May we always come before You in worship, remembering that this may be our greatest freedom; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN: **"Before You, Lord, We Bow"** ***LSB # 966***

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND MEDITATION WITH THE SACRAMENT

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the [+] Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

P: Engrafted into the Name of the Holy Trinity;

C: WE ARE CLAIMED BY CHRIST, IN HOLY BAPTISM.

P: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,

C: THE WORLD AND THOSE WHO DWELL THEREIN.

P: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

C: HE WHO HAS CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART. *Psalm 24:1, 3a, 4a*

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C: I WOULD RATHER BE A DOORKEEPER IN THE HOUSE OF MY GOD THAN DWELL IN THE TENTS OF THE WICKED. *Psalm 84:10*

P: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD.

C: TEACH ME YOUR PATHS. *Psalm 25:4*

P: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: YOUR WORD IS TRUTH.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: THE NAME OF THE LORD IS TO BE PRAISED. *Psalm 113:3*

ALL: GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: *[based on Psalm 51:4; Ephesians 2:8–10]*

P: Beginning with a moment of silence, let us confess our sins to God, trusting in His steadfast love.

(Period of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self–examination.)

P: Almighty God,

C: WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTIONS. WE FAIL TO SHOW GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GRACE AND GIFTS. WE FAIL TO LIVE AS FAITHFUL CITIZENS OF YOUR KINGDOM. FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, HAVE MERCY ON US AND FORGIVE US.

P: God has had mercy on us and sent His Son to be our Savior. For the sake of Jesus, who died and rose for us, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Christ, By Heavenly Hosts Adored"
[from LW # 499]

Christ, by heav'nly hosts adored, Gracious, mighty, sov'reign Lord,
God of nations, King of kings, Head of all created things,
By the Church with joy confessed, God the Son forever blessed,
Pleading at Your throne we stand, Save Your people, bless our land.

On our fields of grass and grain Send, O Lord, the kindly rain,
And throughout this spacious land Crown the labors of each hand.
Let Your kind protection be Over commerce on the sea.
Open, Lord, Your bounteous hand; Bless Your people, bless our land.

Give us rulers faithful, true, Such as love and honor You;
Let the powers You ordained Be in righteousness maintained.
In the people's hearts increase Love of piety and peace.
Thus united, we shall stand One wide, free, and happy land.

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TUNE: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-93; Public domain

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: *The Lord be with you.*
C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.
P: *Let us pray together:*
C: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE BUILT YOUR CHURCH ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS WITH CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF AS THE CORNERSTONE. CONTINUE TO SEND YOUR MESSENGERS TO PRESERVE YOUR PEOPLE IN TRUE PEACE THAT, BY THE PREACHING OF YOUR WORD, YOUR CHURCH MAY BE KEPT FREE FROM ALL HARM AND DANGER; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

TODAY'S READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ARE APPOINTED FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Psalm 119 : 153 – 160,* Page 653

["God's righteous laws endure forever"]

153 Look on my affliction and deliver me,
for I do not forget Your law.
154 Plead my cause and redeem me;

give me life according to Your promise!
155 Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they do not seek Your statutes.
156 Great is Your mercy, O LORD;
give me life according to Your rules.
157 Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.
158 I look at the faithless with disgust,
because they do not keep Your commands.
159 Consider how I love Your precepts!
Give me life according to Your steadfast love.
160 The sum of Your Word is truth,
and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever.

R: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SECOND LESSON: *Romans 7 : 1 – 13,* Page 1,200

["Apart from the law, sin lies dead"]

(St. Paul writes:) 1 Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? 2 Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. 3 Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

4 Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. 5 For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. 6 But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

7 What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." 8 But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. 9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. 10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. 11 For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and

through it killed me. [12]So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

[13]Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

R: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C: BUT NOW IN THESE LAST DAYS, HE HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON.

Please STAND as a sign of resurrection hope

HYMN VERSE FOR GOD'S WORD: "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

sung to the metrical tune of, 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God' *[from LSB #657]*

God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

GOSPEL LESSON: *Matthew 10 : 34 – 42,* Page 1,036

["Whomever loses his life for Jesus' sake will find it forever!"]

[Jesus said:] [34]"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

[35]For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. [36]And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. [37]Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. [38]And whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. [39]Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

[40]"Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. [41]The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. [42]And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

PORTION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM:

Petitions (of the Lord's Prayer) 4 & 5

P: What is the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

C: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

P: What does this mean?

C: GOD CERTAINLY GIVES DAILY BREAD TO EVERYONE WITHOUT OUR PRAYERS, EVEN TO ALL EVIL PEOPLE, BUT WE PRAY IN THIS PETITION THAT GOD WOULD LEAD US TO REALIZE THIS AND TO RECEIVE OUR DAILY BREAD WITH THANKSGIVING.

P: What is meant by daily bread?

C: DAILY BREAD INCLUDES EVERYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE SUPPORT AND NEEDS OF THE BODY, SUCH AS FOOD, DRINK, CLOTHING, SHOES, HOUSE, HOME, LAND, ANIMALS, MONEY, GOODS, A DEVOUT HUSBAND OR WIFE, DEVOUT CHILDREN, DEVOUT WORKERS, DEVOUT AND FAITHFUL RULERS, GOOD GOVERNMENT, GOOD WEATHER, PEACE, HEALTH, SELF–CONTROL, GOOD REPUTATION, GOOD FRIENDS, FAITHFUL NEIGHBORS, AND THE LIKE.

P: What is the Fifth Petition?

C: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.

P: What does this mean?

C: WE PRAY IN THIS PETITION THAT OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN WOULD NOT LOOK AT OUR SINS, OR DENY OUR PRAYER BECAUSE OF THEM. WE ARE NEITHER WORTHY OF THOSE THINGS FOR WHICH WE PRAY, NOR HAVE WE DESERVED THEM, BUT WE ASK THAT HE WOULD GIVE THEM ALL TO US BY GRACE, FOR WE DAILY SIN MUCH AND SURELY DESERVE NOTHING BUT PUNISHMENT. SO WE TOO WILL SINCERELY FORGIVE AND GLADLY DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US. *[please be seated]*

SERMON HYMN: **"God of Our Fathers"** ***[from LW # 501]***

1. God of our Fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies;
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.

2. Your love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.

3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence
Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to neverending day;
Fill all our lives with heav'nborn love and grace
Until at last we meet before Your face.

SERMON: ***"Freedom and Salvation Are Never Free"*** – Pastor Wenndt, based on today's Gospel lesson.

We Receive Our First – Fruits and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN: **"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"** ***LSB #806***

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *Please STAND as you are able*

[Pastor offers each petition, concluding with:]

P: ... Lord Jesus, we have seen your glory;

C: MAKE US BOLD WITNESSES TO YOUR SAVING LOVE.

[final petition:] *P: Fully dependent on Your faithfulness, generosity, and graciousness, we entrust all for whom we pray to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

C: LORD, HAVE MERCY. CHRIST, HAVE MERCY. LORD, HAVE MERCY.

LORD'S PRAYER: [spoken in unison]

[found on the inside back cover of the hymnal]

(8 AM only) **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *(consecration of the elements for the Lord's Supper)*

THE INVITATION AND PEACE:

P: Engrafted into the Name of the Holy Trinity;

C: WE ARE CLAIMED BY CHRIST, IN HOLY BAPTISM.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always;

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU! *please be seated*

AS WE PREPARE TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE: Please take a few moments of meditation prior to the Sacrament, which will include some soft music being played. During this time, you will have the opportunity to review our policy for taking the Sacrament, which includes some contemplative questions and reminders being shown on our viewing screens. May we then prayerfully, worthily and joyfully join Him at table who comes to us in His true Body and Blood.

HYMNS TO BE SUNG DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

"God Bless Our Native Land" ***LSB # 965***

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" ***LSB # 782***

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light" ***LSB # 839***

(5 PM and 11 AM services continue here)

THANKSGIVING, CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C: FOR HIS LOVE AND TENDER MERCY ENDURE FOREVER. *[Psalm 107:1]*

P: We close in prayer together:

ALL: O KING OF THE NATIONS, WE THANK AND PRAISE YOU FOR CREATING OUR WORLD, WORKING THROUGH OUR GOVERNMENT, AND SETTING US FREE THROUGH YOUR SACRIFICE ONCE AND FOR ALL FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD. GUIDE US, YOUR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN NOURISHED WITH YOUR BODY AND BLOOD, IN BEING THE SALT OF THE EARTH AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. AMEN.

P: To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy---

C: TO THE ONLY GOD OUR SAVIOR BE GLORY, MAJESTY, POWER AND AUTHORITY, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, BEFORE ALL AGES, NOW AND FOREVERMORE! AMEN. *[Jude 23-25]*

P: The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us: ... He will bless those who fear the LORD, small and great alike. [Psalm 115:12] 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 peace.

C: AMEN.

HYMN OF DEPARTURE: **"America the Beautiful"**

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife.
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

TEXT: Katharine Lee Bates, 1821; TUNE: 'America' by Samuel Ward. In the public domain

P: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

MOCA = Loving Jesus and Making His love known

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

(7/2) Larry ♥ Pat Zimdahl **(3)** Jim ♥LeeAnn Krueger, Logan Williams
(7) Harold Bley, Hazel Wickman **(9)** Barb Goodhue

A Measure of Our Devotion

June 24-25, 2017	
Worship Attendance 2017	26/28/51
Worship Attendance 2016	41/52
Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth/ Adult Bible Classes	8/0/0/12
Receipts for June 24-25, 2017	$2.770.00

Those Serving Today:
Presiding Minister: *Rev. Thomas Wenndt, Pastor*

	8 am service	*11 am service*
Assisting Elder	Tim Burkee, Larry Roach	
Duty Elder	Larry Roach	Steve Schoeneck
Acolyte	Will Morrison	Kristen Hahn
Altar Care	Mary Oles, Lynne Shaner	Denise Hackman, Rose Wegner
Lay Reader	Betty Holland	Grace Selkow
Audio Asst.		Brittany Morrison
Video Asst.	Mike Muetzel	John Schaerffer
Ushers	Darlene Brown, Randy Brown, Betty Holland, Steve Thompson	Robert Hackman, Sue Leader, Steve & Mary Schoeneck
Flower Angels	The Costello Family	

Food Pantry Item for the month of **July**	***Canned Spaghettios, etc.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS IN JULY??? Yes! We're celebrating Christmas in July! Join in on the fun on Saturday, July 15th and Sunday, July 16th for our Christmas in July celebration! Wear your favorite holiday clothes, bring a few Christmas cookies to share and you could even bring in an unwrapped gift to share with a needy child! AND don't forget to bring a friend! You won't want to miss this very special worship opportunity to remind us about how the birth of this very special baby changed the world!

DID YOU KNOW? Your favorite Portals of Prayer devotional is now an APP! For more information and to be directed to the Apple or Google app for download, go to www.cph.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bring your neighbors and your friends and join us for our Summer Sunday School Program from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the "choir room". Meet "Moses" as we learn The Ten Commandments. Come on in and have a summer of fun with special lessons, crafts and refreshments! It's all free and all children age 3 years to 6th grade are welcome.

SOUL SPA BIBLE STUDY: Our Summer Women's Bible Study starts next Saturday, July 8th at 10:00 am. Join us at the "Soul Spa" where God is eager to meet with you and care for your spirit - the Oasis Coffee Spot. The sign-up sheet is in Narthex 2. If you have questions, please see Sue Leader or Chris Graves.

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME": Join with your friends and family here at Faith for a fun evening of baseball on July 23rd. Bring a friend and enjoy!

WE NEED YOU! Do you have an interest in helping with our Food Pantry? We'd love to have you join the team! See Pastor Wenndt for information.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER? You might be eligible for a $250.00 Visa card to be used for a project that will help your community. These cards can be used to buy food for our own Food Pantry, items for A Child's Hope project, plus so much more! To check this out, go to *Thrivent.com /actionteam* and click on 'Apply Now'. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Butler or RoseAnn Verheyen. Every $1 counts, and it's time to make yours count too!

A CHILD'S HOPE: Removing a child from their home for their safety can be extremely devastating to a child of any age. Sadly it happens in our area almost daily. The "comfort bags" that we here at Faith supply to our Sheriff Departments make a huge difference in their lives. Please donate to our "A Child's Hope" Project if you can. You can take a list from the side of the decorated boxes in Narthex II or in our Christian Life Center and shop at your leisure. You Can Make A Difference!

*****Attention Friends*** VBS VOLUNTEER DAY ON AUGUST 4TH**

Do you love to craft? Do you love to bake? Do you love to give? No matter the talents God has blessed you with, there is an opportunity for you to help with this year's VBS! This year's theme is ***"Camp Out - Getting S'more of Jesus"*** and will be held in **Sims Park** on **Saturday August 5th, 12-6pm.**

To make this event successful and thriving, we need support, donations, and volunteers. We will be having a **Volunteer Day** at the Church/CLC on Friday, August 4th to set up and prep. We will need any and all volunteers to help pre-assemble crafts, bake cookies and prep snacks & food, and help with any set-up. Specific times will be announced later, but we will be there most of the day to accommodate schedules. Please stop by even for an hour or two as many hands make light work! A sign-up sheet for the Volunteer Day will be in Narthex I.

For those who can donate to the event, a **donation box** will be located in Narthex II with a list of needed items, some items include: pool noodles, plain plastic band-aids (no designs as they will be written on), fine-tip Sharpie pens, and summer/camping stickers. Use Offering Envelopes for any monetary donations and designate for VBS Fund.

We are very excited about VBS this year and are looking forward to spreading the love of Jesus into the heart of our community by hosting this event in Sims Park. **We need your help to make it successful**. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Watkinson, Jerry Brock or any MOCA team member.

PRAYER LIST: July 1-2, 2017

Compassion:

Health/Unspoken: Darlene Alexander, John Bianchi, Sydney Birmingham, Marianne Blanchard, Linda Bearden, Laura Bley, Ray Bovier, Wayne Charlton, Larry DeBlasi, Suzanne Herr, Jim, Edie Knudsen, John Koons, Sr., Zachary Melsha, Peter Mohler, Lillian Molina, Dave Noll, Pat Noll, Patty, Osman Ponce, Allen Price, Theresa Riley, The Roach Family, Dawn Sandvig, Pat Steinbach, Fan Steinke, Marlyss Thompson, Katie Wegner, Marion Welsh, Kevin Wilk, Arleen Yamada.

Homebound: *Audrey Gould, Bobbie Hain,* Maria *Hulyk, Jim Keebler, Mona Krupicka, Alden & Beth Kunnemann, Marge LaVallee, Dave Noll, Pat Noll,* Lucille Noveck, *Ginny Pohlman, Bob & Bea Schurkus,* Jake & Mary Lou Simon, Bob & Barbara Stuck, Hank Whitt,

Military: Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Jason Graves, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Luke McKinney, Nicholas Morley, Richard Phernetton, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew Springer, PFC Karl O. Steinbach, Andrew St. John, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson

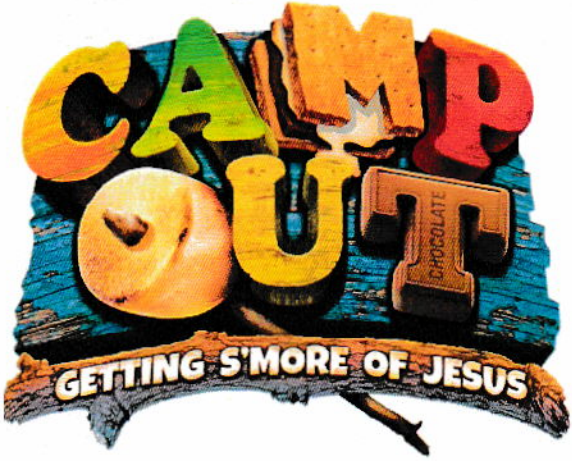
This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Saturday, Jul 1	5:00 pm	Worship Service
Sunday, Jul 2	8:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	9:30 am	SS/Conf./Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday, Jul 3	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, Jul 4		**INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Closed**
Wednesday, Jul 5	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	New Member class
	6:30-9:00	Pastor's Evening Hours
Thursday, Jul 6	6:30 pm	NA/AA meeting in GSH
Friday, Jul 7	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, Jul 8	10:00 am	Soul Spa Bible Study @ Oasis
	5:00 pm	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
Sunday, Jul 9	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	SS/Conf./Youth/Adult Bible Study
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS	11:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion

Night at the Jays
Florida Auto Exchange Stadium
Game time 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 23rd

AUGUST 5TH IN SIMS PARK



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Don't Forget Volunteer Day
Friday Aug. 4th

Moving Forward

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"Loving Jesus and making His love known."

Looking Back

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Our Mission Statement

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
Our Service Schedule

SATURDAYS:
Worship at 5 pm
Holy Communion on
2nd and 4th Saturdays

SUNDAYS:
Worship at 8 am
Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship at 11:00 am
Holy Communion
2nd & 4th Sundays

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:
Please sign our guest book in Narthex I and fill out a fellowship card to place in the offering plate.

July 8-9, 2017
5th Sunday after Pentecost

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If you are a member or frequent guest, we appreciate your faithful encouragement in our worship and walk in the Lord. If there is someone sitting around you that you do not know, please be sure to introduce yourself, as they may be a member that you have not previously met or a guest who may one day become our member and your good friend.

TO PONDER, AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP: Are you tired? Are you burdened? Do you feel weary? Jesus says to you: "Come to Me ... and I will give you rest." As we come to Jesus in faith, He takes our burdens upon Himself and gives us rest for our souls. Yoked to Christ in our Baptism, our standing in the presence of God the Father is guaranteed because of Him. We gather together for worship today, knowing that as Jesus first comes to us with forgiveness and new life, we can then offer Him our prayers and praise. This is the Father's gracious will. May He bless us as we gather before Him in worship this day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN: **"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"** ***LSB # 901***

TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE: ***Traditional Morning Prayer***

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES: *please STAND as you are able*
[based on Psalm 91 : 1 –2, 9 – 10]

[The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.]

P: In the Name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C: I WILL SAY TO THE LORD, "MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS, MY GOD, IN WHOM I TRUST."

P: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

C: NO EVIL SHALL BE ALLOWED TO BEFALL YOU, NO PLAGUE COME NEAR YOUR TENT.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

[based on Matthew 11:25–30; Romans 7:14–25a]

P: Jesus invites you: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." So let us come to Jesus in a time of silent prayer.

[We reflect upon our need for Jesus' rest and forgiveness.]

P: Almighty God, heavenly Father,

C: WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BURDENED BY OUR SIN. WHAT WE WANT TO DO, WE DON'T DO. WHAT WE END UP DOING, WE KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO DO. WE FEEL TRAPPED. YOUR WORD TEACHES US THAT WE CANNOT ESCAPE OUR SINFULNESS. ONLY IN YOUR MERCY AND GRACE IS THERE REST FOR OUR SOULS AND RELIEF FROM THE BURDENS OF OUR HEARTS. FATHER, FILL US AGAIN WITH THE ASSURANCE OF THE CROSS AND THE EMPTY TOMB, THAT WE MAY RECEIVE ANEW THE VICTORY THAT IS OURS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

P: The burdens that are so heavy for you are light for Jesus! As you have now confessed your sins, it is my privilege and joy to announce to you that Jesus has taken away your burdens by His death and resurrection. According to His own command, I, as a servant of the Word and called as Your pastor, declare that your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory Be to God In Heaven"

[sung to the tune of, "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"*]*
('Converse' – from LSB # 770)

1. Glory be to God in heaven,
   Peace to those who love Him well.
   On the earth let all His people
   Speak His grace, His wonders tell:

Lord, we praise You for Your glory,
Mighty Father, Heaven's King;
Hear our joyful adoration,
And accept the thanks we bring.

2. Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
Now with Him in triumph seated —
For Your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Savior, You are God alone
In the glory of the Father
With the Spirit, [+] Three in One!

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

P: Let us pray together:

ALL: GRACIOUS GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, YOUR MERCY ATTENDS US ALL OUR DAYS. BE OUR STRENGTH AND SUPPORT AMID THE WEARISOME CHANGES OF THIS WORLD, AND AT LIFE'S END GRANT US YOUR PROMISED REST AND THE FULL JOYS OF YOUR SALVATION; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

TODAY'S READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ARE FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Zechariah 9 : 9 – 12, Page 1,013*

[The King shall speak peace to the nations]

[9]Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your King is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is He,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
[10]I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and He shall speak peace to the nations;
His rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
[11]As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
[12]Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

EPISTLE LESSON: *Romans 7 : 14 – 25a,* Page 1,200

[Paul struggles with the sin within him.]

[St. Paul writes:] [14]For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. [15]I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. [16]Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. [17]So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. [18]For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. [19]For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. [20]Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

[21]So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. [22]For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, [23]but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. [24]Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? [25]Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

R: Long ago, at many times and in various ways, God spoke to the forefathers by the prophets.

C: BUT NOW, IN THESE LAST DAYS, HE HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON.

Please STAND as a sign of resurrection hope

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 11 : 25 – 30,* Page 1,037

(Jesus offers rest to all who come to Him)

[25]At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; [26]yes, Father, for such was Your

gracious will. [27]All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. [28]So come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29]Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

SERMON HYMN: "Children of the Heavenly Father" ***LSB # 725***

SERMON: ***"Spiritual Pulleys"*** based on today's Gospel lesson from Matthew, chapter 11, by Pastor Wenndt.

CONFESSION OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH: ***Apostles' Creed***

[words are found on the inside back cover of the hymnal, "Lutheran Service Book", or up on the screen]

We Receive Our First – Fruits and OFFERINGS

[8 AM] **CANTICLE HYMN:**

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" ***LSB # 941***

[5 PM and 11 AM] **OFFERTORY HYMN:**

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ***LSB # 955***

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(at conclusion of each petition offered by the pastor:)

P: ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

[sung] **LORD'S PRAYER** [from the, *'Celebration Hymnal', # 631*]

Our Father, which 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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil;
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory forever. Amen, Amen.

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[11 AM only] **PRAYER FOR COMMUNICANTS and "THE WORDS OF OUR LORD"**

INVITATION, PEACE AND AGNUS DEI:

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

P: Sanctify and guide us in all truth to know Jesus Christ and the Father whom He has made known, as we are knit and joined together in the Spirit. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU! *please be seated*

AS WE PREPARE TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE: Please take a few moments of meditation prior to the Sacrament, which will include some soft music being played. During this time, you will have the opportunity to review our policy for taking the Sacrament, which includes some contemplative questions and reminders being shown on our viewing screens. May we then prayerfully, worthily and joyfully join Him at table who comes to us in His true Body and Blood.

HYMNS TO BE SUNG DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

"God Bless Our Native Land" **LSB # 965**
"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" **LSB # 782**
"O Christ, Our True and Only Light" **LSB # 839**

[8 AM Service Resumes Here:] **CLOSING UNISON COLLECT:**

P: Let us pray together:

C: THANK YOU, FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, THAT YOU HAVE NOT CHOSEN TO REVEAL YOUR TRUTH TO THE WISE AND LEARNED, BUT TO THOSE WHO BECOME YOUR CHILDREN. THROUGH YOUR WORD, MAY WE COME TO KNOW YOU AND YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS TAKEN AWAY OUR WRETCHEDNESS AND GIVEN US ETERNAL VICTORY; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION: *[from Romans 7 : 25]*

P: Who has delivered us from our sins and given relief to our weary souls?

C: THANKS BE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!

P: [Pastor gives the blessing, ending with:] ... the Father, the [+] Son and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

C: AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN: **"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"** ***LSB # 524***

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!
C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

(**9**) Barb Goodhue (**10**) Norm Braun, Marian Malmgren, Jake Simon
(**11**) Kathy Hoback (**15**) Tracy Negrich

Those Serving Today:
Presiding Minister: *Rev. Thomas Wenndt, Pastor*

	8 am service	*11 am service*
Assisting Elder		Bob Hackman, Steve Schoeneck
Duty Elder	Larry Roach	Steve Schoeneck
Acolyte	Aiden Thompson	Autum Verheyen
Altar Care	Mary Oles, Lynne Shaner	Denise Hackman, Rose Wegner
Lay Reader	Mel Reinstetle	Christie Morrison
Audio Asst.		Reilly Costello
Video Asst.	Mike Muetzel	Patrick Costello
Ushers	Mickie Ferguson, Mel & John Reinstetle, Larry Roach	Mary Cazel, Rich & Sandi Leenhouts, Mary Schoeneck
Flower Angels	The Costello Family	

Food Pantry Item for the month of **July**	***Canned Spaghettios, etc.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS IN JULY??? Yes! We're celebrating Christmas in July! Join us on Saturday, July 15th and Sunday, July 16th for our celebration! Wear your favorite holiday clothes, bring a few Christmas cookies to share and you could even bring in an unwrapped gift to share with a needy child! AND don't forget to bring a friend! Don't miss this unique worship opportunity to remind us about how the birth of one very special baby changed the world!

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME": Join with your friends and family here at Faith for a fun evening of baseball on July 23rd. Bring a friend and enjoy!

DID YOU KNOW? Your favorite Portals of Prayer devotional is now an APP! For more information and to be directed to the Apple or Google app for download, go to www.cph.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bring your neighbors and your friends and join us for our Summer Sunday School Program from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the "choir room". Meet "Moses" as we learn The Ten Commandments. Come on in and have a summer of fun with special lessons, crafts and refreshments! It's all free and all children age 3 years to 6th grade are welcome.

SOUL SPA BIBLE STUDY: The Summer Women's Bible Study has begun. You're welcome to join us at the "Soul Spa" where God is eager to meet with you and care for your spirit - the Oasis Coffee Spot, Saturdays at 10:00 am.

WE NEED YOU! Do you have an interest in helping with our Food Pantry? We'd love to have you join the team! See Pastor Wenndt for information.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER? You might be eligible for a $250.00 Visa card to be used for a project that will help your community. These cards can be used to buy food for our own Food Pantry, items for A Child's Hope project, plus so much more! To check this out, go to *Thrivent.com /actionteam* and click on 'Apply Now'. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Butler or RoseAnn Verheyen. Every $1 counts, and it's time to make yours count too!

A CHILD'S HOPE: Removing a child from their home for their safety can be extremely devastating to a child of any age. Sadly, it happens in our area almost daily. The "comfort bags" that Faith suppies to our Sheriff Departments make a huge difference in their lives. Please donate to our "A

Child's Hope" Project if you can. You can take a list from the side of the decorated boxes in Narthex II or in our Christian Life Center and shop at your leisure. You Can Make A Difference!

*****Attention Friends*** VBS VOLUNTEER DAY ON AUGUST 4TH**

Do you love to craft? Do you love to bake? Do you love to give? No matter the talents God has blessed you with, there is an opportunity for you to help with this year's VBS! This year's theme is ***"Camp Out - Getting S'more of Jesus"*** and will be held in **Sims Park** on **Saturday August 5th, 12-6pm.**

To make this event successful and thriving, we need support, donations, and volunteers. We will be having a **Volunteer Day** at the Church/CLC on Friday, August 4th to set up and prep. We will need any and all volunteers to help pre-assemble crafts, bake cookies and prep snacks & food, and help with any set-up. Specific times will be announced later, but we will be there most of the day to accommodate schedules. Please stop by even for an hour or two as many hands make light work! A sign-up sheet for the Volunteer Day will be in Narthex I.

For those who can donate to the event, a **donation box** will be located in Narthex II with a list of needed items, some items include: pool noodles, plain plastic band-aids (no designs as they will be written on), fine-tip Sharpie pens, and summer/camping stickers. Use Offering Envelopes for any monetary donations and designate for VBS Fund.

We are very excited about VBS this year and are looking forward to spreading the love of Jesus into the heart of our community by hosting this event in Sims Park. **We need your help to make it successful.** If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Watkinson, Jerry Brock or any MOCA team member.

A Measure of Our Devotion

July 1-2, 2017	
Worship Attendance 2017	18/31/32
Worship Attendance 2016	43/52
Sunday School/Confirmation/Youth/ Adult Bible Classes	5/0/0/14
Receipts for July 1-2, 2017	$6,263.21

PRAYER LIST: July 8-9, 2017

Compassion:

Health/Unspoken: Darlene Alexander, John Bianchi, Sydney Birmingham, Marianne Blanchard, Linda Bearden, Laura Bley, Ray Bovier, Adele Burke, Wayne Charlton, Larry DeBlasi, Suzanne Herr, Jim, Edie Knudsen, John Koons, Sr., Zachary Melsha, Peter Mohler, Noelle, Dave Noll, Pat Noll, Patty, Osman Ponce, Allen Price, Theresa Riley, The Roach Family, Dawn Sandvig, Pat Steinbach, Fan Steinke, Marlyss Thompson, Katie Wegner, Marion Welsh, Kevin Wilk, Arleen Yamada

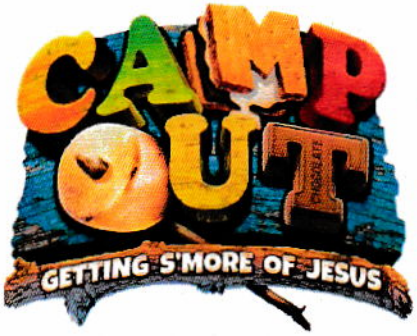
Homebound: *Audrey Gould, Bobbie Hain, Maria Hulyk, Jim Keebler, Mona Krupicka, Alden & Beth Kunnemann, Marge LaVallee, Dave Noll, Pat Noll,* Lucille Noveck, *Ginny Pohlman, Bob & Bea Schurkus,* Jake & Mary Lou Simon, Bob & Barbara Stuck, Hank Whitt

Military: Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Jason Graves, Steven Hartwell, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Luke McKinney, Nicholas Morley, Richard Phernetton, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew Springer, PFC Karl O. Steinbach, Andrew St. John, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson

Night at the Jays
Florida Auto Exchange Stadium
Game time 5:00 pm
Sunday, July 23rd

This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Saturday, Jul 8	10:00 am	Soul Spa Bible Study @ Oasis
	5:00 pm	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
Sunday, Jul 9	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	SS/Conf./Youth/Adult Bible Study
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS	11:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
Monday, Jul 10	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
Tuesday, Jul 11		
Wednesday, Jul 12	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
	6:30-9:00	Pastor's Evening Hours
Thursday, Jul 13	2:30 pm	Pictorial Directory Committee
	6:30 pm	NA/AA meeting in GSH
Friday, Jul 14	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, Jul 15	10:00 am	Soul Spa Bible Study @ Oasis
CHRISTMAS IN JULY	5:00 pm	Worship Service
Sunday, Jul 16	8:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	9-10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
CHRISTMAS IN JULY	9:30 am	SS/Conf./Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	Worship Service



August 5th in Sims Park

12 Noon – 6 pm

Don't Forget Volunteer Day

Friday Aug. 4th

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Our Service Schedule

SATURDAYS:

Worship at 5 pm

Holy Communion on 2nd and 4th Saturdays

SUNDAYS:

Worship at 8 am

Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Worship at 11:00 am

Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sundays

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

Please sign our guest book in Narthex I and fill out a fellowship card to place in the offering plate.

July 15-16, 2017
6th Sunday after Pentecost

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 15th / 16th, 2017 – 6th Sunday After Pentecost – CHRISTMAS IN JULY

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

If you are a first time guest, we want to extend a special welcome. We are honored to have you with us and pray that you will be blessed by our fellowship and the Word of God that is shared. If you do not have a church home, we ask that you consider becoming a part of our fellowship. Please fill out one of the cards in front of you, and note the information regarding communion participation on the back of it. You are always welcome to join us again, and we pray it will be soon.

If you are a member or frequent guest, we appreciate your faithful encouragement in our worship and walk in the Lord. If there is someone sitting around you that you do not know, please be sure to introduce yourself, they may be a member that you have not previously met or a guest who would welcome your warm friendliness.

AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP: An old song expresses the yearning well: "I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams." But even during this time of year, which is quite far removed both from the previous and upcoming celebrations of Christmas, it is a time of year where we long to be home, to be surrounded by family, to remember simpler times. Home is more than a place – it's more than family – it's a sense of belonging. Today, we celebrate the God who left His home to join us here, so heaven could be our home. We'll celebrate with many old songs; you'll recognize some if not all of them, as we praise this Jesus who opened up heaven to be our home. The Lord Himself bless you as He welcomes you home – even on this summer day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING OF THE PEACE

P: Our opening song invites all to come home and worship Jesus, who was born on Christmas morning.

OPENING CAROL: **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** ***LSB # 379***

"Hail, Hail, The Word Made Flesh" – A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH THE SACRAMENT

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS: *[Romans 7 : 15, 18–19, 21, 24]*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the [+] Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

P: Engrafted into the Name of the Holy Trinity;

C: WE ARE CLAIMED BY CHRIST, IN HOLY BAPTISM.

P: There's something about Christmas that makes us want to be home, wherever and even whenever that is. We're not content to be elsewhere. We want to be surrounded by comforting things. There's a reason for that. There's this nagging thought at the back of our minds. We know that we're not comfortable. That there's something else going on. That our homes, as wonderful as they are, are broken. We live in a broken world. And the problem of living in a broken world is that we're broken too. In Romans, which we have been reading the last couple of weeks, you may recall Paul outlining the struggle we have. Let us share those words again, following a moment of silent prayer.

[We silently reflect on our sinful lives, and the need for a Savior sent from God Himself – giving us a true CHRIST-mas for all times]

P: "For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

C: FOR I KNOW THAT NOTHING GOOD DWELLS IN ME, THAT IS, IN MY FLESH.

P: For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

C: FOR I DO NOT DO THE GOOD I WANT, BUT THE EVIL I DO NOT WANT IS WHAT I KEEP ON DOING.

P: So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

C: WRETCHED PERSON THAT I AM! WHO WILL DELIVER ME FROM THIS BODY OF DEATH?

P: It's hard to enjoy the peace of Christmas when we struggle so much within ourselves. And we can't fix ourselves when we're broken. If we could, the struggle would already be over. Do you confess this reality?

C: I CONFESS THAT I AM BY NATURE SINFUL. I CANNOT PLEASE GOD IN MY THOUGHTS, WORDS, OR ACTIONS. I CANNOT COME HOME TO HIM.

P: *The next verse in Romans gives us an answer: "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Jesus left His home in heaven to come to us. He was born for us. He lived for us. He died for us. And now He lives again for us. Jesus is the One who brings us home. He is the One who takes our brokenness, who takes our sin, and makes us His. And so, as a called and ordained minister of Christ, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: AMEN!

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Joy to the World" ***LSB # 387***

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

P: *Let us pray together:*

C: MOST MERCIFUL GOD, YOU GAVE YOUR ETERNAL WORD TO BECOME INCARNATE OF THE PURE VIRGIN. GRANT YOUR PEOPLE GRACE AT ALL TIMES TO PUT AWAY THE TEMPTATIONS AND GUILT OF SIN, THAT THEY MAY ALWAYS BE READY FOR YOUR VISITATION; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND KING, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

R: *Sin's temptations, accusations and consequences through the centuries have made people feel like they were sitting in darkness. In a way, it's like being in a war we could not win. It makes people weary, to the point where they just want to go home. About 2,700 years ago, God spoke through the prophet, Isaiah. Hear these familiar words from the ninth chapter, beginning in verse 2:*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Isaiah 9 : 2 – 7, Page 729*

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
3 You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
4 For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
6 For unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder,
and His Name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of His government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over His kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

R: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

DEVOTION: Jesus chose to make His home here, on this dusty, dirty earth, in a little town named Bethlehem.

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ***LSB # 361***

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL, PT. 1: *[Pastor]* Luke 2 : 1 – 7

DEVOTION: God didn't hide what He had done; He told shepherds that He came for them!

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "Once in Royal David's City" ***LSB # 376***

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL, PT. 2: *[Pastor]* Luke 2 : 8 – 14

DEVOTION: The King chose to make His first home a barn. He did that for us!

CHRISTMAS CAROL: "Away in a Manger" ***LSB # 364***

RESPONSE READING: *Titus 2 : 11 – 14, Page 1,272*

[St. Paul writes:] 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self–controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

[13]waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, [14]who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

DEVOTION: Look at what God did for you then. What do you suppose God will do for you now??

(11 AM service) **THE BAPTISM OF LUCAS ALLEN SCHULTZ**

CLOSE OF BAPTISMAL ORDER - WELCOME INTO OUR MIDST:

P: Lucas, in Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

C: WE WELCOME YOU INTO OUR SAVIOR'S FAMILY IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. WE RECEIVE YOU IN JESUS' NAME AS OUR BROTHER IN CHRIST, A FELLOW MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, THAT TOGETHER WE MIGHT HEAR HIS WORD, RECEIVE HIS GIFTS, AND PROCLAIM THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO CALLED US OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT.

P: And you Lucas, may the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore. Peace (+) be with you!

C: AMEN.

We Receive Our First – Fruits and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN: **"Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn"** ***LSB # 391***

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *Please STAND as you are able*

P: Lord Jesus, You left Your home in heaven to join us here on this broken earth. You left the warmth of Your Father's embrace to join us in the cold world. You fill us with awe.

C: LORD JESUS, ACCEPT OUR OFFERING OF PRAISE.

P: Lord Jesus, we are sinful from birth, but You were born pure and holy. Born of a virgin, You chose to rest in a bed of hay. We praise You for your perfection, and we thank You for choosing to rescue us.

C: LORD JESUS, ACCEPT OUR OFFERING OF PRAISE.

P: You came to die for us, to take our guilt, so we can find a home in heaven. Infant King, we confess our sin and rejoice that You've taken it from us. O Jesus, it is good that You have made a home for us in heaven with You.

C: LORD JESUS, ACCEPT OUR OFFERING OF PRAISE.

P: So many don't know what You've done for us. They think their homes are here. Open our mouths to share the wonder of what You did on Christmas. Open our eyes to opportunities, and give us wisdom and courage to speak of Your grace.

C: LORD JESUS, ACCEPT OUR OFFERING OF PRAISE.

P: O Jesus, take all these offerings of praise and use them to Your glory. Help us look forward to home, and we pray the words You taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER: [spoken in unison]

[found on the inside back cover of the hymnal]

(8 AM only) **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *(consecration of elements for the Lord's Supper)*

THE INVITATION AND PEACE:

P: Engrafted into the Name of the Holy Trinity;

C: WE ARE CLAIMED BY CHRIST, IN HOLY BAPTISM.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always;

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU! *please be seated*

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CAROLS TO BE SUNG DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

"What Child Is This" **LSB # 370**

"A Great and Mighty Wonder" **LSB # 383**

(5 PM and 11 AM services continue here)

THANKSGIVING, CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C: FOR HIS LOVE AND TENDER MERCY ENDURE FOREVER. *[Psalm 107:1]*

P: We close in prayer together:

ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU MADE THAT HOLY NIGHT SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE TRUE LIGHT. GRANT THAT AS WE HAVE KNOWN ON EARTH THE WONDER OF THAT LIGHT, WE MAY ALSO

BEHOLD HIM IN ALL GLORY IN THE LIFE TO COME; THROUGH YOUR ONLY SON, JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

P: *To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy---*

C: **TO THE ONLY GOD OUR SAVIOR BE GLORY, MAJESTY, POWER AND AUTHORITY, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, BEFORE ALL AGES, NOW AND FOREVERMORE! AMEN.** *[Jude 23-25]*

P: *The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us: ... He will bless those who fear the LORD, small and great alike. [Psalm 115:12] 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 peace.*

C: **AMEN.**

FINAL CHRISTMAS CAROL: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" ***LSB # 388***

P: *Go in peace; serve the Lord.*

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

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A Measure of Our Devotion

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Altar Flowers	*Given by Barbara Hahn In honor of the Baptism of Lucas Schultz*	

Food Pantry Item for the month of **July**	***Canned Spa ghettios, etc.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! We are so happy that you have been able to join us today for "Christmas in July". Please enjoy our very special worship services this weekend. Don't forget to join us following the services for some Christmas cookies and punch in Narthex II.
Happy Birthday Jesus!

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FOOD PANTRY: In June we served 79 people, of which 6 were seniors and 25 were children. If you have some time and would like to help, please see Pastor Wenndt for information.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER? You might be eligible for a $250.00 Visa card to be used for a project that will help your community. These cards can be used to buy food for our own Food Pantry, items for A Child's Hope project, and more! To check this out, go to *Thrivent.com /actionteam* and click on 'Apply Now'. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Butler or RoseAnn Verheyen.

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plastic band-aids (no designs as they will be written on), fine-tip Sharpie pens, and summer/camping stickers. Use Offering Envelopes for any monetary donations and designate for VBS Fund.

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This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY	5:00 pm	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Coffee Fellowship
Sunday, Jul 16	8:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	9-10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	9:30 am	SS/Conf./Youth/Adult Bible Study
CHRISTMAS IN JULY	11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday, Jul 17	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Staff meeting
Tuesday, Jul 18		
Wednesday, Jul 19	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
	6:30-9:00	Pastor's Evening Hours
Thursday, Jul 20	6:30 pm	NA/AA meeting in GSH
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FAITH @ THE JAYS	3:45 pm	Leave from church for game
	5:00 pm	Dunedin Jays GAMETIME

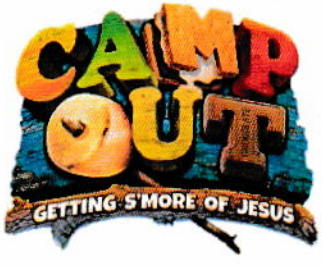
PRAYER LIST: July 15-16, 2017

Compassion:

Health/Unspoken: Darlene Alexander, John Bianchi, Sydney Birmingham, Marianne Blanchard, Linda Bearden, Laura Bley, Ray Bovier, Wayne Charlton, Larry DeBlasi, Denise Hackman, Suzanne Herr, Joe Hoback, Jim, Jim Keebler, Edie Knudsen, John Koons, Sr., Zachary Melsha, Peter Mohler, Dave Noll, Pat Noll, Patty, Osman Ponce, Allen Price, Theresa Riley, The Roach Family, Dawn Sandvig, Pat Steinbach, Fan Steinke, Marlyss Thompson, Katie Wegner, Rose Wegner, Marion Welsh, Kevin Wilk, Arleen Yamada.

Homebound: Meta Gerken, *Audrey Gould, Bobbie Hain, Maria Hulyk, Jim Keebler, Mona Krupicka, Alden & Beth Kunnemann, Marge LaVallee, Dave Noll, Pat Noll,* Lucille Noveck, *Ginny Pohlman, Bob & Bea Schurkus,* Jake & Mary Lou Simon, Bob & Barbara Stuck, Hank Whitt,

Military: Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Jason Graves, Steven Hartwell, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Luke McKinney, Nicholas Morley, Richard Phernetton, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew Springer, PFC Karl O. Steinbach, Andrew St. John, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson



August 5th in Sims Park

12 Noon – 6 pm

Don't Forget Volunteer Day Friday Aug. 4th

Night at the Jays

Florida Auto Exchange Stadium

Game time 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 23rd

Moving Forward

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
Our Service Schedule

SATURDAYS:
Worship at 5 pm
Holy Communion on
2nd and 4th Saturdays

SUNDAYS:
Worship at 8 am
Holy Communion
1st & 3rd Sundays
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship at 11:00 am
Holy Communion
2nd & 4th Sundays

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:
Please sign our guest book in Narthex I and fill out a fellowship card to place in the offering plate.

July 22-23, 2017
7th Sunday after Pentecost

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 22nd / 23rd, 2017 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

If you are a first–time guest, we want to extend to you a special welcome. We are honored to have you with us and pray that you will be blessed by our fellowship and the Word of God that is shared. If you do not have a church home, we ask that you consider becoming a part of our fellowship. Please fill out one of the "Faith Fellowship" cards in front of you, and note the information regarding communion participation on the back of it. We pray that you will join us again soon.

If you are a member or frequent guest, we appreciate your faithful encouragement in our worship and walk in the Lord. If there is someone sitting around you that you do not know, please be sure to introduce yourself, as they may be a member that you have not previously met or a guest who would welcome your warm friendliness.

TO PONDER, AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP: With the whole creation we groan together in birthing pains, waiting for the redemption of all things. Things are not how they were intended to be. We are not home yet. This sad state of affairs is the result of people who are not God playing God. The devil is in on this, sowing weeds throughout the field of this world. But there is no God besides God the Holy Trinity, not in heaven above nor on earth below—not you, not me, not anyone. The real God has appointed that we and all humanity are saved in hope through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our true home is the kingdom of God introduced by Jesus. Along our journey home, even when we do not know what to pray, our hope is sustained by the intercessions of God the Holy Spirit, whose groanings on our behalf are deeper than words can tell. May we be blessed by our Lord God as we worship Him today in spirit and in truth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN: **"We Praise You, O God"** **LSB #785**

TODAY'S ORDER OF SERVICE: based on ***Divine Service, Setting 4***, from page 203 of the maroon hymnal, 'LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK'

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION: *please STAND as you are able*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P: *In the Name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C: **AMEN.**
P: *Our help is in the Name of the Lord,*
C: **WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.**
P: *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*
C: **BUT WITH YOU THERE IS FORGIVENESS; THEREFORE YOU ARE FEARED.**
P: *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*
C: **ALMIGHTY GOD, HAVE MERCY UPON US, FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND LEAD US TO EVERLASTING LIFE. AMEN.**
P: *Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
C: **AMEN.**
P: *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you that your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C: **AMEN.**

KYRIE and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: *(if you need the musical notes, they can be found in:)* LSB, pg. 204

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: *The Lord be with you.*
C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**
P: *Let us pray together:*

ALL: O GOD, SO RULE AND GOVERN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THAT, EVER MINDFUL OF YOUR FINAL JUDGMENT, WE MAY BE STIRRED UP TO HOLINESS OF LIVING HERE AND DWELL WITH YOU IN PERFECT JOY HEREAFTER; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

TODAY'S READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ARE APPOINTED FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: *Isaiah 44 : 6 – 8, Page 769*

["Is there any other god than the One, True, Triune God?"]

6Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and His Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I AM the first and I AM the last;
besides Me there is no god.
7Who is like Me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before Me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SECOND LESSON: *Romans 8 : 18 – 27, Page 1,201*

[The Spirit helps our weakness as we wait in hope with all creation.]

[St. Paul writes:] 18For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

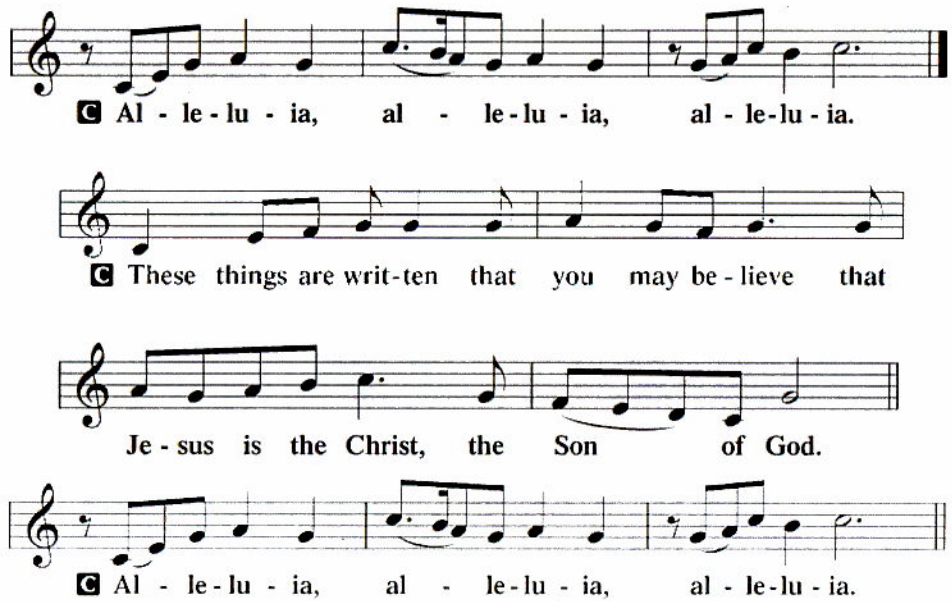
26Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Please STAND as a sign of resurrection hope

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

GOSPEL LESSON: *Matthew 13 : 24 – 30, 36 – 43,* Page 1,040-1,041

[The parable of the weeds in the field.]

24[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. 26So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' 28He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along

with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" … …

[36]Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON HYMN: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" ***LSB # 711***

SERMON: ***"Pulling the Wrong Weeds"***

based on today's Gospel lesson, preached by Pastor Wenndt.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Nicene Creed*

[found on inside back cover of the hymnal] *please STAND*

We Receive Our First – Fruits and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB # 781, vs. 1, 2 & 6

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(at conclusion of each petition offered by the pastor:)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

LORD'S PRAYER *[spoken in unison]*

[Saturday and 11 AM only] **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

PRAYER FOR COMMUNICANTS and THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

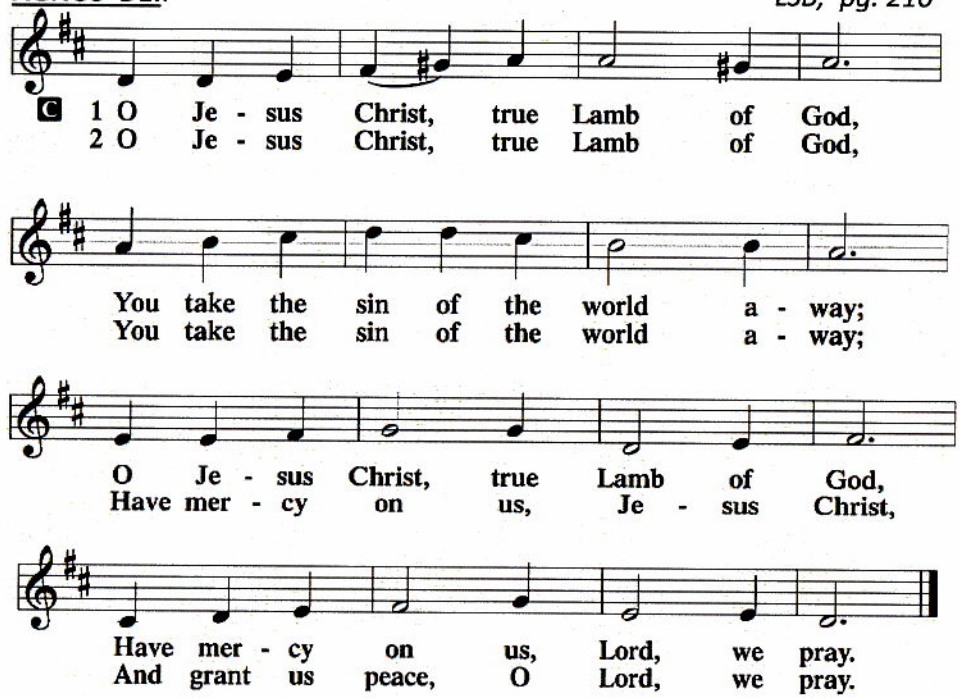
(offered by the celebrating pastor)

THE PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

AGNUS DEI: *LSB, pg. 210*



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HYMNS TO BE SUNG DURING HOLY COMMUNION:

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" ***LSB # 761***

"How Firm a Foundation" ***LSB # 728***

[8 AM service resumes here:] **CLOSING COLLECT:**

P: Let us pray together:

C: FATHER IN HEAVEN, YOU NEITHER SLUMBER NOR SLEEP; IN FAITH OUR EYES ARE LIFTED UP TO YOU TO DELIVER US. KEEP US FROM ALL EVIL,

WATCH OVER OUR COMING AND GOING, AND BRING US INTO YOUR ETERNAL KINGDOM; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

P: [gives the blessing, concluding with:] ... and [+] give you peace.

C: AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying" *LSB # 826*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

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We are in need of support, donations, and volunteers. **VBS Volunteer Day** will be Friday, August 4th at the church/CLC to help pre-assemble crafts, bake cookies, prep snacks & food, and help with any set-up. Specific times will be announced, but we will be there most of the day to accommodate schedules. Please stop by even for an hour or two as many hands make light work! A sign-up sheet for the Volunteer Day will be in Narthex I. A **donation box** is in Narthex II with a list of needed items: pool noodles, plastic band-aids (PLAIN, no designs), fine-tip Sharpie pens, and summer/camping stickers. Please use Offering Envelopes for any monetary donations and designate for VBS Fund.

We are very excited to spread the love of Jesus into the heart of our community. **We need your help to make it successful**. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Watkinson, Jerry Brock or any MOCA team member.

This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Saturday, Jul 22	10:00 am	Soul Spa Bible Study @ Oasis
	5:00 pm	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Coffee Fellowship
Sunday, Jul 23	8:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	9-10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	9:30 am	SS/Conf./Youth/Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	Worship Service
FAITH AT THE JAYS!	3:45 pm	Leave from church for game
	5:00 pm	**Dunedin Jays GAME TIME**
Monday, Jul 24	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Board of Properties
Tuesday, Jul 25		
Wednesday, Jul 26	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
	6:30-9:00	Pastor's Evening Hours
Thursday, Jul 27	2:30 pm	Pictorial Directory meeting
	6:30 pm	NA/AA meeting in GSH
Friday, Jul 28	9-11:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, Jul 29	10:00 am	Soul Spa Bible Study @ Oasis
	5:00 pm	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
Sunday, Jul 30	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	SS/Conf./Youth/Adult Bible Study
NEW MEMBER SUNDAY	11:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion – New Member
	12:15 pm	New Member Reception
	6:30 pm	Home Bible Study at the Wenndt's

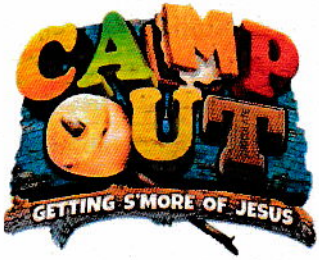
PRAYER LIST: July 22-23, 2017

Compassion:

Health/Unspoken: Darlene Alexander, John Bianchi, Sydney Birmingham, Marianne Blanchard, Linda Bearden, Laura Bley, Ray Bovier, Wayne Charlton, Larry DeBlasi, Denise Hackman, Suzanne Herr, Joe Hoback, Betty Holland, Jim, Jim Keebler, Edie Knudsen, John Koons, Sr., Zachary Melsha, Peter Mohler, Lillian Molina, Dave Noll, Pat Noll, Patty, Osman Ponce, Allen Price, Theresa Riley, The Roach Family, Dawn Sandvig, Pat Steinbach, Fan Steinke, Donna Tan, Marlyss Thompson, Katie Wegner, Rose Wegner, Marion Welsh, Kevin Wilk, Arleen Yamada.

Homebound: Meta Gerken, *Audrey Gould, Bobbie Hain, Maria Hulyk, Jim Keebler, Mona Krupicka, Alden & Beth Kunnemann, Marge LaVallee, Dave Noll, Pat Noll,* Lucille Noveck, *Ginny Pohlman, Bob & Bea Schurkus,* Jake & Mary Lou Simon, Bob & Barbara Stuck, Hank Whitt

Military: Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Jason Graves, Steven Hartwell, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Luke McKinney, Nicholas Morley, Richard Phernetton, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew Springer, PFC Karl O. Steinbach, Andrew St. John, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson



August 5th in Sims Park

12 Noon – 6 pm

Don't Forget Volunteer Day Friday Aug. 4th

Night at the Jays

Florida Auto Exchange Stadium

Game time 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 23rd