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**OUR SUMMER HOURS:**

Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship: 10 am

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**Our Mission Statement**

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need, while giving glory to God.

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

# *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 13, 2014 – 10:00 am*

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**The Pre-service Music** (Quiet time for prayer)

**The Chimes**

**The Welcome, Guest Recognition, Announcements.**

**Opening Hymn**                      *“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”*                      **646**

**The Confession and Absolution**    (Please rise)                      **Page 151**

*Pastor:*                      *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People:**                      **Amen.**

*Pastor:*                      *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**People:**                      **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Pastor:*                      *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**People:**                      **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

*Pastor:*                      *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 the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**All:**                      **Amen.**

*Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

*Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

*Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

*Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

*Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



**C** A - men.

## The Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

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

*Pastor: Let us pray... "Almighty God, Merciful Father, we give You hearty thanks for Your Divine Word which You are pleased to sow as a heavenly seed among us. We ask you by the Word and Spirit that you would make our hearts good ground. Guard us against dangers arising from cares and earthly concerns in this life that may put our faith in danger. Refresh us in our trust in the seed of the Word. We ask this in Your Son's holy name".*

**People: Amen.**

✠ *Please be seated*

### Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 55:10-13**(Bible Page 782)

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

### New Testament Reading

**Romans 8:12-17**(Bible Page 1,201)

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of

God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

### **The Children's Message**

*"Jesus Loves Me! This I know"*

**1<sup>st</sup> time in English**

**2<sup>nd</sup> time in Aborigine language**

*As the children go to the CLC, the congregation sings:*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

**The Greeting** *(please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)*

*✠In honor of the living Christ, we rise for the reading of God's Holy Word*

### **The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**(Bible Page 1,039)

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and

choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear.”

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.** (spoken)

**The Sermon Hymn** “Jesus Shall Reign” **832**

**The Sermon** “Don’t be Discouraged.  
*Recalculate how to plant the seed and then trust His Blessed Assurance*”  
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**Response to the Sermon** “On What Has Now Been Sown” **921**

**The Apostle’s Creed** *(Please rise)* *(back of hymnal)*

**The Gathering of the Offerings** *(Please be seated)*

☒ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation will rise to sing:*

☒ **The Offertory** “Take My Life and Let It Be” **783 v 1,4,5**

**The Prayers of the Church**

*Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all the people according to their needs.*

*O Lord, we give great thanks to You that You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, so much that You have given Your only son to redeem us from sin and death. Grant that we might always rejoice in Your steadfast love, repent of sin and remember to follow Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: Almighty God, we give thanks that you delight to fulfill Your promises to us. We pray that You would continue to send forth Your Word as You have promised to accomplish what You have purposed. Grant that we might hear and rejoice in all that You proclaim, both Your Law and Your Gospel, that we might go out in joy and be led forth in peace all the days of our lives. Lord, in Your Mercy,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: Heavenly Father, we give thanks that You see to it that Your Word is sown throughout the world so that all who hear and believe might be saved. With thanks that Your Son has already conquered the evil one by His death and resurrection, we pray that You would preserve us from every temptation so that the Word might not be snatched from our hearts, but that we might always cling to the news of Your Kingdom in Christ. Lord, in Your Mercy,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: Almighty God, we give You thanks for the many blessings You pour out upon us for this life. Preserve us by Your Word so that our faith might not be choked by the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches, but that we might use what You have entrusted to us in service to You and to those whom You have placed around us. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: Heavenly Father, we commend to You all of Your children who need deliverance from affliction, grief and, sorrow especially those we now name in our hearts ..... be with members of our congregation and friends who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other good things – and help us all to bless You always. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**All: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Benediction

All: Amen.

## The Closing Hymn

*"Blessed Assurance"*

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His  
blood.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my  
sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His  
love.

### *Refrain:*

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

## The Dismissal

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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**Stewardship Sentence:** Since God never goes on vacation and stops providing for you, be sure to maintain your weekly offering to the Lord this summer when on your vacation.



## Those Serving Today:

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Dr. Hubert Temme, Guest Pastor

Duty Elder	Larry Roach
Acolyte	Brittany Morrison
Altar Care	Sandi Leenhouts & Rose Wegner
Lay Reader	Melodi Kasberg
Audio Assistant	Rose Wegner
Video Assistant	Barbara Hahn
Ushers	Kenny Korstuck, Ruth Bolduc, Mary Cazel
Flower Angels	Sue Leader
Fellowship Cards	Nancy Brendel & Carole Veleber

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.**

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## A Measure of Our Devotion

July 7, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (10 am)	118
Worship Attendance 2013 (10 am)	106
Sunday School / Confirmation	6/3
Receipts for July 7, 2014	\$3,340.95

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

Sunday, July 13	9:30 am	Sunday School classes
	10:00 am	Worship
		<b>BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS</b>
Monday, July 14	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
	2:00 pm	Board of Finance Meeting
	7:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 15	6:30 pm	Board of Outreach Meeting
	7:00 pm	Board of Elders Meeting
Wednesday, July 16	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	NA meeting in the GSH
Friday, July 18	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Saturday, July 19	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study at The Oasis

- **THE CALL COMMITTEE** has reviewed the Call List and has selected three (3) pastors to interview. We met this past week to format and revise questions that will be asked to each pastor during the Skype interview (a date to be determined). We will continue to keep the congregation informed as we move forward. Keep Faith Church, the Call Team, and the Pastor God has in mind for our congregation in your prayers.
- **GOD IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM** We had our first session yesterday, but we didn't see all our friends there. ☹ Remember, this is a "stand alone" study, so you don't have to attend every week. If you still have questions, please see Sue Leader or Melodi Kasberg.
- **MISSION STATEMENT** The council has worked on an update that will be easier to remember and share. Our proposed Mission Statement is: ***"Loving Jesus and making His love known."*** This will be coming to a vote at our next Congregational Meeting with the date to be determined.
- **VISION STATEMENT** The Council will be developing a Vision Statement which says what our church is to look like. For example: "people who are growing and are actively demonstrating that love in their lives." We would appreciate your ideas. Blank forms are in Narthex II by the coffee pot. Print your ideas neatly and place in the collection plate by August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

- **“CHRISTMAS IN JULY”** On July 27<sup>th</sup> we will have **“Christmas in July”** and sing all Christmas hymns. We are looking for everyone to bring a couple dozen Christmas cookies for a “coffee and” gathering in Narthex II that Sunday morning following worship. Also consider wearing something “Christmasy” that day.
- **HELP NEEDED** Sunday School is still in need of teachers for the fall quarter. Teachers are needed for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, and 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades. If you are not comfortable being a “head teacher”, then perhaps you would consider being a helper? Please consider if God is calling you to this ministry. See Sharon Rubia.
- **2015 BUDGET WORKSHEETS** were due to Betty Holland Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>. We still have a few that have not been turned in. Please get these in as soon as possible so that the Finance Board can work on the new budget.

➤ **BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:**

(15) Tracy Negrich (17) Robbie Baumgartner

**There are no members that are celebrating anniversaries this week.**

- **BLESS A SCHOOL** The Sunday School is once again collecting school supplies for a local school. If you are unable to shop for the items, or if you would prefer to give us a donation, please put it in an offering envelope and mark it “school supplies”. We are collecting the following supplies:

Spiral notebooks

Pencils

Small pencil sharpeners

Glue

Colored pencils

Erasers

Markers

Notebook paper

Scissors

Folders

Questions? See Sharon Rubia, or call her at (727)376-5338. Drop off your items in the CLC no later than Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Food Pantry Item for the  
month of July

*Cans of Tuna or  
Boxes of Tuna Helper*

