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OUR SUMMER HOURS:

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Sunday Worship: 10 am

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.

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2014 – 10:00 am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome, Guest Recognition, Announcements, Prayer

Opening Hymn *“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”* **912**

The Invocation (Please rise)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

People: Amen.

Pastor: We come this morning, Lord,

People: Just as we are.

Pastor: You seek us to come Lord,

All: That we may be yours forever.

Pastor: Teach us to understand being blessed,

People: That we might rejoice in your promises.

Pastor: Let your Holy Spirit guide us,

People: To see the abundant life you give.

Pastor: To all who trust in Jesus,

All: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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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.

The Kyrie (spoken)

"Lord Have Mercy"

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Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

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The Prayer for Today

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us pray... "Heavenly Father, open the eyes of our hearts to see the greatness of your blessings freely given to all who trust in your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever".

People: Amen.

✠ *Please be seated*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8(Bible Page 769)

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."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:18-27(Bible Page 1,201)

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 firstfruits 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ who ascended into Heaven, we rise to sing*

All Sing: *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”* **465 v 3**

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**(Bible Page 1,040)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

Matthew 13:24-30

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. ³⁰Let 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.’”

Matthew 13: 36-43

³⁶Then 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.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

The Children's Talk 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 Sermon Hymn "Thy Strong Word" **578 v 1-4**

The Sermon "Saint or Sinner" **Romans 7** (selected texts)
Rev. Richard Arndt, Guest Pastor

The Nicene 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** "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" **851 v 3,4**

The Prayers (The Pastor will end each petition with "Lord, in your mercy ..." and the congregation will respond with "**hear our prayer.**")

Lord's Prayer

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift Them to the Lord (spoken).

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him Thanks and Praise (spoken).

Pastor: It is indeed right and helpful that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we sing your unending hymn:

The Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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The Words of Institution

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

The Agnus Dei

“Lamb of God”

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An appropriate personal prayer before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside cover of the hymnal.

“White grape juice is available; as well as gluten-free wafers”

The Distribution (please be seated)

- ✠ Faith’s statement of faith regarding communion is printed on the reverse side of the Fellowship Card.
- ✠ Those who desire to commune are invited to follow the ushers’ instructions.
- ✠ Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church may sit in the front pew on the lectern side.
- ✠ Receive the bread from the elder either on the tongue or in the hand. Receive the wine either in the individual or the common cup. If you prefer the individual cup, take one from the proffered tray, place the empty cup in the basin as you return.

If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

✠ Non-confirmed children will be received at the altar rail for a special blessing.

The Distribution Hymns	<i>"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"</i>	618
	<i>"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"</i>	680
	<i>"O Lord, We Praise Thee"</i>	617

✠ *Please rise*

Post-Communion Cantic	<i>"Your Table I Approach"</i>	628 v 6
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Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this helpful gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Benediction

The Proclamation

Pastor: Go in Peace

People: Serve the Lord with Gladness!

The Closing Hymn	<i>"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"</i>	643
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Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Richard Arndt, Guest Pastor

Duty Elder	Larry Roach
Acolyte	Kristen Hahn
Altar Care	Sandi Leenhouts & Rose Wegner
Lay Reader	John Schaerffer
Audio Assistant	Bob Behnke
Video Assistant	Mike Muetzel
Ushers	Kenny Korstuck, Ruth Bolduc, Sue Leader, Mary Cazel
Altar flowers	Given by the Human Care Ministry in memory of Carol Saunders.
Flower Angels	Sue Leader
Fellowship Card	Nancy Brendel & Carole Veleber

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

Sunday, July 20	9:30 am	Sunday School classes
	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, July 21	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Wednesday, July 23	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Thursday, July 24	6:30 pm	NA meeting in the GSH
Friday, July 25	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Saturday, July 26	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study at The Oasis

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.

A Measure of Our Devotion

July 13, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (10 am)	108
Worship Attendance 2013 (10 am)	122
Sunday School / Confirmation	6/3
Receipts for July 13, 2014	\$2,362.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

- **GOD IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM** We had a great turn out this past Saturday. We still have room for YOU. 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 3rd. Thank you.
- **“CHRISTMAS IN JULY”** On July 27th 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 1st – 3rd grades, and 5th – 6th 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.

➤ **BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:

(22) Gary Miller (24) Joan Komeruskas (25) Keith Allard, Pam Arndt

(25) Leora Laubaugh (27) Kim Barraclough

There are no members that are celebrating anniversaries this week.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Health/Unspoken: Gary Ahl, Robbie Baumgartner, Emma Beck, Joanne Bellone, Sydney Birmingham, Mary Crane, Robert Engle, Bob Gould, Kathy Hane, James Ketner, Jimmy Keogh, **Stew Mallinson**, Peter Mohler, Pat Noll, Dory Nussbacher, Joyce Pankner, Peter Pinaud, Michael Prater, Connie Roach, **Francisco Sabo**, Rick & Donna Salbberg, Bea Schurkus, Pat Steinbach, Tom Springer, John Stevenson, Jean Terkowski, Mike Terkowski, Chris Van Ess, Harry Van Ess, Pat Van Ess, Karen Young.

Military: Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Andrew Murphy, Richard Phernetton, Steve Roy, Jr., Andrew Springer, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew St. John, Alan Stackpoole, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson, all veterans, and all servicemen and women in VA hospitals.

Homebound: Irene Berlin, Richard Brown, Florine Catt, Marilyn Eggert, Fran Fuller, Vera Grondahl, Bobbie Hain, Pat Hartwell, Selta Heintz, Baxter Holland, Maria Hulyk, James Ketner, Mona Krupicka, Mildred Jeffers, Marge LaVallee, Dottie Maslowski, Evelyn Miller, Kathleen Moore, Dave Noll, John & Lucille Noveck, Ginny Pohlman, Carl Schoebel, Brenda Serena, Hank & Jan Whitt.

Food Pantry Item for the month of July	<i>Cans of Tuna or Boxes of Tuna Helper</i>
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- **THRIVENT EVENTS!** Thrivent Financial is hosting a day at the Holy Land Experience in Orlando. We're leaving from King of Kings in Port Richey with a stop at Holy Trinity, Lutz on Oct. 30th. Total cost is \$40.00. This price includes your ticket to the park, bus transportation, and lunch too. If you haven't seen this theme park before, it is a unique experience with numerous events from the life of Jesus recreated. See <http://www.holylandexperience.com/> for more details. For more information, contact Barbara Hahn at 385-9657.
- **IF YOU ARE ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL,** please provide the following information as specifically and accurately as possible. Religious Preference (Lutheran), Church Affiliation (Faith Lutheran Church). If you “opt out,” absolutely no information will be available to anyone (family, clergy, and friends) via the Welcome Desk or telephone! The federal law HIPAA, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, affects everyone. Please call, or have someone call, the church office (849-4418) if you are admitted and it is helpful if someone calls to tell us that you have been released and, if necessary, to where (home, rehabilitation center, etc.).
- **A COIN BOX FOR DONATIONS TO THE NEEDY FUND** is on the cabinet in Narthex 1. If you wish to donate by check or currency that you would like recorded on your contribution statement, please continue to place your donation in an offering envelope and place it instead in the offering plate. With your support, Human Care Ministries continues to give assistance to those in crisis. Thank you!
- **THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS SUBSTITUTE VOLUNTEERS (ON A “AS NEEDED” BASIS) AT THE PRESENT TIME.** Summer is the perfect for our teachers to fill in for our regulars and give THEM a vacation. See Sandi Leenhouts or Jean Finkenstadt to sign up.

➤ **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 10th.

