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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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2014 – 10:00 am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome, Guest Recognition, Announcements, Prayer

Opening Hymn *“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”* 811

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.**

hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

New Testament Reading

Romans 10:5-17(Bible Page 1,203)

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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:

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
[To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.]

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33(Bible Page 1,042)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

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

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

"Amazing Grace"

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The Sermon:

"Blessed are the Merciful"

Matthew 5:7(Bible page 1,029)

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The Apostle's Creed (Please rise)

(back of hymnal)

The Gathering of the Offerings (Please be seated)

"The Lord's Prayer"

arr. Stephen Schoeneck

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

✘ The Offertory

"We give Thee but Thine Own"

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1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

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 Benediction

The Proclamation

Pastor: Go in Peace

People: Serve the Lord with Gladness!

The Closing Hymn (all rise)

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

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Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

Duty Elder	Larry Roach
Acolyte	Kristen Hahn
Altar Care	Mary Oles & June Svensson
Lay Reader	Yvonne Burkee
Audio Assistant	Rose Wegner
Video Assistant	Barbara Hahn
Ushers	Barb Goodhue, Bev Kuhn, Norm Braun & Betty Holland
Altar flowers	Given to the glory of God by Renell Book in honor of her father Ray Beilke.
Flower Angels	Bob & Mickie Ferguson
Fellowship Cards	Nancy Brendel & Carole Veleber

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.

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

Sunday, Aug. 10	9:30 am	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	Worship
Monday, Aug. 11	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
	2:00 pm	Board of Finance
	7:00 pm	Executive Council
Wednesday, Aug. 13	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Thursday, Aug. 14	6:30 pm	NA meeting in the GSH
Friday, Aug. 15	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Saturday, Aug. 16	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study at the Oasis Coffee Spot

A Measure of Our Devotion

August 3, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014	113
Worship Attendance 2013	98
SS/Confirmation	12/1
Receipts for August 3, 2014	\$3,823.00



➤ **VACATIONING?:** Don't let your giving go on vacation. Let's not forget that giving is not an obligation, but rather an *act of obedience*. It is our way of thanking God for what He has already given us. May God bless you as you obey.

➤ <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.
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- **EASTER IN AUGUST:** Easter in August will be celebrated on August 17th. We will sing all the favorite Easter hymns. The Easter color is white. Plan to be with us that Sunday. And don't forget your Easter bonnet! We hope to have a "coffee and" following in Narthex II.
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** On Sunday, August 24th there will be a free pancake breakfast in the CLC starting at 9:00 am.
- **THANK YOU** to all those that stepped up and agreed to help with Sunday School. We now have a full slate of teachers and helpers for the Fall Semester.
- **FOOD PANTRY:** During the month of July we served over 84 people through our Food Pantry ministry. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry.
- **PROMOTION SUNDAY / RALLY DAY IS COMING:** On August 24th, all students will receive their certificates during the 10:00 am worship service. We will also be having an "Open, House" for parents to see their child's new classroom for the fall quarter. All ages are invited
- **COMING IN SEPTEMBER: "IMPROVING YOUR SERVE"** is the title of the sermon series by Pastor Kuehn in the month of September. You are encouraged to read the whole book of Mark during the month. Copies of that book of the Bible will be in your mail boxes towards the end of August. Also consider memorizing the central verse of Mark,

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." Mark 10:45

➤ **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** Our Sunday School would like to thank all who donated school supplies for our area elementary schools. Our collection ends today and all supplies will be delivered to Cottee River and Richey Elementary schools on Tuesday. Just in time for the new school year to begin. Thanks for having such a big heart for these children in need.

➤ **HANDS AND FEET:** Starting today, our Sunday School is working with the Board of Outreach to collect items for our area nursing home residents. All items collected will be delivered just in time for "Grandparents Day" on September 9th. Items needed are personal hygiene items, clothing, shoes, slippers, lap pads, cologne/perfume, etc. Some of these residents have no family to make sure that they have what they need. Let's brighten their special day and give a little gift to show that we care. Questions? Please contact Melodi Kasberg or Sharon Rubia. Your donated items can be placed in the decorated boxes in Narthex II or in the Christian Life Center.

➤ **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:

(11) Verna Froemming (13) Baxter Holland; Steve Thompson
(14) Vera Grondahl (16) Carole Veleber

Members that are celebrating anniversaries this week are:

(13) Jerry & Colene Brock

Food Pantry Item for the month of August	<i>Macaroni & Cheese</i>
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Health/Unspoken: Gary Ahl, Robbie Baumgartner, Emma Beck, Joanne Bellone, Sydney Birmingham, Mary Crane, Robert Engle, **Margaret French**, Bob Gould, James Ketner, Jimmy Keogh, Stew Mallinson, Peter Mohler, **Sharon Mountcastle**, Pat Noll, Dory Nussbacher, Joyce Pankner, Peter Pinaud, Michael Prater, Connie Roach, Francisco Sabo, 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, 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.

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

Spiral notebooks	Erasers
Pencils	Markers
Small pencil sharpeners	Notebook paper
Glue	Scissors
Colored pencils	Folders

Questions? See Sharon Rubia, or call her at (727)376-5338.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS IN THE CLC.

