



Due to Pastor Stecker & Pastor Hoover being away on Emanuel Mission Trips in July, The Gathering will have a slight change of schedule. **On July 13 and July 20, The Gathering will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m.**

The Gathering

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord’s Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

AS WE GATHER ~ The season of Pentecost has arrived! With the arrival of the Holy Spirit, this season of the Church Year is marked by growth. We see evidence of the growth the Spirit is seeking in this week’s Readings. The Lord and giver of life seeks to see His people grow faithful hearts through faithful worship, resulting in faithful service. When the way ahead isn’t as clear or as comfortable as we would like, we rely on the Lord’s wisdom, leading us back to His faithful servant, Jesus Christ, who clears the obstacles of our sinfulness and comforts us with His Word and sacramental gifts.

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *Shout to The Lord*

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You,
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love:
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev’ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.**

Chorus: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG *Christ My Victory*

**Though the terrors of the night overwhelm my will to fight,
And I long for all this suffering to end.
When the arrows fly my way blocking out the light of day,
There is One who shields me with His mighty hand.**

Chorus: **Christ my victory over every enemy,
Standing over me in the wake of Calvary.
I will fix my eyes on the One who reigns forever.**

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**Though the powers of this world come to tear me from Your hold,
They will never claim the power that is Yours.
You have broken every lie that has come to take my life,
For You’ve crushed the devil’s head under Your feet. *Chorus***

Bridge: **With a word, the war is over, though the devil will not rest.
I will stand upon the Word of God for Your promise is my confidence.**

Repeat Bridge, then Chorus twice

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Isaiah 52:10; 48:17; 55:6; Isaiah 46:12–13)

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

People: **and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

Pastor: The Lord has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

People: **and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

People: **“I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.”**

Pastor: Seek the Lord while He may be found;

People: **call upon Him while He is near.**

Pastor: Seeking our Lord, His wisdom, and His grace, we confess:

People: **Almighty and all-merciful God, in wisdom You have created all things,
and in grace, You seek the lost and erring. Yet, through our selfish choices
and sinful nature, we ignore Your wisdom and refuse Your grace. We
prefer our own way, resisting the Holy Spirit and His work of bringing
forth the fruits of faithfulness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
console and correct us, that we might forsake our wicked ways and
unrighteous thoughts and turn to You, the God who has compassion and
abundant pardon.**

Pastor: The Lord is gracious, for He declares, “Listen to Me, you stubborn of heart,
you who are far from righteousness: I bring near My righteousness; it is not far
off, and My salvation will not delay.” The Lord has brought His righteousness
in giving His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you. Through Him, and Him alone,

you have forgiveness, life, and salvation. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PSALM 3

Pastor: O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

People: many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God.

Pastor: But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

People: I cried aloud to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy hill.

Pastor: I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

People: I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

Pastor: Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

People: Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people!

**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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;

Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel healing ev'ry dread disease,

Calming storms, and feeling thousands with the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle, word;

Praise the One who drove out demons with the piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;

From this Well comes living water, quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose victorious that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done;

Let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:1-9 (ESV)

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here am I, here am I,"

to a nation that was not called by my name.

²I spread out my hands all the day

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and making offerings on bricks;

⁴who sit in tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat pig's flesh,

and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all the day.

⁶Behold, it is written before me:

"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their bosom

⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,

says the Lord;

because they made offerings on the mountains

and insulted me on the hills,

I will measure into their bosom
 payment for their former deeds.”
⁸Thus says the Lord:
 “As the new wine is found in the cluster,
 and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,
 for there is a blessing in it,’
 so I will do for my servants’ sake,
 and not destroy them all.
⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,
 and from Judah possessors of my mountains;
 my chosen shall possess it,
 and my servants shall dwell there.”

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:23-4:7 (ESV)

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:26-39 (ESV)

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs.

²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

THY WORD

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat
 You’re the Light unto my path.**

SONG OF THE DAY

No Longer Slaves

**You unravel me, with a melody, You surround me with a song
 Of deliverance, from my enemies, till all my fears have gone.**

Chorus: I’m no longer a slave to fear - I am a child of God.

I’m no longer a slave to fear - I am a child of God.

From my mothers womb You have chosen me, love has called my name.

I’ve been born again, into a family, Your blood flows through my veins. Chorus twice

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.

My fears were drowned in perfect love.

You rescued me and I stand and sing - I am child of God. Repeat then Chorus

MESSAGE*Jesus Saves Us From Evil*

Luke 8:26-39

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.****And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.****I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.****PRAYER OF THE DAY****LORD'S PRAYER****Our Father, who 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.****BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.**CLOSING SONG***Amazing Grace***Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.****I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.****'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.****How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.***Chorus:* **My chains are gone, I've been set free,****My God, my Savior has ransomed me;****And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.****The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures.****He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.***Chorus twice***The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;****But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.***Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.*