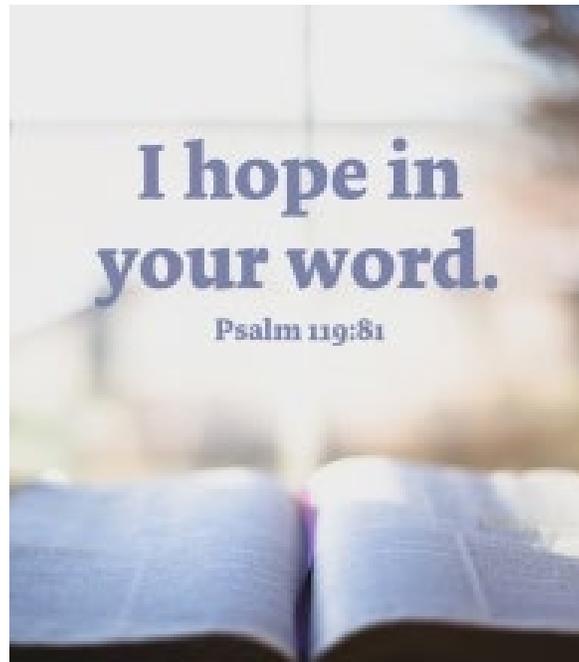


THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2022

9:30 a.m. Outside Worship



"Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

P - Presiding Minister

A - Assisting minister

C - Congregation

* - PLEASE STAND

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

C **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(We take a few moments of silence for personal reflection.)

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN: "Come, Thou Almighty King" vs. 1-3 (LBW 522)**



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

***GREETING:**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is My Father's World" (LBW 554)**



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
Music: TERRA PATRIS. Franklin L. Sheppard. 1852–1930. adapt.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P Let us pray: Holy One, refine us by the fire of your love so that we find ourselves able to stand firm in the faith. By the death and resurrection of your Son, bring us to that day when we shall stand with the great cloud of witnesses in your eternal presence;

C **through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:16-29

A A reading from Jeremiah:

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.” ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” ¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:81-88

A ⁸¹My soul has longed for your salvation; I have put my hope in your word.

C ⁸²My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, and I say, “When will you comfort me?”

A ⁸³I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, but I have not forgotten your statutes.

C ⁸⁴How much longer must I wait? when will you give judgment against

those who persecute me?

A ⁸⁵The proud have dug pits for me; they do not keep your law.

C ⁸⁶**All your commandments are true; help me, for they persecute me with lies.**

A ⁸⁷They had almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your commandments.

C ⁸⁸**In your lovingkindness, revive me, that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3

A A reading from Hebrews:

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

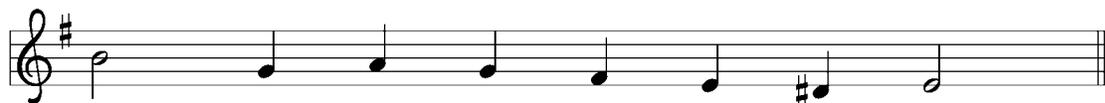
***GOSPEL VERSES: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” vs. 1-2
(LBW 230)**



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

***GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁹{Jesus said to his disciples,} “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ok, tell me what's strange about this sentence, "*By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land...*" (Hebrews 11:29a). Well, which was it, sea or dry land? Both. God provided a way where the people could not see one. He opened the ocean. Now, they still had to cross, with water on each side. Can you imagine that? It would have taken courage. Faith has great courage! You will find that you'll need courage and faith to be a Christian in your life. You'll have moments when there seems like no way forward. But there is. Because God is. Our hope is not in ourselves, but in the Lord our God. Seek the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus, and just put one foot in front of the other, all of your days. You will be blessed. Let's pray...

SERMON: Pastor Dwight Hanson

Endurance and Joy

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
The course of today's message is set by Hebrews 12:

"And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (vss. 1b-2; ESV).

Faith runs the race set before us, enduring the trials of the here and now for the sake of the joy yet to come.

The painted lines are back on the ground over at Fort St. Clair, which means that cross country foot races are coming, as surely as summer will turn to autumn. Students from all over the region will travel to the Fort just for the privilege of the race. And all of them will be thinking of the finish line, whether they're competing for top times, or just hoping to complete the course before sunset.

Such an activity requires focus, as there are distractions. Like the beautiful little streams that run through the Fort, gurgling an invitation: *Why work so hard? Just kick off your shoes and put those sore feet in the cool, flowing waters!* Every runner knows that endurance will be challenged by factors both external and internal. *So many hills; another side-stitch; I'm so far behind that it doesn't matter; or why didn't I join the fishing club?* Especially on a hot and humid day, the reasons to quit tend to gang up on a person.

But, as every runner knows, there's a different kind of joy that's waiting at the finish, the realization of that fact that you overcame all of the challenges and temptations. You gave it everything you had, and finished the race. This gives the ride home a sense of weary satisfaction.

God's Word for today says that this present life is like a race. If you want the joy at the end, the real thing from God, ask and you shall receive. He'll give you the strength, day by day, as needed. But at the same time, all through the years, you're going to have to endure challenges and temptations, both external and internal, pervasive evil in the world, and the sin that's within each fallen person.

The word that's translated as "*endurance*" means quite literally "remaining under" (a compound word in the original Greek: *hypo* = "under" + *meno* = "remain"), keeping at it amid the trials, and doing so for a reason. We *remain under* the authority of God's Word, without coveting an easier path, without attempting to redefine the course for personal comfort or advantage, just seeking to learn what God wills for us. So it goes as we seek to run the race according to faith. It calls for incredible discernment, derived from the Holy Spirit and the Word of the Lord.

As with any race, where temptation may take the shape of a *shortcut*, so, too, on the course that faith runs. A false path may look enticing, mostly just a slight downhill saunter, or it may seem easier because it's more in keeping with the values of the time, and therefore causes less tension, even as it calls for less courage. But do such "shortcuts" actually lead to the finish line, the joy that truly is joy? Or do we have to go back and read "Red Riding Hood" again?

When it comes to false, tempting paths along the course, we have two intense examples in our lessons for this morning, one exposed by Jeremiah, the other exposed by Jesus. We'll dig deeply into the first example, understanding that once we've understood Jeremiah's point, we'll also understand what's at stake in the Gospel.

God made sure that the Prophet Jeremiah *knew* that Jerusalem was about to fall, conquered by an outside force, even as they had already succumbed to sin on the inside of the walls. Of course, the majority of the people refused to believe that trouble was coming, even as they denied that they'd given their hearts to idolatry and immorality. Jeremiah, in return for all of his faithful efforts, was considered a chronic troublemaker, a scratched record at the party of life, unnecessarily bringing them down. Tensions grew, and something had to give.

Then the Babylonians started their climb up the slopes of Mt. Zion for judgment and destruction of the city. Prior to that, many of Jerusalem's residents held fast to their own feelings of optimism, and the freedom they'd granted to themselves to do as they pleased. They had taken a wayward path on the course of faith, with false prophets telling the runners that such was the real way, and that it was so much better than the hard climb of traditional faithfulness. And where did these false prophets come up with their proclamations? *From the notions of their own confused minds*, what they and the crowds *wanted* to hear, according to hearts

that had fallen away from seeking the glory of God. Jeremiah's eyes had been opened to see the sham and the shame for what it was.

It's a terrible thing to tell lies and lead people the wrong way. But it's a whole different level of wickedness when a lie is promoted according to the name of the God of all truth. If *religious* leaders were confidently leading people astray, is it any wonder that many simple folks became lost with them? That's what God saw among his own people in the Holy City.

Yes, the northern kingdom of Israel had fallen because they had gone bad. But what God was witnessing in Jerusalem was worse, or as Scripture says, it was "horrible." The Lord's indictment was as follows: "*In the prophets of Samaria I saw an unsavory thing: they prophesied by Ba'al and led my people Israel astray. But in the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery and walk in lies; they strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns from his wickedness; all of them have become like Sodom to me, and its inhabitants like Gomorrah*" (Jer. 23:13-14).

The people who had fallen for Ba'al at least had some sense that they were veering from the path for a different religion. But what if a lie was packaged in such a way that everything looked like it was authentic? The prophets in Jerusalem were doing such things, cloaking the wickedness, causing God's people to forget his name, replacing it with "their dreams," mere human notions of worship and morality. No wonder God was angry, "*like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces*" (Jer. 23:29). Does evil and sinfulness have some sort of right to continue? Is this not our Heavenly Father's world? He does not let evil stand forever.

There are temptations and false prophets in our day, too, who actively seek to twist God's Word and the authority of Christianity to make friends with sin, flesh, and wickedness. It's all carefully packaged, of course. Heresy is the worst kind of idolatry because parts of it look real. And that's by design. Nevertheless, those who lead others into such grave error should know what danger they're in. The second to last book of the Bible, Jude, describes what awaits such false leaders—"*for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever*" (vs. 13).

When we hold to the testimony of the Church, faithful Christian teachings throughout the generations, the deep moral and spiritual truths, we're not playing games. We're running the race as God has established the course. But let's not kid ourselves into thinking that we're beyond temptation. As Jeremiah knew, the hearts of the people of Jerusalem easily attached themselves to idols of ease and selfish comfort. Hm, ease and selfish comfort as the highest good...you don't think that any of this reading could apply to our culture in the present time, do you? The race requires focus and discipline. We'll need proper strength to reach the finish line.

The false prophets in Jeremiah 23:16 were busy “*filling*” the people with “*vain hopes.*” Vain means empty. Imagine if a long-distance runner hired a personal chef to cook all meals. *Great, more time for training, without having to do kitchen preparations.* The meals were designed to taste great and fill the runner’s stomach. But strangely, race times were getting slower and legs were getting weaker. A doctor’s visit and blood test revealed a state of malnourishment! But what about the chef? As it turned out, the chef had been using some sort of food-substitute, with “food” in quotation marks. Obviously, the race, itself, would reveal whether or not there was sufficient strength for the day.

Hind-sight is usually 20/20. But ahead of time, it can be difficult. So, Jeremiah spoke up to the idol-loving Judeans: “*The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly*” (Jer. 23:20). The lie always leaves a bitter after-taste, and it doesn’t really sustain along the way. Even if one does arrive at the end of a false, short-cut, it terminates with a cliff.

The battle with Satan is real in this world. He traffics in feel-good lies. Which may be confusing, because the Gospel also feels good, but it’s the kind of good that doesn’t flatter the flesh. Gospel joy lives by the Holy Spirit and all that’s good and true. Mercy feels like living water to the soul that needs it and seeks it. Genuine faith, two feet on the path, does not promote Biblically-defined sin. Scripture has its own way of dealing with sin. Jesus endured the shame of the cross for a reason. He does not leave behind those who call out to him. He gives actual strength to those who want to run the race in the love of God and neighbor, for a joy that lasts forever.

And if holding to such wonderful truth brings division within human relationships, if there’s no other way, then so be it. This was the cutting-edge message highlighted by Jesus in the Gospel. He didn’t come to affirm the false unity demanded by a rotting culture. Christ’s unity comes through his people *remaining under* the truth and love of God. The Church on earth is a fellowship of those who are learning what “endurance” means. The “joy” is ahead, waiting at the finish line. But because we can catch a glimpse of it, by faith, we already have a partial understanding of the joy. It’s here, already, even if the final fulness awaits. God’s path has been laid out in the Word. Firm footing is found as we follow Jesus all the way, he who loved us all the way. Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF THE DAY: "How Firm a Foundation" (LBW 507)**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, early American

***APOSTLES' CREED:**

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P Please be seated for this time of prayer:

A Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you have upheld the faithful throughout the generations. Teach us and empower us to follow your Son every day. We thank you for the great cloud of witnesses who traveled by faith, for the Word of truth and love that was their firm foundation. Lead us and inspire us, too, that we may run the race of faith in such times as these. Use us to fulfill your Kingdom's purpose, despite all opposition. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Oh Lord, as we pray for the needs of the world, we pause to thank you for the goodness that remains within it, for the beauty of the earth, the fields and streams, the birds and animals, the people you've given to be our family and neighbors. Inspire us to live faithfully in all of these relationships. We pray for our neighbors in Kentucky, still grieving and cleaning up after the floods. We pray for the people of Ukraine, and wherever war threatens and destroys. Teach us to seek the faithfulness that knows a peace that surpasses understanding. We pray for our own nation's civil servants in all branches of government, that they would seek your will and the wisdom that blesses the people. We pray for all who serve with honor, keeping the peace in harm's way. Protect them and their families. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A And we pray for all who need healing in any way: *Anonymous Prayer, The Baird Family, Tina Banks, Judi Betscher, Wally & Jane Bowman, Connie Coffman, Shannon Cromer, Barbara Curtis, Amanda Dell, John Foxbrower, Cary Giordano, Barbara Goebel, The Hammons Family, Larry Hardin, Richard Lehman, Amy Mitchell, Roger Pearce, Nathan Pollitt, Mindy Ramsey, Brenda Renner, Annabel Schamel, Brian Schamel, Gordon Self, Jan Spitler, Dave Stevenson, Edie Turpin, Charlene Via, Jason White, Linda Woesner*, as well as those whom we name silently in our hearts (pause for silent prayer). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

C Trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING: (Monetary Offerings will be received in the white, ‘Offering Box’).

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: “The Doxology” (LBW #565)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1673-1711

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

***LORD’S PRAYER:**

C 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:**

P 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.

***SENDING HYMN: “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” (LBW 259)**



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug-gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil-der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

***DISMISSAL:**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Friday: 10—1, 2—5

- TODAY August 14, 2022— Pentecost 10**
Closing of Women's Retreat Registration
9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship — Weather Permitting
After worship Adult Education: Major events in Christian History
- Monday August 15—M. Shetter-Vacation—C. Matevia in Office a.m.**
Pastor's Day Off
6:30 p.m. Men's Disciple Group (Schamel's)
- Tuesday August 16—M. Shetter-Vacation—C. Matevia in Office a.m.**
3:00 p.m. TOPS (Catechism Room)
6:00 p.m. Men's Disciple Group (GLC)
- Wednesday August 17—M. Shetter-Vacation—C. Matevia in Office a.m.**
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (FH)
- Thursday August 18—M. Shetter-Vacation—C. Matevia in Office a.m.**
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Shelter/FH/Adult Discussion)
- Friday August 19—M. Shetter-Vacation—C. Matevia in Office a.m.**
BULLETIN PRODUCTION DAY
- Saturday August 20**

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep us updated on prayer needs by calling the office or making a note on the back of your "Attendance & Communion Registration" form. Thank you.

URGENT PRAYER LIST:

Anonymous Prayer: (Daughter of dear friend of Amy Jackson in need of kidney transplant)

The Baird Family: (Husband of Renee Kerr's Boss)

Tina Banks: (Teresa Leyes)

Judi Betscher: (Leyes')

Wally & Jane Bowman: (co-worker of Renee Kerr)

Connie Coffman

Shannon Cromer: (Daughter of Elaine Fudge)

Barbara Curtis: (Aunt of Kelly Coffman)

Amanda Dell: (Daughter of Rob & Suzie Dell)

John Foxbrower: (Friend of Leyes')

Cary Giordano: (Sister of Kelly Coffman)

Barbara Goebel

Sally Hahn: (Sister of Mary Shetter)

The Hammons Family

Larry Hardin

Richard Lehman

Amy Mitchell: (Friend of Renee Kerr)

Roger Pearce

Nathan Pollitt: (Son of Carolyn's)

Mindy Ramsey

Brenda Renner

Annabel Schamel: (Grand-daughter of Mike & Judy)

Brian Schamel: (Brother of Mike Schamel)

Gordon Self: (Father of Kelly Coffman)

Jan Spidler: (Friend of Virginia Dearth)

Dave Stevenson

Edie Turpin: (Sister of Darryl Leyes)

Charlene Via: (Friend of Teresa Leyes)

Jason White: (Friend of Shetter's)

Linda Woesner

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST... Ezra Dell, Bea Breeden, Tom Schamel, Amanda & Shayla Dell, Morgan Bayer, Susan Root, Fran Kester, Teddi Watkins, Ruth & Larry Hardin, Dan Matevia, Jenifer Combs, Jean Bailey, Doug Davis, Elsie Burkle, Pastor Dean & Sandy Haferman, Dave Brumbaugh, Scot Emig, Barbara Worley, Carolyn MacFadyen, Paula Hilleary, Travis Howard, Judy Jay, Bea Breeden, Will Suggs, Earl House, Barbara Lakes, Bruce Perry, Becky Hoskins, Kayli Johnson, Joe McHenry, Tom Barnes, Phyllis Turner: and those serving in the military: LCpl Hannah Perry; Capt. Love Hartman; Capt. John Ketteman; SPC Brandon Mann; Brad Newkirk; Maj. Justin Shetter; 1st Lt. Nicholas Webb, Lt. Col. Kyle Hundley, Brandon Leonard.

Opportunities for Prayer and Bible Study:

Join us on Sunday mornings in between services for a time of coffee & goodies, fellowship, and a study on the lessons of the day.

- ◆ **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study between 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. worship.**
We study the lessons of the day when there is no theme study.
- ◆ **The Phoebe Women's Small Group Bible Study.** They meet at 7:00 p.m. on the ***2nd Monday of each month***. Contact Kelly Mt. Castle (937-336-1223 or email: Kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com).
- ◆ On the **Second and the Fourth Tuesdays of the Month, Wine & the Word** .
The group is studying **Daniel: Be Resolute** a study they began before the pandemic but had to stop. They meet at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Carol & Bruce Perry. If you would like to join this group, please contact them at 937-456-6683 or cbperry122@embarqmail.com.
- ◆ **The Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall and is currently studying the ***Psalms***. Contact: Tom Haynes (937-733-7183).

These studies are open to any member and our friends. No prior Bible study background is needed. Please bring your Bible.

Adult Education: Major events in Christian History up to the Reformation



You are invited to join the Journey through Christian History during the Sunday morning education hour. In August, we will be entering “the dark ages.” The lesson that continues to come through these sessions is that Christians have persevered by the grace of God through all sorts of ages, blessed in so many ways, with challenges never in short supply. But Christ is faithful, and the Kingdom abides. Feel free to join in at any time. I have extra copies of the notes available each Sunday.

8/14 ~ after the outdoor service; 8/21—between services; 8/29—between services.

Due to the re-organization during construction,
if you are looking for the “storage room”
— the one with the refrigerators —
it can temporarily be found across the fellowship hall,
next to the Adult Discussion Room.

**Ladies! Join us on a journey around God’s WonderFull World. It’s a
travel-themed retreat filled with laughter, Bible study, and reflection.**

Saturday, August 27, 2022

@ The Dover in Camden

(100 S. Lafayette Street, Camden, OH 45311 – 937-452-6080)

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

A lite breakfast, boxed lunches and snacks included

Sign up in the Narthex NOW!

DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP IS:

August 14, 2022 TODAY!!!

Family Movie Night
Friday, August 26, 2022 – 7 to 9 pm

Come one Come All for the Premier Event
In the Fellowship Hall we will be featuring
"God's Not Dead"

In the Kids Classroom we will be featuring
"Davey & Goliath"

Parents and Grandparents can relax and enjoy the Feature
While the kids enjoy Christian based Videos

Snacks will be provided but more are always welcomed

PRAISE THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!!!

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!
GET YOUR SMILE READY!!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Will begin collecting smiling families

For a new **Church Pictorial Directory**

on August 30, 31 and September 1.

Look for sign-up information in the
Narthex.

Please sign up **TODAY** as this is the **Deadline!!**