

✠ Announcements ✠

Bible Class will resume this Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. As always, we will be meeting on Zoom. I will send out the link for class on Wednesday morning.

Last Week WH – 47 Orlando – 12

General = \$1,055 | CLC Missions = \$50 | Property Improvement = \$20

Building Fund = \$50

Total Offering = \$1,175

Oct. Usher: Moorehead | **Cleaner (10/24):** Rodebaugh | **Acolyte (10/25):** Seth

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Oct. 19-24, '20.

Mon Isaiah 5:1-7 begins sweetly: God had prepared a warm spot on fertile ground for His people, had hedged them in, and nurtured them for a good harvest. BUT His chosen people cheated God of His expectations, and so they had to face the penalty for cheating (5-7). Any nation, race, or political party that cheats on God will get what it deserves, too. Lord, have mercy on us!

Tues Matthew 21:33-43 Centuries after Isaiah, Jesus added the lurid details – that the Jews murdered a whole line-up of God's messengers, and finally they butchered His own Son (35-39). So God closed heaven against those assassins but opened heaven to others who would flourish under His care (40-41). It has happened before, and it is still happening in our world. (Got it?)

Wed Philippians 3:12-21 God is preparing each of us for the day He transfers us to the heavenly Jerusalem congregation—and as each day brings us one day closer to Harvest Home (12-16), we walk in the footsteps of the saints who have gone on ahead (17), avoiding evil companionship and looking forward to our reunion with Jesus (20), who will transform our earthly bodies into heavenly bodies that will resemble His.

Thurs Psalm 118 Since Christians want to share God's goodness with others, we invite them (2-4) and confess how we feel about God (5-9). (Vv 10-13 was not a digression for David, but maybe it is for us.) We share David's confession and affirmation (14-20) before we cycle back to Jesus (22-24), in whose Name we pray, praise, and give thanks (25-29). Got it.

Fri Luke 9:21-27 Why did Jesus warn His friends to refrain from confessing Him in public? At that time they needed strengthening **before** they could share what Jesus was facing (22). In fact, they needed to stifle self-interest, suffocate the innate urge to save their lives, and to grow joyful in being His disciples. It might take years for God to bring some of them to personally see what He could do for them (27).

Sat Acts 17:22-34 When we witness to others, it might help to start out by giving some small credit where credit is due (22-23a) before we segue into God's Bible agenda (22b). Then (as befits the audience) we might move ahead with God as Creator and Supervisor of the Universe (26), proactive for all humanity (27-28), who is certainly not a crafty artifact (28). Then proceed to advise them that on Judgment Day everyone will have to face Jesus, resurrected and fully functional (30-31). Some won't get it (32), but God will rescue a few from Satan and get them home to heaven (33-34).

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Oct. 18:** Trustees/Council
- ✠ **Oct. 21:** Zoom Bible Class 6:30 p
- ✠ **Oct. 25:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Nov. 1:** Voters' Meeting

October 18, 2020

Trinity 19

Organ: Teresa Bernthal
Usher: Mark Moorehead
Acolyte: Mason Goodwin

FOR TO ME, TO LIVE IS CHRIST AND TO DIE.

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➔ **IS GAIN.** ➔



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 27:4-9

⁴ One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." ⁹ Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

P Pastor

C Congregation

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #17:1,5-6

"Oh, Worship the King"

- 1. Oh, worship the King All glorious above: Oh, gratefully sing His power and His love, Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor And girded with praise!**
- 5. Frail children of dust And feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust Nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, How firm to the end, Our maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**
- 6. O measureless Might, Ineffable Love, While angels delight To hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, Though feeble their lays, With true adoration Shall sing to Thy praise.**

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

C **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

C **♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

HYMN: TLH #523:1,3-5 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?"

- 1. Why should cross and trial grieve me? Christ is near With His cheer; Never will He leave me. Who can rob me of the heaven That God's Son For my own To my faith hath given?**
- 3. God oft gives me days of gladness; Shall I grieve If He give Seasons, too, of sadness? God is good and tempers ever All my ill, And He will Wholly leave me never.**
- 4. Hopeful, cheerful, and undaunted Everywhere They appear Who in Christ are planted. Death itself cannot appall them, They rejoice When the voice Of their Lord doth call them.**
- 5. Death cannot destroy forever; From our fears, Cares, and tears It will us deliver. It will close life's mournful story, Make a way That we may Enter heavenly glory.**

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C **♪ Amen, amen, a - men.**

HYMN: TLH #377:1,6-7

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

- 1. Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor; Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never. Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone; He is our one Redeemer.**
- 6. Since Christ hath full atonement made And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Thy grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Thy death is now my life indeed, For Thou hast paid my ransom.**
- 7. Let me not doubt, but trust in Thee, Thy Word cannot be broken; Thy call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood hast Thou spoken. Baptized into Thy precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.**

1. I do not come because my soul is free from sin and pure and whole And worthy of Thy grace; I do not speak to Thee because I've ever justly kept Thy laws And dare to meet Thy face.
4. I know that, though in doing good I spend my life, I never could Atone for all I've done; But though my sins are black as night, I dare to come before Thy sight Because I trust Thy Son.
5. In Him alone my trust I place, Come boldly to Thy Throne of grace, And there commune with Thee. Salvation sure, O Lord, is mine, And, all unworthy, I am Thine, For Jesus died for me.

SERMON – Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . . ¹⁹ For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

To live is Christ.
To die is gain.

for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- G** O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- G** ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 116:12-17

- P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.
- G** What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?
- P** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
- G** Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.
- P** O LORD, I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.
- G** I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

VERSE OF THE DAY*Eph. 2:8*

P Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE*Latin for "O Lord"*

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST*TLH #237:1*

C ♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 55:6-9 "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 20:1-14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.'⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.'⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?'¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

CONFESSION OF FAITH*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.