

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 7/26: No coffee hour after worship.

Monday, 7/27: Clothes Closet open, 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 7/28: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; Distribution, 12-2 pm.

KDA meeting, here at FLC, 7pm.

Wednesday 7/29: Confirmation, 10am.

Saturday 8/1: In-Church Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 8/2: In-Church Communion Service at 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Joyce Thornton, Jane Johnson's sister passed away on Tuesday. May the promise of God's Resurrection bring peace.
- Connie Schauer recently had a lumpectomy. She is consulting further concerning ongoing treatment.
- Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky fell 18ft near a lake. He is home in Florida, wearing a neck brace, under the care of a neurosurgeon.
- Fred & Judy Goltermann were in an accident in Oklahoma on their way back to Illinois. God be praised, their injuries are limited. Hospitalization was brief, and Fred & Judy are now in Illinois.
- Nancy Bakanas has a torn rotator cuff and a stress fracture. She is awaiting more tests.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound especially Nancy Bakanas and George Vodden.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC Convocation, which will be meeting on-line August 7th & 8th.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Elsie Sanford 7/25

Marissa 7/25/06

Joyce Schmidt 7/26

Angie Nelson 7/28

Ryan Anderberg 7/30/14

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

Mark & Josie Brykowski 7/31/10

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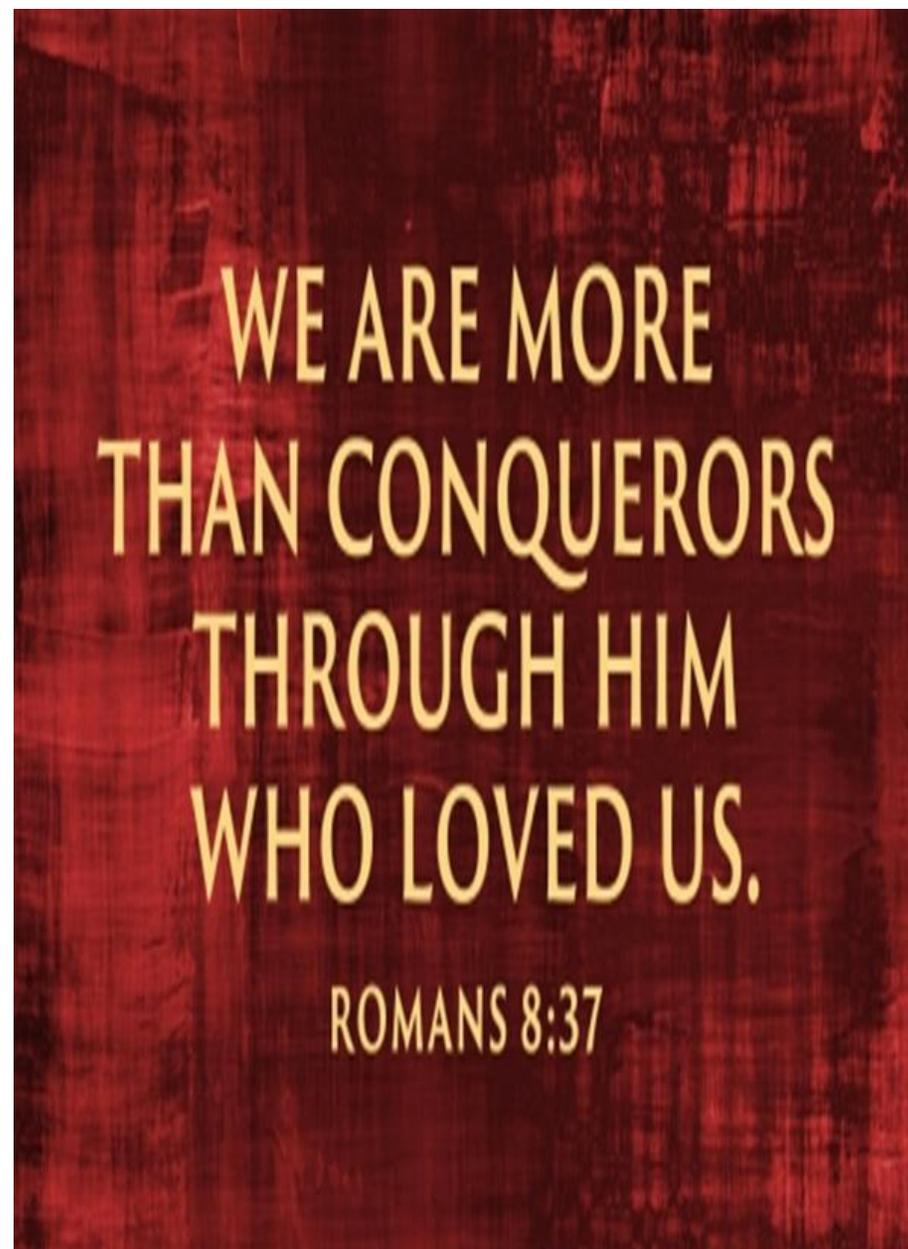
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(with scripture readings for the 8th Sunday after Pentecost)

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for sending us the Holy Spirit, to be with us always and to remind us of your son;

P AND OF THE SON:

C Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you comforted your followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit, who makes us holy;

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C Dear Holy Spirit, you came upon the church at Pentecost. Fill the church with your presence and power, now and always!

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

1. Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven Such a refuge ne’er was given.
2. God his own doth tend and nourish, In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them, In his mighty arms he bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, And their sorrows all he knoweth.
4. Though giveth or he taketh, God his children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our weakness and sin, and hear the comfort of God.

C Dear Holy Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought. We confess that we have lived according to the flesh, with our minds set on the things of the flesh. We know this is death. We pray that each day you will set us free, setting our minds on the things of the Spirit, which is life and peace.

(Romans 8:5-6,26)

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P The Spirit helps us in our weakness, and prays for us with sighs too deep for words. You are no longer in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. He who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit, who dwells in you. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. His peace be with you! (Romans 8:1,9,11,26)

C And also with you.

CLOSING SONG: “Jesus Loves Me”

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! He who died, heavens gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin; let His little child come in. *Refrain*

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

Love One Another
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶{Moses said to the Israelites,} “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations”

P The Word of our Lord C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴{Jesus said to the disciples,} “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is

like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P The Gospel of our Lord C Thanks be to God.

SERMON: **“I AM SURE!”** – 2nd Reading

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed

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 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

(The prophecy of Joel, recorded in Acts 2:17-21)

P In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

C And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy!

P And your young men shall see visions!

C And your old men shall dream dreams!

P Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

C Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

BENEDICTION