

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 8/30: No coffee hour after worship.

Monday 8/31: Clothes Closet open to all, 12 – 1:30pm.

Tuesday 9/1: Kirkland Chamber Meeting, 9am, here

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

KDA meeting at the KDA community room, 7pm.

Wednesday 9/2: NO Confirmation class, 6pm.

Thursday 9/3: Food Truck Delivery, 8am. NO Lydia Circle Bible Study.

Saturday 9/5: In-Church Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 9/6: In-Church Communion Service at 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

- Safe travels for Pastor Carl & Nancy Rasmussen this week.
- Nancy Bakanas and Connie Schauer have expressed gratitude for the cards and prayers that our members have shared.
- Doug Elmore had knee replacement surgery and is recovering.
- Mike & Marti Valasek's daughter Leanne is anticipating hernia surgery.
- Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky had major neck surgery recently. Pray for pain management, as this will be a long recovery process.
- Connie Schauer will begin radiation treatments on Monday, August 31.
- 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.
- Fires in California and Colorado.

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

Peggy Steinhorst 8/30

Susan Wilson 9/4

Renee Krabbe 9/4

Judy Goltermann 9/5

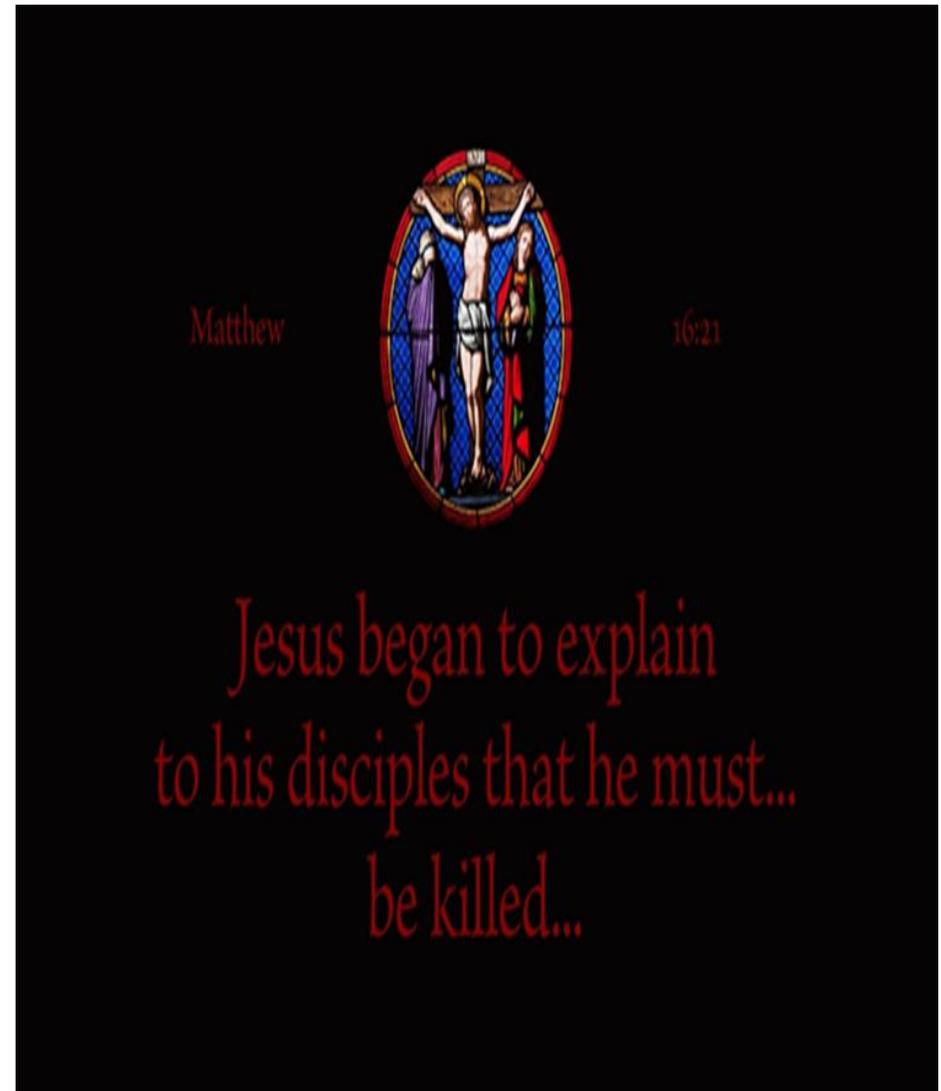
Matt Johnson 9/6

Haold Hintzsche 9/6

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Russ & Judy Lacefield 8/29/1981

Roger & Jean Bauer 9/6/1969



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Readings for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost*

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(with scripture readings for the 13th 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: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o’er-take me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

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 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

CLOSING SONG: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father’s throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
4. From sorrow, toil and pain, And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!



Thank you to Pastor Phil Gronbach & Jill Vodden for leading us in worship while Pastor & Nancy are on vacation.



BABY ANNOUNCEMENT!

Congratulations to Sarah and Karl Faivre on the birth of their daughter Emma Anne Faivre. She was born on 8/22 at 7:40am. and weighed 7# 4 oz and was 20 1/2”long. Mother & child are doing well. Grandparents are Mike & Sue Sester.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

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

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

²¹Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

SERMON: PASTOR PHIL GRONBACH - based on the Gospel

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 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING