

Church Picnic
Sunday



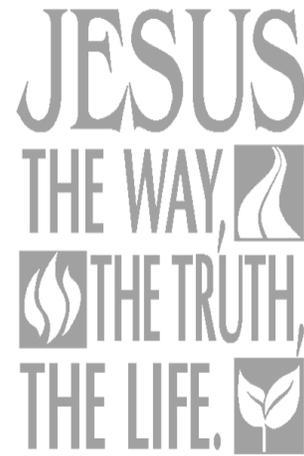
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2019

THEME: The strength of our faith shows in our lives with one another.

HYMN — “WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
O, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.



M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN — “JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW”

1. Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
All of us to him belong, we are weak but he is strong.

Refrain:

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (sung)

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (sermon text) (EHV)

Moses reminds the Israelites, who were on the threshold of the Promised Land, that God would never be far from them if they followed God's Word.

30:9 The LORD your God will cause you to be overflowing with good things from all the work of your hands, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your animals, and in the fruit of your soil. For once again he will rejoice over your prosperity, just as he rejoiced over your fathers, when you obey the voice of the LORD your God by keeping his commandments and his statutes written in this Book of the Law, when you return to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Certainly, this commandment that I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not far away. It is not up in the heavens, so that you have to say, "Which one of us will go up to the heavens and get it for us so we can listen to it and carry it out?" It is not across the sea, so that you have to say, "Which one of us will cross over to the other side of the sea and get it for us so we can listen to it and carry it out?" Instead, the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so you can obey it.

PSALM 25 (p.74) (sung in unison)

Especially in times of crisis, God's people seek to be guided in God's truth. We look to the Lord, our refuge.

To You, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul: in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me, for I take refuge in you.

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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:1-14 (EHV)

Paul thanks God for the faith of the Colossians — faith that springs up from the gospel and prays that God would fill them with the knowledge of his will to provide strength for fruitful lives.

1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints 5 because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel 6 that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. 7 You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf. 8 He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason, from the day we heard about your love, we also have not stopped praying for you. We keep asking that you would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, 10 so that you might

live in a way that is worthy of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God, 11 as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you. Then you will have complete endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

13 The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

HYMN — “THE OLD RUGGED CROSS”

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff’ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain *So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
and exchange it someday for a crown.*

2. Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me,
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

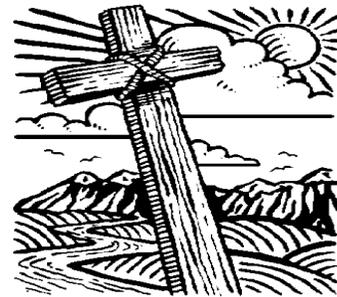
Refrain

3. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For ’twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and justify me.

Refrain

4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then he’ll call me someday to my home far away,
Where his glory forever I’ll share.

Refrain



VERSE OF THE DAY: *Alleluia. Instead, the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can obey it. Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14 EHV)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37 (EHV) (Please Stand)

Christ’s parable of the good Samaritan asserts that the important question for the Christian is not “Who is my neighbor?” but rather “To whom may I be a neighbor?”

10:25 Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the law?” he asked him. “What do you read there?”

27 He replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself.” 28 He said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 It just so happened that a priest was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 33 A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him. Whatever extra

you spend, I will repay you when I return.' 36 Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?"

37 "The one who showed mercy to him," he replied. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

C: Praise be to you O Christ. (sung)

HYMN — "AMAZING GRACE"

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| 1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see. | 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home. |
| 2. The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures,
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures. | 4. When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun! |

SERMON THEME: His Word? It's Right Here!

1. He desires our faithfulness
2. He delights in blessing us

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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

HYMN — "AS THE DEER"

1. As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

Refrain:

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee.*

2. You're my friend and You are my brother.
Even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.

Refrain . .

3. I want You more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver.
And the apple of my eye.

Refrain . .

PRAYER

C: Amen. (sung)

BENEDICTION

C: Amen, amen, amen. (sung)

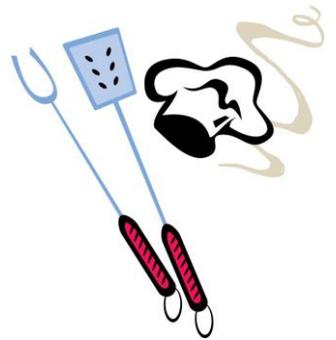
HYMN — "IN CHRIST ALONE"

1. In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm throughout the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from his han.
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SILENT PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

"See what love the Father has given us,

that we should be called children of God."
1 John 3:1



*Our church picnic
follows our Worship
Service in the Park.*

*Please plan to stay for
lunch, fun and
fellowship.*