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6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 24, 2011

WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

8:00am

WELCOME

INVOCATION:

P. O Lord, open my lips,
C. AND MY MOUTH WILL DECLARE YOUR PRAISE
P. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Adapted from Psalm 100)*

P. Give glory to God, our light and our life.
C. OH, COME, LET US WORSHIP HIM.
P. Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;
C. LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION.
P. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
C. LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO HIM WITH SONGS OF PRAISE.
P. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

HYMN: #279 "Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD. 6 He said, "Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the LORD's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. 7 Nevertheless, listen to

what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: 8 From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. 9 But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true."

EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:1b-11

1...Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

RESPONSE: *(From Hebrews 1)*

P. In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.
C. BUT NOW IN THESE LAST DAYS HE HAS SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON.
P. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
C. HE HAS COME TO HIS PEOPLE AND REDEEMED THEM.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:34-42

34 "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to turn "'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— 36 a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' 37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 40 "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. 41 Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

HYMN: #243 "Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices" vs.1-4

SERMON

SONG: “As the Deer”

1. As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart’s desire, And I long to worship Thee.

Chorus: 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. (*Chorus*)
3. I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joygiver, and the apple of my eye. (*Chorus*)

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OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)

PRAYER:

- P. Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do.
C. HELP US BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST, TO KEEP YOUR WORD IN PURE HEARTS,
P. So we may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness,
C. AND COMFORTED THROUGHOUT LIFE AND EVEN IN DEATH. AMEN.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

REFLECTION ON THE LORD’S PRAYER:

- P. We pray “Give us this day our daily bread.” What does this mean?
C. GOD CERTAINLY GIVES DAILY BREAD TO EVERYONE WITHOUT OUR PRAYERS, EVEN TO ALL EVIL PEOPLE, BUT WE PRAY IN THIS PETITION THAT GOD WOULD LEAD US TO REALIZE THIS AND TO RECEIVE OUR DAILY BREAD WITH THANKSGIVING.
P. Why do we pray to God for daily bread?
C. WE PRAY TO GOD FOR ALL THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE SUPPORT AND NEEDS OF THE BODY, BECAUSE CHRIST WANTS US TO REALIZE THAT OUR ENTIRE LIFE AND THAT OF EVERYONE ELSE DEPENDS ON GOD; HE WANTS US TO RECEIVE ALL OUR PHYSICAL BLESSINGS WITH THANKSGIVING; AND HE WANTS US TO LOOK TO GOD FOR PHYSICAL AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS.
P. How does God provide our daily bread?
C. HE MAKES THE EARTH FRUITFUL AND BLESSES US WITH THE ABILITY TO WORK FOR THE THINGS WE NEED.
P. What does God want us to do for those who are unable to work for daily food?

- C. GOD DOES NOT WANT US TO BE SELFISH BUT TO SHARE WITH THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO WORK AND TO INCLUDE THEM IN OUR PRAYERS FOR DAILY BREAD.

P. Why does Jesus have us say “this day” and “daily” bread?

- C. THESE WORDS TEACH US NOT TO BE GREEDY OR WASTEFUL OR TO WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE BUT TO LIVE CONTENTEDLY IN THE CONFIDENCE THAT THE LORD WILL GIVE US WHAT WE NEED.

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (*Spoken together*)

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.

THE BLESSING:

- P. The almighty and merciful Lord,
C. THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
P. Bless you and preserve you.
C. AMEN.

SONG: “Blessed Assurance”

(Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith. Hebrews 10:22)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine; O what a foretaste of glory divine; Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. (chorus)

Chorus: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (chorus)
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (chorus)

Ending Praising my Savior all the day long (2x)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF JULY:
July 24th, and 31st – 10:30 Service