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9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

SONG MEDLEY: "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" (Dan 2:20)

Blessed be the name of the Lord, He is worthy to be praised and adored; So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing, "Blessed be the name, blessed be the name, blessed be the name of the Lord." (C. 1986 Integrity's Hosanna! Music. Used by permission. CCLI #1561573)

"I Am the God that Healeth Thee"

("I am the LORD, who heals you." Ex 15:26)

1. I am the God that healeth thee, I am the Lord your healer. I sent My word and healed your disease, I am the Lord your healer.

2. You are the God that healeth me, You are the Lord my healer. You sent Your word and healed my disease. You are the Lord my healer.

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"Worthy, You Are Worthy" (Rev 4:11)

1. Worthy, You are worthy. King of kings, Lord of lords, You are worthy. Worthy, You are worthy. King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship You.

2. Holy, You are holy. King of kings, Lord of lords, You are holy. Holy, You are holy. King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship You.

3. Jesus, You are Jesus. King of kings, Lord of lords, You are Jesus. Jesus, You are Jesus. King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship You.

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SINS:

P. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C. O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, SINCE YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE FOR US, HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FOR HIS SAKE GRANT US FORGIVENESS OF ALL OUR SINS; AND BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT INCREASE IN US TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU AND OF YOUR WILL AND TRUE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WORD, TO THE END THAT BY YOUR GRACE WE MAY COME TO EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

HYMN: #358 "Lamb of God, We Fall before Thee" vs. 1,4,6

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

6 "This is what the LORD says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. 7 Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come— yes, let him foretell what will come. 8 Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 28 "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 29 "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 30

Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”
36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” 37 He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 40 “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

RESPONSE: *(From Psalm 86 & 119)*

P. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

C. TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD, AND I WILL WALK IN YOUR TRUTH.

P. Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name.

C. I WILL PRAISE YOU, O LORD MY GOD, WITH ALL MY HEART.

P. I will glorify Your name forever.

C. FOR GREAT IS YOUR LOVE TOWARD ME; YOU HAVE DELIVERED MY SOUL FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE GRAVE.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(The Apostle’s Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence 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.

HYMN: #367 “*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*” vs.1-3

SERMON: Romans 8:26,27 “**Your Heavenly Prayer Partner**”

(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God’s Word)

OFFERTORY: *(Sung, TLH p. 12)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with 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.

THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign book at end of pew.)

PRAYERS

REFLECTION ON THE LORD’S PRAYER:

P. We pray “But deliver us from evil.” What kind of petition is this?

C. THIS PETITION IS A SUMMARY IN WHICH WE ASK OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN TO RESCUE US FROM THE DEVIL AND ALL EVIL WHICH HAS COME INTO THE WORLD BECAUSE OF SIN.

P. How does the Lord rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation?

C. IN A WORLD RUINED BY SIN, THE LORD KEEPS US FROM HARM AND HELPS US TO ENDURE THE TROUBLES THAT HE ALLOWS TO COME INTO OUR LIVES.

P. What final deliverance from evil do we ask the Lord to bring to us?

C. WE WANT OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN TO KEEP US FAITHFUL TO HIM AND WHEN WE DIE TO TAKE US FROM THIS SORROWFUL WORLD TO HIMSELF IN HEAVEN.

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.

BLESSING

HYMN: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Chorus: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it Jesus, if you please; Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1. I am weak but Thou art strong, Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
2. Thru this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
3. When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more; On that bright eternal shore I will walk, dear Lord, close to Thee. (*Chorus*)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF AUGUST:

August 14th and 28th – 10:30 Service

Romans 8:26,27

"Your Heavenly Prayer Partner"

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

1. What are our lives to be filled with as believers in Christ?
2. Because of sin we are _____ pray-ers.
3. What's our main sinful weakness when it comes to prayer?
4. How might we break the first commandment in our prayers?
5. How might we break the second commandment in our prayers?
6. What is the Holy Spirit doing when he "intercedes" for us?
7. Why don't the Spirit's prayers always match our own?
8. Why are the Spirit's prayers described as "groans"?
9. What makes our prayers good before God?
10. What happens with the Holy Spirit when we get stuck in our prayers?
11. Why does the Father always understand the Holy Spirit's groanings for us?
12. What always happens since the Spirit intercedes for us in accordance with God's will?