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WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God's presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.

- ❖ Restrooms are located to the right of the main doors.
- ❖ There is a staffed nursery available outside of the worship area for children under 3.
- ❖ There is a private area for nursing mothers located in the main preschool classroom.
- ❖ Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- ❖ Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 2025

UNDIVIDED ATTENTION—ON THE PRIVILEGE AND PURPOSE OF PRAYER



SERIES THEME:

We live in a world where a thousand things are competing for our attention. There is the real danger that we focus on the frivolous and ignore the indispensable. As a result, we often talk about the importance of being “free from distraction.” But the stakes are higher than that. We need to be *freed* from distraction. We need the spiritual power to give our undivided attention to that which truly makes a difference, not only here and now, but also in eternity. A life focused on all the right things is only possible because of a Savior who is always focused on us. On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give his followers power and focus. Still today, through his Word, Jesus grants those gifts to his disciples.

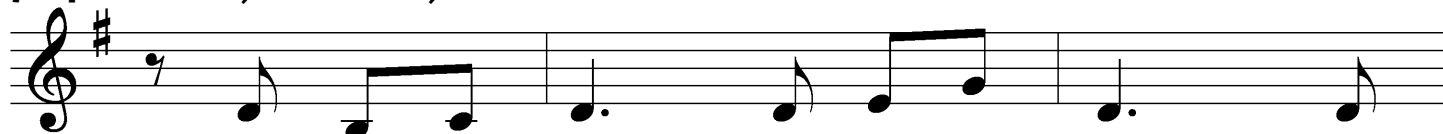
We have come to the second half of the Church Year. In the first half, we focused on the life of Christ. In this second half, we turn our attention to all the teachings of Christ. May we give them our undivided attention.

THEME OF THE DAY:

In a sense, prayer comes naturally to us. We want, so we ask. We hurt, so we cry out. We are frustrated, so we vent. We are blessed, so we give thanks. Natural! What does not come naturally, however, is a proper understanding of the privilege of prayer. Prayer is a privilege, based entirely on the unique and unearned relationship we have with God, our Father. And the purpose of prayer is really not to tell God what we want, but to claim that which God wants for us. Prayer provides the opportunity to bring our will into conformity with God’s will, not the other way around. This week, we give our undivided attention to what God says about this access we call prayer. Along with Jesus’ disciples we say, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1).

SERVICE OF THE WORD

724 BE STILL, MY SOUL, BEFORE THE LORD



1 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord, for
2 You need not mul - ti - ply your words nor
3 Wait, then, in qui - et con - fi - dence, your
4 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord; on



God is al - ways near. Be - fore your mind is
pray with prac - ticed art. Be - yond all speech, God
anx - ious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs be -
God in pa - tience wait. God's love, un - seen, sur -



moved to pray, God lis - tens and will hear.
un - der - stands the hun - ger of your heart.
fore you ask and works for what is best.
rounds your life; God's help will not be late.

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INVOCATION¹

P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

C: Amen.

¹ The Invocation, which uses the words spoken over us at our baptisms, reminds us of who we are (children of God) and what we are members of—the church of God on earth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ²

- P: Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
- C: **I confess that I am by nature sinful. I am guilty of many sins. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.**

Silence for personal confession.

- P: For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.
- C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.**
- P: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?
- C: **Yes, I believe.**
- P: By the authority of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

² Publicly confessing sins might seem like a strange practice to those not familiar with it. But to confess our sins is to speak the truth about our lives. To confess our sin is to state our agreement with God's just verdict that we have sinned against him and so deserve only death and hell (1 John 1:8-10). The truth of our sinfulness is answered by the truth of God's forgiveness for the sake of the suffering and death of his Son. From the lips of a pastor "called and ordained" as a servant of the Word, we hear God himself speaking absolution – that is, the forgiveness of sins. To that forgiveness faith says, "Amen," that is, "Truth."

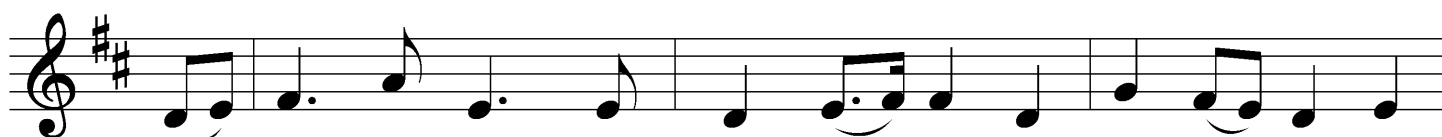
P: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. You are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C: **The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgression from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever.**

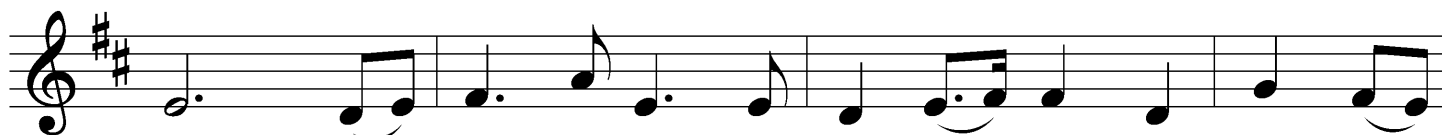
P: Go in peace.

C: Amen.

833 I RUN TO CHRIST



1 I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a ref - uge
2 I run to Christ when worn by life and find my soul re -
3 I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure es -



sure. "Be - lieve in me," his voice I hear; his words and
fresned. "Come un - to me," he calls thro' strife; fa - tigue gives -
cape. "De - liv - er me," I cry to him; temp - ta - tion



wounds se - cure. I run to Christ when torn by grief and
way to rest. I run to Christ when vexed by hell and
yields to grace. I run to Christ when plagued by shame and

find a - bun - dant peace. "I too had tears," he
 find a might - y arm. "The dev - il flees," the
 find my one de - fense. "I bore God's wrath," he

gent - ly speaks; thus joy and sor - row meet.
 Scrip - tures tell; he roars but can - not harm.
 pleads my case— my ad - vo - cate and friend.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY ³

P: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

³This prayer offers the same request of the unnamed disciple in Luke 11: 'Lord, teach us to pray.' Though we may ask for anything, when we ask according to his will, we never fail to receive it. This prayer comes from the Gelasian Sacramentary (c. 750 AD).

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 18:20-32⁴

²⁰Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

²²The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

²⁶The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

²⁹Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

³⁰Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

³²Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

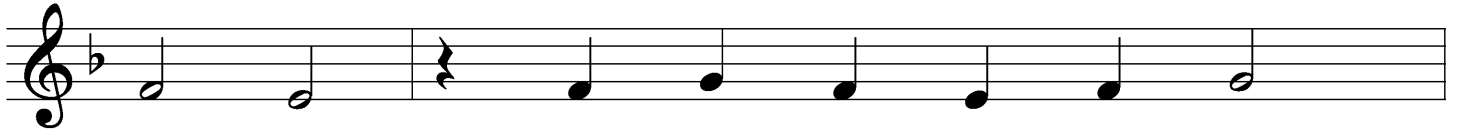
He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

⁴ Abraham prays on the basis of what he knows about the LORD: that the LORD is a just judge, that the LORD shows mercy, and that the LORD invites us to be bold in our prayers.

PSALM 138 YOUR PRAISES, GOD, I'M BRINGING ⁵



1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is
2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -
3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the



sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.
held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard.
low - ly and raise them from the dust.



Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -
When trou - ble sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er
Your prom - ise holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you



peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.
failed me. You strength - ened me and I en - dured.
nev - er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.

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⁵ Martin Luther said, "Psalm 138 is a psalm of thanksgiving for all sorts of help in the face of enemies. The psalmist prays for Christ's kingdom to come, especially that kings would receive his Word and teaching, give thanks for it, and worship him. The psalm closes with a prayer that God would bring his kingdom to fulfillment in eternity."

SECOND LESSON: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7 ⁶

¹I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

VERSE OF THE DAY ⁷

LUKE 11:9

P: Alleluia. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Alleluia.

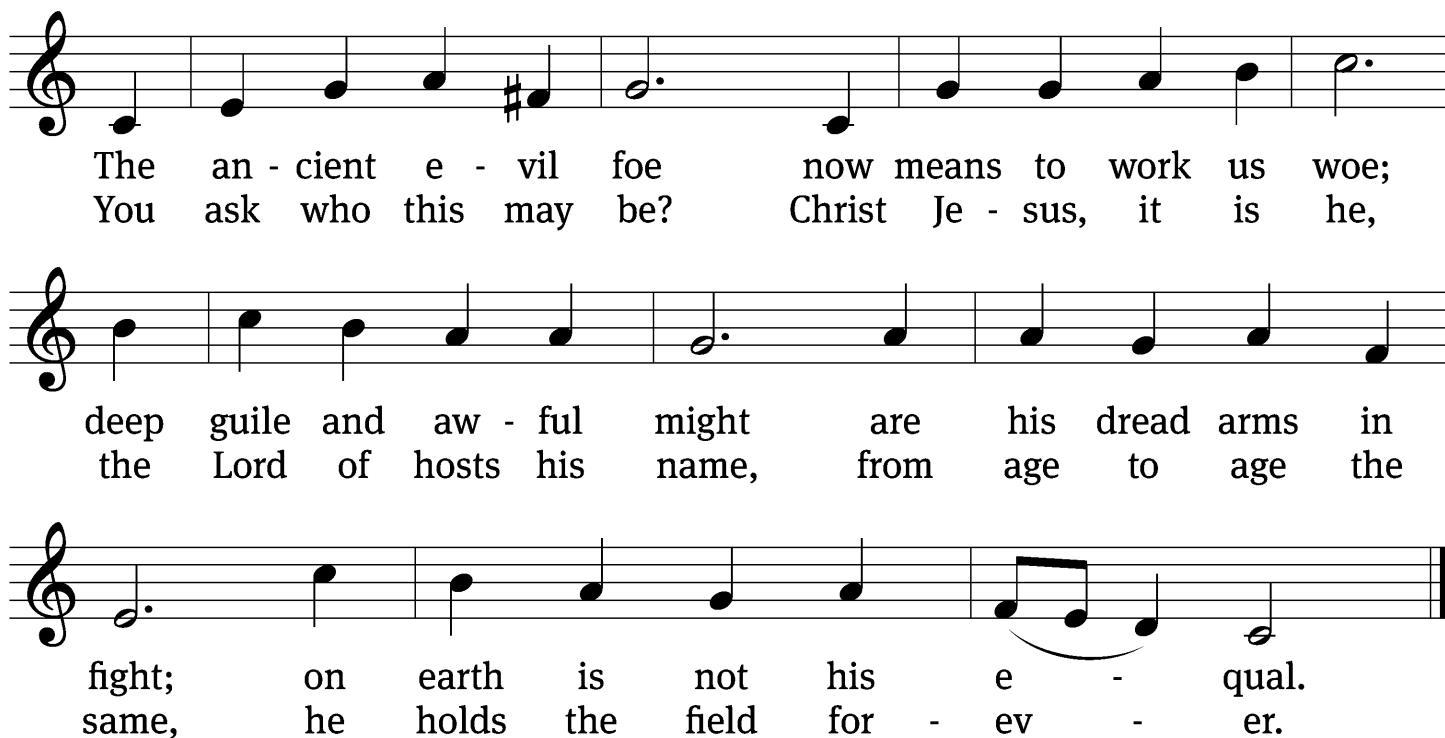
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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our
shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry
loss ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant
need that has us now o'er - tak - en.
one whom God him - self e - lect - ed.

⁶ Paul teaches us that the ultimate purpose for everything we ask is that God's will would be done.

⁷The Verse of the Day, traditionally called the Alleluia (a Latinized form of the Hebrew word meaning "praise the Lord") highlights a text of particular relevance to the theme of the day.



The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;
You ask who this may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he,
deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in
the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the
fight; on earth is not his e - qual.
same, he holds the field for - ev - er.

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GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 11:1-13

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“ ‘Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

⁵Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I

are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

719 LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY



- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
- 2 Lord, teach us how to pray when cares dis - tract the mind.
- 3 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - kin - dle faith's bright flame,
- 4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
Help us to wait in qui - et - ness, a calm - er spir - it find.
un - til our faith leaps up a - gain to speak and praise your name.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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The Lord's [Teaching about] Prayer

- I. To whom
- II. About what
- III. And how

Guest Preacher: Rev. William Natsis



⁸The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

APOSTLES' CREED ⁹

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	2 Cor. 6:18 Is. 51:13
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.	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18 Lk. 1:35 Lk. 1:34; 2:7 Lk. 23:16 Mt. 27:32-61 et al. 1 Pet. 3:19 1 Cor. 15:4b Ac. 2:33-34 Heb. 1:13 Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1
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.	Mt. 3:16-17 Eph. 5:23 Eph. 4:3-6 Rom. 4:6-8 Ecc. 12:7 1 Th. 4:17

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. An offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile" to download the App for free or use this QR Code:



This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next hymn.

⁹ Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in his name. The creed is our saying back to God what he has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and his work of salvation accomplished for us in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Philippians 2:11).

767 LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US

4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your
life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the
lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.
Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, hope, to
stay our souls on you; but, oh, best of
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. Phrasing slurs are used to group notes that belong to a single syllable of the lyrics. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ¹⁰

LORD'S PRAYER ¹¹

C: 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.

¹⁰ Through the Prayer of the Church we heed Christ's command to "love one another." One of the greatest forms of love we can show for our neighbor is to pray for them.

¹¹ The Lord's Prayer is a prayer given us by Christ himself. Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

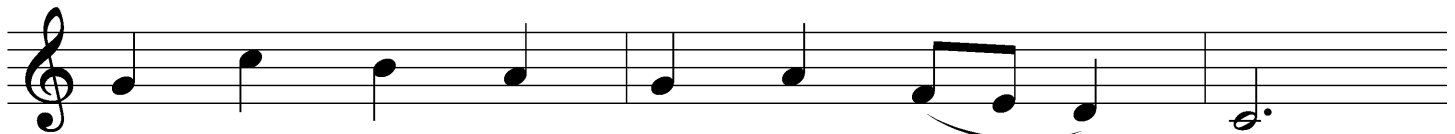
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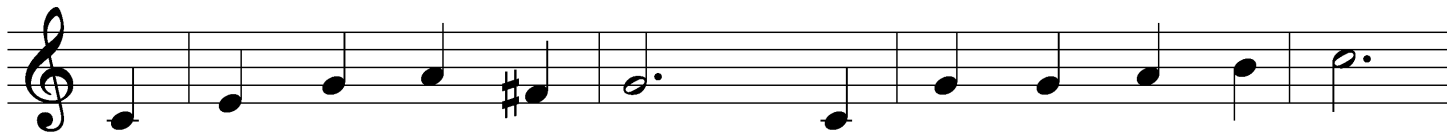
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y



to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no
thanks have for it; he's by our side up - on the



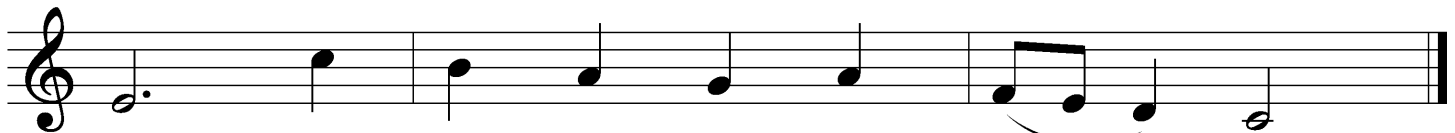
ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
plain with his good gifts and Spir - it.



The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,
And should they take our life, goods, hon - or, child, and wife,



his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is
though all of these be gone, our vic - to - ry is



done; one lit - tle word can fell him.
won; the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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THE LORD'S BLESSING ¹²

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

721 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

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¹² As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name. Worshippers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord's blessing and presence with them.

Christ Our Savior thanks retired pastor, Bill Natsis, for his message from God's Word today. Pastor Natsis is also a member of Christ Our Savior along with his wife, Cynthia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given by Joe and Melissa Zilinsky in celebration of their 12th wedding anniversary.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 3:

Flowers: Novak

Nursery: 8:30am—Melissa and Aubrey Moore
11:00am—Tai Hintz and Vivienne Janda

Ushers: 8:30am—Ed Petrovich/Jon Sadler
11:00am—Kirk Hennig/Dwight Mann

Landscaping: Tim Hintz (7/26-8/8)

1st Sunday Snacks: Jacobs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Sunday School, Adult and Teen Bible Study 9:45-10:45 AM

Lord's Supper 1st and 3rd Sundays

Canvassing Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

Church Retreat 9/12-9/14



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Adult Bible Study: Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the sanctuary as we dive into the study of Christian apologetics. Apologetics is narrowly defined as “defending the Christian faith by reason with gentleness and respect.” The objective of apologetics is to use every bit of knowledge available as we engage skeptics with the goal of proclaiming Christ crucified. Think of apologetics as a ministry of caring; we care about skeptics and their thoughts! This week’s lesson is “How would an artist look at the evidence.”

Church Retreat: Everyone is invited to take part in the upcoming church retreat this September at Horton Haven in Lewisburg, TN from Friday, 9/12 – Sunday, 9/14. This will be a time for everyone to enjoy some time to relax in God’s Word along with recreation and fellowship. The cost for lodging + food will be \$350 per household. If you only need food, please indicate that on the signup sheet and the price will be figured out based on the total number. Information and sign-up sheets can be found in the gathering area. Please see your elder for details or if you have questions.

Canvassing: Our canvassing efforts for the summer are in full swing, but it’s not too late to join us! We would love to have many involved in our attempts to reach those who don’t know Christ with the life-saving message of the gospel. We will meet at church at 6:00 pm each Wednesday night. If you are unsure, please note you will partner with an experienced canvasser and receive “on the job” training. Please consider giving canvassing a try!

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