THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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Let no one feel like a stranger here. We all have the same Creator, who loves each of us unconditionally. Welcome, children of God!

13th Sunday After Pentecost National Grandparents Day

September 7, 2025

10:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

As we boldly approach you, dear Lord, may we feel the pulse of your presence and be strengthened to serve you faithfully.

Welcome

* Hymn of Praise #227 - "At the Cross"

* Call to Worship: (responsively)

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, AND PRAISE YOUR GLORIOUS NAME!

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, You are exalted as Head over all! Life and breath come from You. You are the ruler of all things.

WE GIVE YOU THANKS, AND PRAISE YOUR GLORIOUS NAME!

In Your hands, You hold us and there we will find nothing to harm us.

NOW IN THIS WORSHIP, WE GIVE YOU THANKS, AND PRAISE YOUR GLORIOUS NAME. AMEN.

^{*} Prayer of Praise and Adoration

^{*} Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O GOD, WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONFESS TO YOU OUR SINS. WE ARE PRONE TO DO WRONG AND SLOW TO DO GOOD. WE CONFESS TO YOU OUR SHORTCOMINGS AND OFFENSES. YOU ALONE KNOW HOW OFTEN WE SIN. WE WANDER FROM YOUR WAYS AND WASTE YOUR BLESSINGS AND GIFTS. WE FORGET YOUR LOVE, BUT, O LORD, WE ASK YOU TO HAVE MERCY ON US, WHO ARE ASHAMED AMD SORRY FOR THE THINGS WE HAVE DONE THAT DISPLEASE YOU. TEACH US TO HATE OUR ERRORS AND CLEANSE US FROM OUR SECRET FAULTS. GIVE US HEARTS THAT LOVE ONE ANOTHER. HELP US TO LIVE IN YOUR LIGHT AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS, ACCORDING TO THE COMMANDMENTS OF JESUS OUR SAVIOR. AMEN.

Announcements

* Hymn of Preparation #445 - "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power from On High!"

Scripture Jeremiah 18:1-11 (vv. 1-3,4-6,7-9,10-11)

Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 (vv. 1-3,4-6,13-15,16-18)

Sermon "Pentecost Power from On High: Reminds Us that God is the Potter, We are the Clay, and We are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!"

- * Doxology (#39)
- * Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings
- * Prayer

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

- * Closing Hymn #321 "It Is Well with My Soul"
- * Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You" (congregation)
 Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
 In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.
- Benediction (Pastor)

Church of the Master Ministries

Sunday 11:00 AM **Worship Service** (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month)

Monday 5:00-9:00 PM Bushiken Karate

Tuesday: 6:45 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Men's Group) - contact Ed Bungert, zajdml@optimum.net

Wednesday 7:00 PM Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining

5:00-9:00PM Bushiken Karate

Thursday 7:30 PM Women's Alcoholic Anonymous

Friday 7:00 PM "Hour of Prayer Power" virtual meeting

The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#

Saturday 12:00 noon Online Bible study: Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining

9:30AM-1:00PM Bushiken Karate

^{*} Please stand if able

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

"Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer"

The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane * Elena Caldera * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Rosa Stewart * Carole Mahon * Dr. Angela * Wally Cintron * Terry Mahon * Lolly * Ralph * Sonia * Raymond * Donny Rosemond * Jeff Sturgis * Regina * Gene Peterson * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Michael Campinello * Patti Zeig * Stephanie * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Pat Lynam * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers *

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Ingram family* Cintron family * Donny & Carolyn Rosemond * Nancy & Gene Peterson * Barbara * Jay Escobar & family * Close friends of the Bungerts * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alexand family * Wintress * Kiera & Avery & Martz family * Tyler, Nicole & Jackson * All caregivers * everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Ed & Marnie and their sons * Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Devell * Zachariah Bungert * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Zachariah Bungert

Prayers for World Concerns:

Concerns for job security for Federal workers * An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict * An end to all the violence * Peace and healing in our community and the nation * All first responders * Our country's safety * The future of our churches * The President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Mrs. Joan Williams * Kerry Ann Katz's husband

PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:

Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sunday Worship service will return to 11:00AM on Sunday, September 14th

Consistory will meet Sunday, September 14th following the service.

Homecoming Sunday Worship, September 21st, followed by a covered dish luncheon. Please speak to Sandra to let her know what you will bring to share.

CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified,



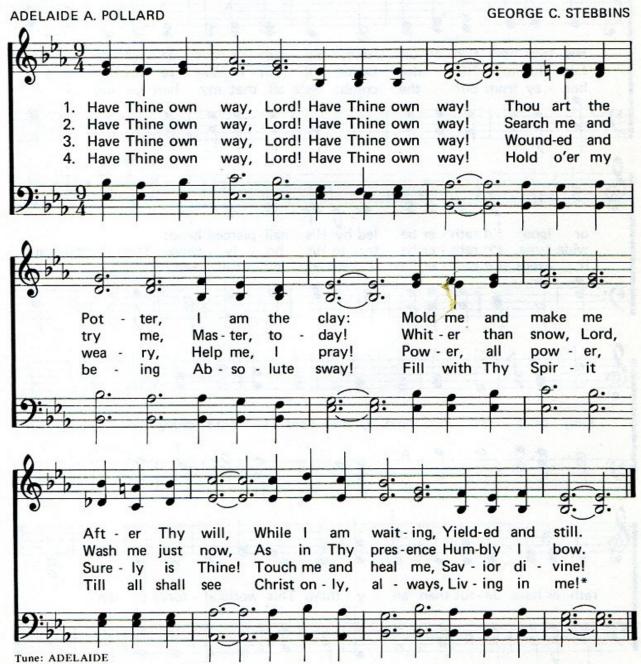
The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Have Thine Own Way, Lord! — 445



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COMMITMENT

Jeremiah 18: 1-11 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-11) Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 13-15, and 16-18)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,

¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end^[a]—I am still with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Meaning of the Sacrament, The Invitation Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you

AND ALSO WITH YOU

Lift up your hearts!

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

FOR IT IS HOLY AND RIGHT TO DO SO

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF HOSTS! HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

(A short period of silence and the prayer continues)

Sharing the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Thanksgiving after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS GOD'S HOLY NAME

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

AND FORGET NOT ALL GOD'S BENEFITS

who forgives all your iniquity,

WHO HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES

who redeems your life from the Pit,

WHO CROWNS YOU WITH STEADFAST LOVE AND MERCY

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE

God does not deal with us according to our sins,

NOR REQUITE US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES

for as the heavens are high above the earth,

SO GREAT IS GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

as far as the east is from the west,

SO FAR DOES GOD REMOVE OUR

TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US

as a father pities his children,

SO THE LORD PITIES THOSE WHO FEAR HIM

God did not spare His only son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with Him.

THEREFORE SHALL MY MOUTH AND HEART SHOW FORTH THE PRAISE OF THE LORD, FROM THIS TIME FORTH FOREVERMORE. AMEN.

