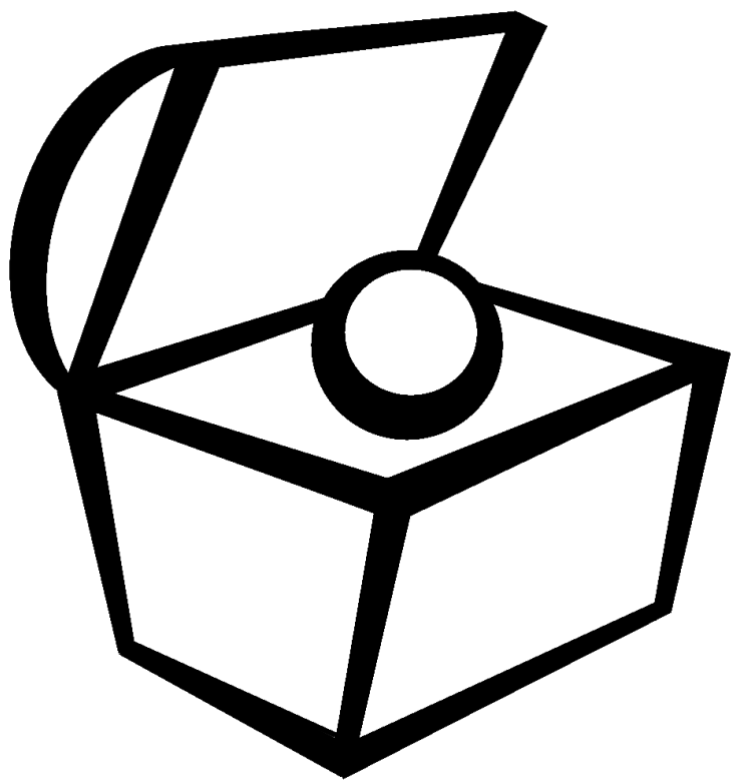




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9th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.)

GATHERING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King (VIDEO)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW 77

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Moment for reflection]

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

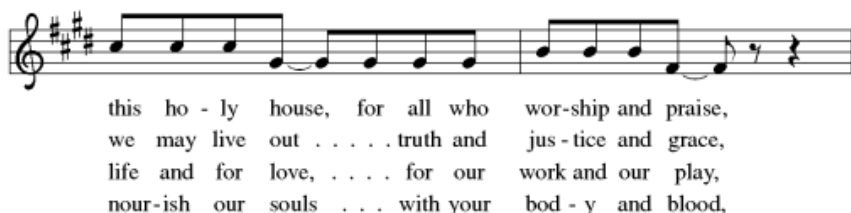
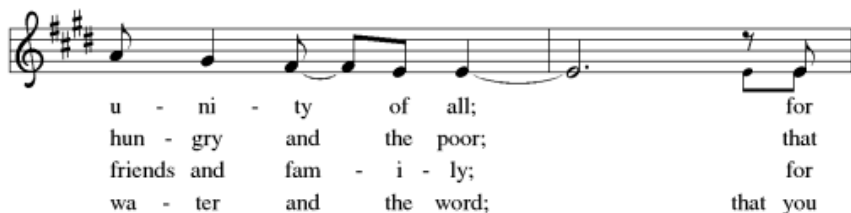
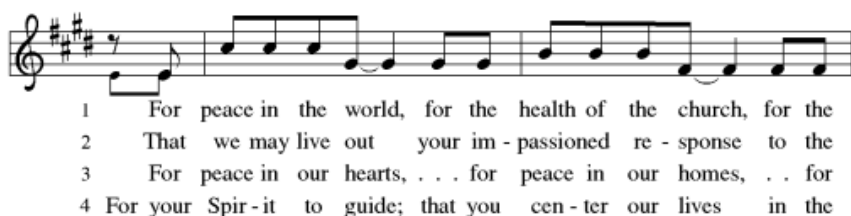
L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON (TIMELINE)



HYMN OF PRAISE (TIMELINE)

Glory to God in the Highest...



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

GREETING (ACAPPELLA)



B The Lord be with you.

B And al-so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: Free prayer

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

L: The First Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Deuteronomy.

6 For you are a holy people, who belong to the Lord your God. Of all the people on earth, the Lord your God has chosen you to be His own special treasure. 7 "The Lord did not set His heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations! 8 Rather, it was simply that the Lord loves you, and He was keeping the oath He had sworn to your ancestors. That is why the Lord rescued you with such a strong hand from your slavery and from the oppressive hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. 9 Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps His covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes His unfailing love on those who love Him and obey His commands.

L: Here ends the reading.

PSALM 125

L: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 Those who trust in the Lord are as secure as Mount Zion; **they will not be defeated but will endure forever.**

2 Just as the mountains surround Jerusalem, **so the Lord surrounds His people, both now and forever.**

3 The wicked will not rule the land of the godly, **for then the godly might be tempted to do wrong.**

4 O Lord, do good to those who are good, **whose hearts are in tune with You.**

5 But banish those who turn to crooked ways,

**O Lord. Take them away with those who do evil.
May Israel have peace!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

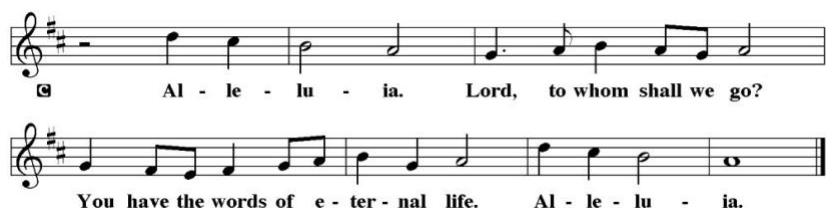
Romans 8:28-39

L: The Second Lesson is from the 8th chapter of Romans.

28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them. 29 For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And having chosen them, He called them to come to Him. And having called them, He gave them right standing with Himself. And having given them right standing, He gave them His glory. 31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? 32 Since He did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won't He also give us everything else? 33 Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for His own? No one—for God Himself has given us right standing with Himself. 34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and He is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. 35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? 36 (As the Scriptures say, "For Your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") 37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. 38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor

life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.
L: Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LBW 83 (ACAPELLA)



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

L: The gospel reading according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.



44 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. 45 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. 46 When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it! 47 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. 48 When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good

fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away. 49 That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, 50 throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 Do you understand all these things?" "Yes," they said, "we do." 52 Then he added, "Every teacher of religious law who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a homeowner who brings from his storeroom new gems of truth as well as old."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"The Value of a Treasure"

Slide #1 A man finding a treasure

Slide #2 A giant pearl

Pr Dave will sing "But God Says". Please display lyrics on screen.

HYMN AFTER SERMON

How Rich a Treasure We Possess (VIDEO)

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come again 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.**

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(VIDEO)

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Gracious God, we are grateful that you welcome all who seek your love. Let these gifts be joined with our prayers, our presence, and our service, that we may live as faithful disciples. Use all that we offer to bring hope and healing to your people. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH LBW 85

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER LBW 91

**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.**

BENEDICTION LBW 95

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING SONG

More Precious Than Silver (VIDEO)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Memory Verse: Matthew 13:44 "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

July 28 - @ 6:30 PM - Pastor Ann's Bible Study -
Book of Romans

July 29-- @ 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

@ 9:00-12:00 Pastor Ann's Office Hours

July 30 - @ 1:30 PM - Bible Study at Sunporch

Future Dates to Remember:

Sunday, August 8th - Walk His Way

Free outdoor Christian Concert at Joy Field featuring

Cody Jarvis, Peter Burton and

Cochren & Co. Begins at 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 23rd - Ice Cream Social

Watermelon Update: 12 watermelons have been sighted! Sizes: 1 basketball, oblong soccer balls, and baseballs! Trivia Question: Name four ways to tell if a watermelon is ripe. Write your answer down and put it in the watermelon bowl for a drawing next week!

Food Pantry items needed: cereal, peanut butter, hamburger and tuna "helper meals", tuna, soups, toilet paper and any other food you would like to supply. We praise God for His generosity!

Scriptures for 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Aug. 2

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 136:1-9 [23-26]

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5 [6-13]

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon Title: "What Is a Miracle?"

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