

*"With the merciful You show Yourself merciful; with the blameless man You show Yourself blameless; with the purified You deal purely, and with the crooked You make Yourself seem tortuous. You save a humble people, but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down."*

*Ninth Sunday after Trinity*  
*August 17th, Year of our Lord 2025*

The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

**Order of Worship – Divine Service - Setting 3**

**Preludes** - *Time for silent prayer and preparation for confession*

*Please rise and face the procession turning to the altar when the celebrant has passed by.*

**Procession Hymn – Father Most Holy**

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1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer-ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good-ness un -  
3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea-tures praise Thee; All for Thy  
4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,  
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so  
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;  
joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,  
wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.  
praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Please Kneel/Stand*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of

you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Please Rise*

### Service of the Word

**Introit (Congregation chants the bold stanzas.)**



Behold, God is my | helper;\*  
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.  
He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*  
in Your faithfulness put an | end to them.

O God, save me, | by Your name,\*  
and vindicate me | by Your might.

**O God, | hear my prayer;\*  
give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

**For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men |  
Seek my life;\***  
**they do not set God be- | fore themselves.**

For He has delivered me from every | trouble,\*  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold, God is my | helper;\*  
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.  
He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*  
in Your faithfulness put an | end to them.

**Kyrie**  
**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**187-9**

**Collect of the Day** – *Prayed by the Pastor*

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Please be seated.*

**The Old Testament:****2 Samuel 22:26–34**

“With the merciful You show Yourself merciful; with the blameless man You show Yourself blameless; with the purified You deal purely, and with the crooked You make Yourself seem tortuous. You save a humble people, but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. For You are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.

This God—His way is perfect; the Word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him. “For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a Rock, except our God? This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.”

**Gradual** - *Chanted by the cantor*

O | LORD, our Lord,\*

how majestic is Your name in | all the earth!

You have set Your | glory\*

above the | heavens.

**The Epistle:****1 Corinthians 10:6–13**

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did

and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

***Please rise and face the procession as the Word of God enters into your midst.***

**Alleluia**



**The Holy Gospel:**

**Luke 16:1–13**

[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’

And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’

So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then

you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

## Nicene Creed

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*Please be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day- What Is the World to Me

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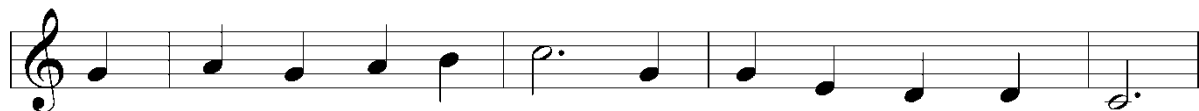
1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

## Sermon

*Please rise.*

## Offertory

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## Reception of New Member

## Prayer of the Church - *Prayed by Pastor*

## Service of the Sacrament

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### What we believe: The Sacrament of the Altar

We welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently communicant members in good standing of Prince of Peace. If you have never received Holy Communion at Prince of Peace from Pastor Foy, please see him before you commune. Thank you

### **Distribution**

#### **Before receiving the Sacrament**

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord.

#### **After receiving the Sacrament**

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me.

What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### **Distribution Hymns -**

**Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord**

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1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es  
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of  
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



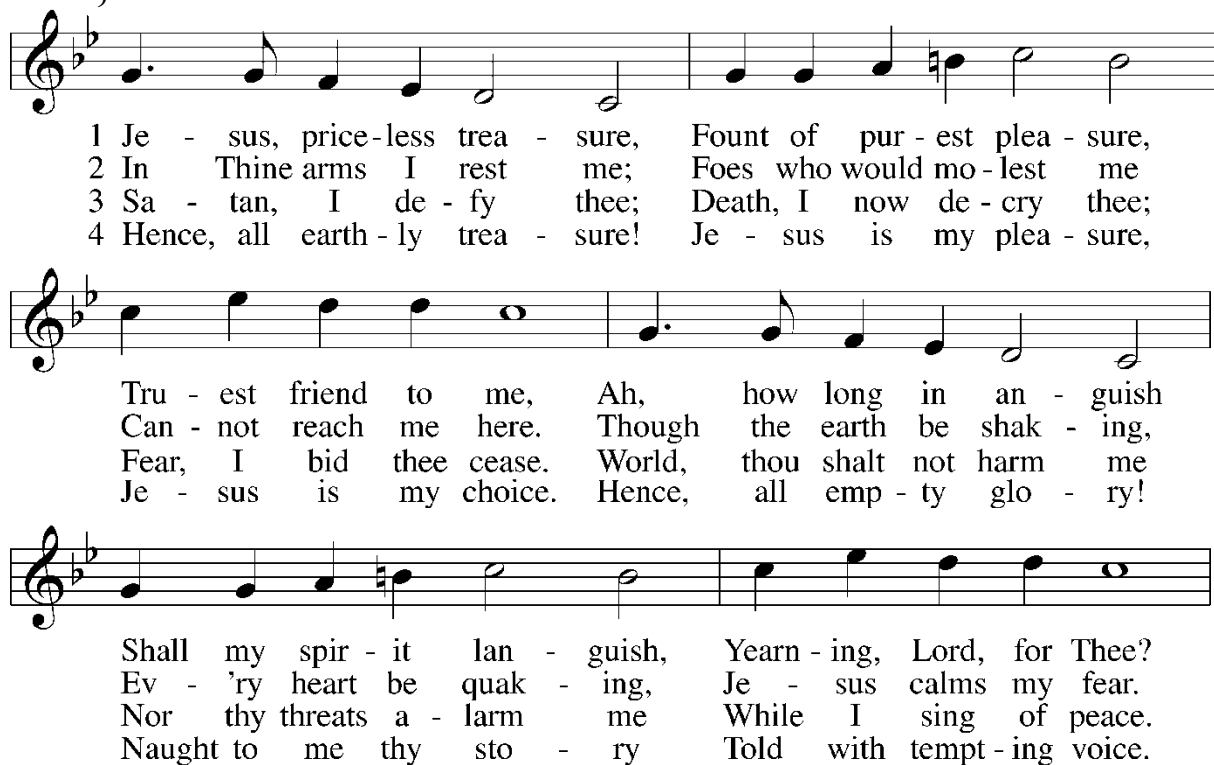
now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;  
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right  
work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the  
 And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry  
 Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your  
 bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;  
 er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be  
 pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part  
 From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your  
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our  
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and  
 praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Jesus, Priceless Treasure

743



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,  
 Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!  
 Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
 Thou canst not deceive me,  
 Thine appeal is vain. Sin  
 that once did blind me, Get  
 thee far behind me, Come  
 not forth again. Past thy  
 hour, O pride and pow'r;  
 Sinful life, thy bonds I  
 sever, Leave thee now  
 forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
 For the Lord of gladness,  
 Jesus, enters in. Those who  
 love the Father, Though the  
 storms may gather, Still  
 have peace within. Yea,  
 whate'er I here must bear,  
 Thou art still my purest  
 pleasure, Jesus, priceless  
 treasure!

## O God, My Faithful God

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1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life  
Confiding in my Savior; By  
grace receive my soul That  
it may live forever; And let  
my body have A quiet  
resting place Within a  
Christian grave; And let it  
sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day When  
all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty  
hand, My deathly slumber  
breaking. Then let me hear  
Your voice, Redeem this  
earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice With  
those who love Your name.

**Please rise.**

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Thanksgiving**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Salutation and Benedicamus**

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**Benediction**

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*Please face the procession until the celebrant has passed and then face back towards the altar.*

**Closing Hymn – I walk in Danger All the Way**

**716**



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er  
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -  
3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -  
4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -



leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is  
 tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The  
 cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He  
 friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When  
  
 plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
 cross of God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty  
 takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I  
 heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,  
  
 May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to  
 I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my  
 In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -  
 All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do  
  
 watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 ty to - day As death pur - sues me all the way.  
 what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
 His guidance never fails me;  
 Within His wounds I find a stay  
 When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
 And by His footsteps led,  
 My path I safely tread.  
 No evil leads my soul astray;  
 I walk with Jesus all the way.
  
- 6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
 Await, my soul, the morrow,  
 When God's good healing shall allay  
 All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
 Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
 To heav'n I now press on.  
 For all the world I would not stay;  
 My walk is heav'nward all the way.

**Altar Flowers** The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving to Him for our life and salvation by the Work of Jesus Christ alone, on the cross alone received by faith alone.

**4Keynakids and Pastor Meeker:** Pastor Meeker who is originally a farm boy from Iowa and his wife Lorna, a deaconess and the child of Kenyan Pastor father, started the Point of Grace Academy along the shores of Lake Victoria in Kenya over 16 years ago. Today they have over 800 students and living accommodations for most of them. This blessed mission, 4Keynakids, has been one we have supported for year. Pastor Meeker will be here on Sunday August 31 to preach and then give a presentation in the Parish Hall after service. I pray that you can come and here how God has done amazing things for many of the Orphans and HIV positive children in Kenyan through the Meekers and Point of Grace Academy.

We will have a basket by the bulletin table that you may place any offerings or gifts to support this mission. **The time with Pastor Meeker will also serve as our September potluck. Please bring a dish to share, tableware and beverages will be provided.** Thank you. Pastor Foy

**NEW Valpo Homeless Shelter:** Daybreak (formally New Creations) is the new homeless men's shelter in Valparaiso. They have 12 rooms for gentlemen in their program (finding jobs, preparing them to live on their own etc.). They also have overnight space for 12 additional men, and an emergency shelter for families in need. The shelter provides 3 meals for 35-40 people in need everyday

Prince of Peace will deliver a meal August 23rd. A sign-up sheet of items needed for dinner is located on the white board in the foyer. Thank you for your help providing a nice meal for those in need.

**Prince of Peace Garden News:** The Garden is producing by God's hand. There are items on the table in the parish hall, please help yourself remembering others would also like some. If you can give a small donation that would be appreciated and used for next year's maintenance and plants. Thanks so much Pam & Joann

**Seminary Clothing Co-op:** We are accepting clothing for the Ft Wayne Seminary clothing coop. Please bring clothing bagged and in good condition with no stains or tears for men, women and children. Socks and undergarments must be new and in original package. We will get everything delivered clothing co-op Thank you.

**Eggs for sale:** There are eggs this week. PLEASE ONLY TAKE 1! They are donated to the ladies guild to sell for LWML. Sorry, they are not free. Please give at least \$2 for a dozen into the box on the kitchen counter. Pastor

**Lutheran World Relief personal care kits.** We will continue to collect items for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits throughout the year. A donation box is located in Pastor's former office. Items needed new dark colored bath towels, nail clippers, tooth brushes, bars of bath soap & sturdy combs. Items may be placed in the box located in Pastor's former office off the Narthex.

**Seminary Gift Emporium** We will also continue to collect money for gift cards for the Seminary Gift Emporium throughout the year. A jar is located by the flower chart in the Narthex. Even an occasional dollar would help purchase gift cards for the Seminary Students.

**Coffee Hour:** Please make a small donation for the goodies you eat. Thank you.

**SUNDAY - Bible Study:** We are studying the 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle of St. Peter after the Divine Service, in the Parish Hall. We begin at 10:45 Pastor

**For the coming Week**

**Organist:** Jennifer Symer

**Elders:** Josh, Carl, Jeff, Paul

**Altar Guild Servers:** Cheryl, Deb, Cathy

**Morning Divine Service:** Wednesday 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Bible Study:** Wednesday 11:45 a.m.

**Bethesda Services:** No service this week

**Veterans:** As requested with pastor.

**PRAYERS FOR:**

**All who are in areas of war, famine, drought and other severe weather**

**PRAYER FOR SHUT-INS:** Mike Foy, Darlene McDonald, Penny Robinson, Marilyn Skinner, Jim & Lois Brown, Ruth Koeppen

**THOSE IN THE MILITARY:** Craig McCall, Seneca Newkirk

**PRAYER FOR HEALING:**

**Bonnie Broviak- Dr Care**

**Jim Brown- Remission**

**Pat Maile – Dr Care**

**Dave McCall – Drs Care**

**Robert Sprout - Cancer**  
**Shannon Callahan -Dr Care**  
**Bill Lomas – Lung issues**  
**Jo Thompson – Cancer**  
**Carlie Lawal - Remission**  
**Marilyn Skinner – Cancer**  
**Lillie Johnston – Alzheimers**  
**Lois Brown – Parkinsons**  
**Pete Sut – Cancer**  
**Ruth Koeppen – Dr Care**  
**Josh Hardesty – Recovery**  
**Rick dahl–Recovering**  
**Allan Ray Polster – Home Hospice**

**Mike Arnold - Cancer**  
**Greg Mohlke – Kidney Issues**  
**Ellen Strutz – Cancer**  
**Mary Cruz – ALS**  
**Betty Sut - Cancer**  
**Sandy Brown – Dr Care**  
**Jim Brown – Various illness**  
**Ginny Fox - Cancer**  
**Carol Becker – Dr Care**  
**Ken Platt – Broken Hip**  
**Bob Granzow – Dr Care**  
**Bob Steingass - Therapy**

***Please give the Church Office updates Thank you Pastor***

### **THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD**

### **THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

**Ruby West 8/18 Justin Canfield 8/19 William Hora 8/21**  
**Sherry Simpson 8/21 Matt Emerson 8/23 Jacob McIntosh 8/23**

### **THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

**Sean Horvath 8/17 Charlotte Dahl 8/20 Flynn Canfield 8/20**

### **THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

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### **Chrismon Trinity 9**



Lk 16.1-9 Guiding Star. The word miserable in Old French meant “in need of mercy”. That is what we mean when we confess that we are poor, miserable sinners. We need mercy

The parables are not meant to show us how God is like us. They are meant to show us how God is distinct from us. God

wants to give away His Kingdom. We are not worthy of such mysteries and joys, but God bestows this Good News in His Word.

Our Lord interprets the parable when He says: “I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.” Here is the key. Who can receive anyone into an eternal dwelling? Only God. So Jesus says you should make a friend of God for yourself with unrighteous wealth. What unrighteous wealth can be used with God? Stolen wealth! Only that which belongs to another, which is not yours by right, that which you cannot buy or earn so you steal it. It is not just that the innocent die for the guilty but it is the very foundation of the Kingdom.

The Father forsakes the innocent Son in order to have you. He declares the guilty innocent. He accepts payment from the Son for your debt. Then He goes so far as to say that you were never guilty and He has more to give than you tried to steal. It is not “Write down 80, even though you owe 100.” It is not even “Write down zero.” He takes the pad. He writes a credit. You aren’t just less in debt or even. He pays more than justice demands. Our cups overflow.

The Blood of Jesus Christ from the cross and in the Chalice is the unrighteous wealth that makes God a friend of sinners. It welcomes sinners into eternal dwellings as God’s own friends when this creation fails.

Our Lord also says we are to be faithful with unrighteous wealth. To be faithful in this is to want it, to honor it, to love it. It is to keep on taking it. The Blood of Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection, His innocent, substitutionary suffering, is the currency of heaven which is given in perfect generosity to thieving sinners.

“What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.” What shall I give to the Lord for His many gifts? “I will take more,” says the Psalmist. I will take more. God wants to give away His goods to the very people who sought to steal them by violence. He wants as sons and daughters the very people who murdered His Beloved Son. He wants to bestow the Kingdom on rebels guilty of treason.