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Pentecost 17

Welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Sunday family worship: 8:00 and 10:45 A.M.
Choir: 9:10. Sunday School: 9:30. Bible class 9:45 A.M.

Today's Worship

*"Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life" (Jn. 8:12).*

Preparation: Read Ps. 116, p. 148.

The Liturgy: Page 5ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal.

Hymns: 276, 521, (532), *For As Long As I Live* (insert), *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (insert).

Readings:

James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18... Love for the Lord shows in impartial love for our neighbor.

Mark 8:27-35... The cross was a necessity for Jesus in order for Him to be our Savior. Likewise, a "cross" is an unavoidable fact of life for those who follow Jesus.



Sermon: Isaiah 50:4-10

THE WAY OUT OF THE DARK

I. Listen.
II. Follow.
III. Trust.



Mission Festival next Sunday

Pastor Andrew Schaller of Marquette, MI, will be our guest speaker for next Sunday's Mission Festival. **Note the schedule change:** A mission presentation will be held at 9:30 a.m., followed by one service at 10:45 a.m., and a potluck meal afterwards. **Check the signup sheet on the cupboard doors for food to bring.**

Sunday School summary

The account of "Joseph's Troubles" continues the study of Joseph's life in today's lesson. God was with Joseph, and in Christ God is with us in all the situations of life to provide, protect, and forgive us. As a family you might discuss at home: "How do we usually react when we are falsely accused of wrongdoing? How can we learn to trust Jesus to work out all things for our good?"

Wednesday Bible class

This week's class will look at how God wonderfully created man and woman "unique and distinct" from one another, and made them "one" for His service and their happiness. Everyone is welcome.

Council notes:

● **Benevolence Fund:** The Elders have been asked to present to the Council a proposal for a Benevolence Fund which could be used to help members or others in need of food, financial help, or other material assistance.

● **Tree removal:** The Bd. of Property contracted for the removal of an unstable tree on the edge of the parking lot.

● **Finances:** Offerings for August were \$6,000 below our budgeted needs, while the balance of actual available funds increased by \$1,200. To date, offerings for the fiscal year are \$7,700 under budgeted needs.

● **Offering option:** Questions have been raised regarding the use of electronic direct deposit for church offerings. While this is not currently available to us, many banks do provide online bill pay which could be used for church offerings. Check with your bank for more information if you are interested in doing this.

Parenting group

Raising children is a gift and responsibility from God. It is also a challenge, especially in our culture which wants nothing to do with God's will. Thankfully, God offers parents divine guidance and strength in His Word. He also provides the wisdom and encouragement of fellow

Looking Ahead...

- ♣ **Tuesday:**
6:45 P.M.: Bd. of Property.
- ♣ **Wednesday:**
7:00 P.M.: Bible class.
- ♣ **Thursday:**
11:00 A.M.: Arbor View Bible class.
5:00 P.M.: Adult information.
- ♣ **Friday:**
6:00 P.M.: Public school confirmation class.
- ♣ **Saturday:**
3:00 P.M.: Mother/Daughter Tea.
- ♣ **Next Sunday:**
Mission Festival: 9:30 a.m.:
Mission presentation. 10:45
a.m.: Worship service followed
by noon potluck.



believers. With that in mind, we are planning a series of three parenting classes to be held on Oct. 7, 21 and Nov. 4 at 7 pm. Babysitting will be provided. Parents of any age and anyone else interested are invited to attend. Check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Outreach seminar

We will be hosting an area Outreach Seminar on Sunday, November 8th, from 3-5:30 p.m. with a potluck to follow. The afternoon will focus on practical advice for handling conversations on spiritual matters with non-Christians. We want to share the good news with others, but where do you start and what do you say? Come and find out!

FINANCES:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Offerings:	\$4,344.00	\$66,219.00
Sunday School:	\$1.00	
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,403.00	\$70,433.00
Over/(Under) Budget:	(\$2,059.00)	(\$4,214.00)
Missions:	\$75.00	\$625.00
(In addition to budgeted amount)		
MDF:	\$30.00	\$300.00

Attendance last Sunday: 88, 40.

Church cleaning: Sept. 27:

Church: *Braun, Abrahamson, J. Albrecht, E. Nelson.*
 School: *M. Gescheidle, Eichstadt, M/C Gescheidle.*
 Sept. ushers: 1st: *J. Serba, B. Nelson Jr.*
 2nd: *M. Whiting, M. Rentas.*

Daily Bible Readings: Su: Ps. 105-106; Rom. 15:1-21. M: Ps. 107-108; Rom. 15:22-33.
 Tu: Ps. 109-111; Rom. 16. W: Ps. 112-115; 1 Cor. 1. Th: Ps. 116-118; 1 Cor. 2.
 F: Ps. 119:1-48; 1 Cor. 3. Sa: Ps. 119:49-104; 1 Cor. 4.



Your word is a
 lamp to my feet
 and a light for
 my path (Ps. 119:105)

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TODAY

Isaiah 50:4-10 NKJV

“The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned. The Lord GOD has opened My ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away. I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

“For the Lord GOD will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. He is near who justifies Me; who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

“Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely upon his God.”

James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18 NKJV

My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor man, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here at my footstool,” have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?...

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*,” you do well;

but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all....

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Mark 8:27-35 NKJV

Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?”

So they answered, “John the Baptist; and some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”

Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us lift up our hearts to God and pray as Christ our Lord has taught us, for He has freely promised to hear us.

(Minute of silence for individual prayer and meditation)

P: God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and by the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn us away from all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: “Thy will be done.” Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us, so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his schemes. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

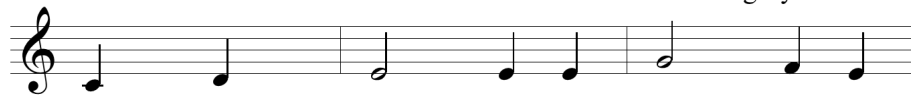
P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

For As Long As I Live

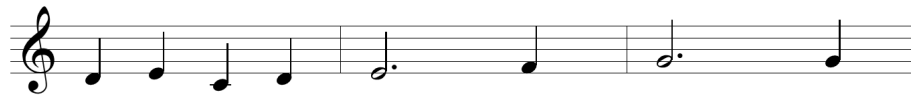
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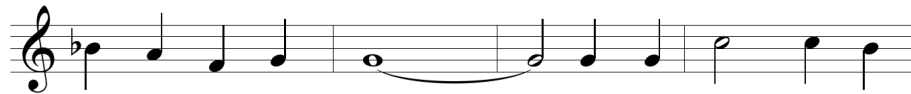
Gregory J. Wismar



1 For as long as I live, I will
2 For as long as I live, I will
3 In the time be - yond time, I will



call up - on the Lord; His praise shall
walk be - fore the Lord; His paths will
walk be - fore the Lord Whose saints are



ev - er be my song. In my dark - est dis -
be for me the way. To the house of the
pre - cious in His sight— For in love He leads



tress, set with ter - rors all a - round, He
Lord, I will go with songs of joy With
sure - ly from shad - ow - lands of death To



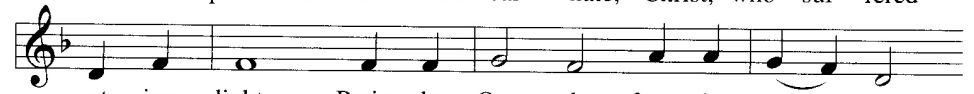
calmed my fears and made me strong.
thank - ful heart, my vows to pay.
glo - ry in e - ter - nal light.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

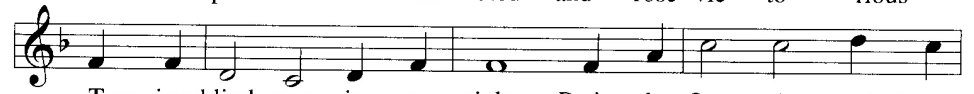
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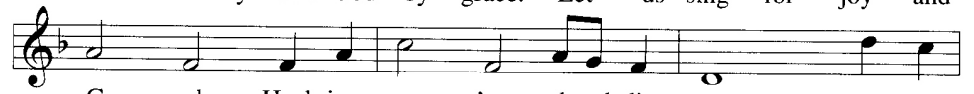
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.