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Pentecost 19

Good morning! We appreciate your joining our worship family, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you are looking for an altar at which to commune, please speak to the pastor beforehand. He will be happy to provide you with the information you would want and need.

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

"Make known among the nations what he has done" (Ps. 105:1)

Preparation: Read Ps. 51, p. 134.

The Liturgy: Page 12ff. in the Worship Supplement.

Hymns: 507, 375, (496:1), 439, 306, 505.

Readings:

2 Kings 6:15-17...The unseen army defending us is far stronger than any visible threat.

Acts 4:8-20...The Lord's commission to us overrules every objection.



Sermon: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

CHRIST'S LOVE COMPELS US!

- I. His love for us.
- II. His love in us.
- III. His love through us.



Save the dates

● **Fall work day:** Saturday, October 17th, is our fall work day. The fun begins at 9 a.m. Check the cupboard doors in the hallway for a project list.

● **Quarterly voters meeting:** The meeting gets underway after second service on Sunday, October 18th.

Marriage/family study

Did you know that the Bible not only describes the institution of marriage, but also has much to say about God-pleasing intimacy in the relationship? That blessing will be the topic for our study this Wednesday. All are welcome.

At a loss for words?

How do you respond to the person who is in favor of same-sex marriage and defends the recent action of the U.S. Supreme Court? We know that same-sex marriage is contrary to God's Word, but do you wonder what to say and how to say it? There is a helpful pamphlet in the tract rack: "Same-Sex Marriage." Take a copy home.

Vacation trip

Pastor and Sue will be out of town Friday through next Wednesday to visit family in South Dakota. If needed, Pastor may be reached at 414-688-4517.

Parents'

Sunday School summary

Today in Sunday School the children will learn how "Joseph Feeds Egypt" during a great famine. Ask your children: "How do our sins cause suffering for both ourselves and others?" God sent His Son, Jesus, to save all mankind from sin, death, and the devil. Discuss the reality of how in spite of the difficulties of life, Jesus is with us through His Word and Sacraments, caring for us always.

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!

Phone trouble

The parsonage landline is temporarily out of order. Pastor's cell number is: 414-688-4517.

Looking Ahead...

♣Tuesday:

11:00 A.M: Brenwood service.

6:00 P.M: Bd. of Elders.

7:00 P.M: Bd. of Education.

7:00 P.M: WinGS meeting.

♣Wednesday:

7:00 P.M: Bible class.

♣Thursday:

5:00 P.M: Adult information.

7:00 P.M: Church Council.

♣Friday:

7:00 P.M: School Science Fair.

♣October 15th:

7:00 P.M: Sunday School teachers.

♣October 16th:

6:00 P.M: Public School Confirmation class.

♣October 17th:

9:00 A.M: Fall work day.

♣October 18th:

12:00 P.M: Quarterly voters meeting.



Parenting classes postponed

Since no has signed up for the parenting classes, they will be postponed.

FINANCES:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Offerings:	\$3,834.00	\$76,694.00
Sunday School:	\$3.00	
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,403.00	\$83,239.00
Over/(Under) Budget:	(\$2,569.00)	(\$6,545.00)
Missions:	\$150.00	\$885.00
(In addition to budgeted amount)		
MDF:	\$80.00	\$470.00
ILCSAF:	\$25.00	\$25.00

Attendance last Sunday: 122.

Church cleaning: Oct. 11:

Church: *Serba, P. Weibye, L Albrecht, D. Albrecht.*

School: *N. Mackensen, Weaver, Cutler, A. Mackensen.*

Oct. ushers: 1st: *A. Mueller, J. Mueller.*

2nd: *K. Ackerman, K. Abrahamson.*



Declare His praises!

Daily Bible Readings: Su: Ps. 142-144; 1 Cor. 10:14-33. M: Ps. 145-147;
1 Cor. 11:1-15. Tu: Ps. 148-150; 1 Cor. 11:16-34. W: Prov. 1-2; 1 Cor. 12. Th: Prov. 3-4;
1 Cor. 13. F: Prov. 5-6; 1 Cor. 14:1-20. Sa: Prov. 7-8; 1 Cor. 14:21-40.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TODAY

2 Kings 6:15-17 NKJV

And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Acts 4:8-20 NKJV

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the *'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'* Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among

themselves, saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."

So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 NKJV

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Responsive Prayer (After the Sermon)

Pastor: plain type

Congre: underlined, boldface type

Dear Lord God: We come to You in humble awe and gratitude, for You are the eternal, almighty Creator of all things in heaven and on earth. **You daily open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.** You preserved us from harm during the night and have brought us here in Your presence. **All these blessings come purely by Your grace, for we deserve nothing but eternal punishment.**

We thank You for making us Your new creation in Jesus Christ. **You made Him who had no sin to be sin for us.** By Jesus' suffering and death, You reconciled the entire world to Yourself. By the gift of faith, You have made us Your holy people, pleasing to You in every way because we are covered with Jesus' righteousness. **By His body and blood in the Sacrament, feed and fortify the faith and love of each communicant.**

Now may Christ's love compel us to gladly live for You: **to say no to sin, to proclaim the good news of forgiveness wherever we can, and to love others as You have loved us.** May Christ's love compel us not only to share the gospel personally, but to also support the work of missions by our offerings and prayers. **May we give freely and generously with the confidence that our gifts will help bring Your love to many others in our community and around the world.**

We pray for those who are sick or discouraged or who wonder whether their prayers are heard. Reassure them that You are always near to hear and help. **According to Your will, may they soon receive Your good answer to their pleas.**

Let Your great love be our compelling comfort, inspiration, and motive for all we do. **In Jesus' name. Amen.**