

JULY 25, 2010

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GUEST PREACHER PASTOR TOM NOON

“Are You Grounded?”



Prayer is a gift and tool for Christians. It is a “gift” that allows us to direct our needs to God and a “tool” that God gives to lead us in service to Him. This is a part of our “grounding” in faith. Use it well!

-Pastor Noon

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SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE
10:15 A.M.

Altar Flowers were
donated by Kate &
Toby Cahill in
celebration of their
Wedding Anniversary.

Welcome!

As we gather together this Sunday, we remember the hope that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord. We take a deep breath amidst the hectic and crazy world that we live in, and find a small still place inside ourselves. It is in this place, on this morning, when we hear again of the great hope that we have in a crucified and risen Savior. In that hope we welcome all who join us, not as perfect people, but rather as imperfect pilgrims walking slowly towards our God, traveling the journey He sets before us, and enjoying the fellowship of the saints along the way. And so we say again, whether you are new to our congregation or a life-long member: Welcome.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please stop by the table at the back of the sanctuary for a welcome packet.

***LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AVAILABLE –
SEE USHER.***

NURSERY & CRY ROOM

We have a cry room located in the back of the church just to the left as you entered for your use in case your children start to cry and you wish to tend to them yourself. We also have a staffed nursery for children up to 2 years old off the fellowship hall. If unsure of its location, please ask an usher.

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS WEEK:

NEED HELP!!!!!!!!!!

Graham Sisson

Pastor T. Tom Lackey

Mike Twiss

THOSE WHO SERVE NEXT WEEK:

Children's Church

Reader

Worship Assistant

Communion Assistant

Julie Cvengros

Ray Hunter

Wilson Whittington

Toby Cahill

THOSE WHO SERVE THIS MONTH:

Altar Guild Terry Lepp

Candles June Weir

Ushers

Graham & Victoria Sisson, David & Pat Ryan

Church Secretary – Krista Wanat

Office hours: M, W – F 7am – 11am, Tues. 1pm – 5pm

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP (DS III PG. 184)

*P = Pastor; C = Congregation

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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INVOCATION, CONFESSION, & FORGIVENESS OF SIN

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P *In the name of the Father and of the T 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.*

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.**

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

PSALM 138

¹ I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;
before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

C ² I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

³ When I called, you answered me;

you made me bold and stouthearted.

C⁴ May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth.

C⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.

C⁶ Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly,
but the proud he knows from afar.

C⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes,
with your right hand you save me.

C⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your love, O LORD, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.

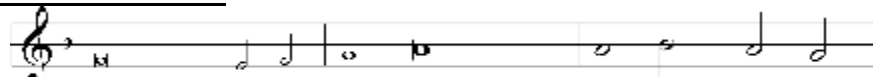
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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee. we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

THE COMING TWO WEEKS AT FIRST/EMMANUEL

Sunday, July 25th

- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM Worship
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, July 28st

- 6:00 PM Prayer Team Meets

Thursday, July 29th

- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, July 30th

- 6:00 PM Lutheran Night at The Barons
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, August 1st

- 8:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM Worship
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, August 2nd

- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, August 4th

- 6:00 PM Prayer Team Meets

Thursday, August 5th

- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, August 6th

- 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lutheran Night at the Barons Birmingham Barons vs. Chattanooga Lookouts

Friday, July 30, 2010. Dinner begins at 6:00 P.M. and game time is 7:05 P.M. with fireworks following the game.

Ticket price is \$11.00 per person (includes dinner, drinks, general admission & fireworks).

Hot dogs, chips, cookies, peanuts & drinks will be provided in the Banquet Room.

Sign up sheets are at the rear of the sanctuary and on the new bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

See June Weir to purchase tickets or call Terri Ray at 205-631-2585.

Habitat for Humanity Opportunities - 2010 & 2011

We recently received a letter from the local Habitat for Humanity offices, announcing two mission opportunities in the Birmingham area. In 2010, they are offering an "Advent Build", a three-week "rapid build", during which there will be week and weekend volunteer options. In 2011, during the March 12 - April 22 Lenten period, a more traditional build will take place, also offering weekend and in-week options. Both of these opportunities require commitments of resources and volunteer laborers. If anyone is interested in this mission opportunity, please contact Toby Cahill (tobycahill@aol.com). Information will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.



COMING SOON!

The Board of Deacons, acting as the Call Committee, are asking all members to participate in a survey regarding the qualities you would like to have in a full-time pastor.

Please take the time to fill out the survey, and return it to the Board of Deacons or the church office. Let your opinions be heard. Allow God, the Holy Spirit, to hover over this process.

The survey can be found on the church web site, in the upcoming newsletter, and on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary, as well as the church office.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King. God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord. the only begotten Son. Je - sus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
that takest away the sin of the world. have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost.
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And with thy spirit.**

P *Let us pray...*

O, Lord let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:20-33

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

²² The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

²⁶ The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

³⁰ Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹ Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

³² Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

³³ When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home.

THE SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

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P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#922

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P *Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C A - men.

- A *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 2:6-15

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him,⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,¹⁰and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ,¹²having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,¹⁴having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

- A *This is the Word of the Lord.*
- C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.*

C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

²He said to them, "When you pray, say:
 " Father,
 hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come.
³Give us each day our daily bread.
⁴Forgive us our sins,
 for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
 And lead us not into temptation.' "

⁵Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

□ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Following the Agnus Dei, the congregation may be seated.

TO ALL THOSE COMMUNING

Through the celebration of the Lord's Supper today, we receive the opportunity to review our lives, certainly during this past week, and to recognize that we have not always been what our Creator intended us to be, that is we have not loved Him first and foremost and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As we consider our lives, it is God's desire that we confess our sins and receive the forgiveness He freely offers in His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His grace we are able to declare our belief in Him as the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and by His grace we are able to profess our faith in the Lord Jesus who paid the penalty for our sins and covers us with His righteousness. We acknowledge His real presence "in, with, and under" the bread and wine.

If you are a guest, you are welcome to attend the Lord's Supper with us today. We ask only the same of you that the Lord asks of us all – that you come to His table if you are able to accept by faith the above truths, and if you are sincerely seeking His forgiveness and renewal in your life. We believe our communing together testifies to our unity in doctrine and faith.

You are given the choice of receiving the wine from individual cups or the common cup. The light wine in the center of each tray is non-alcoholic wine.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Come, Oh Savior, to Thy Table #618

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #821

NUNC DIMITTIS

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□ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,

P *Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray...*
 C **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**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI (THE PEACE OF THE LORD) p.197

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*
 C **And also with you.**
Following the sharing of the peace, we greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

AGNUS DEI p.198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

All children ages 2-12 are invited to come forward for a special teaching time with Pastor Tom. Following the lesson, those children ages 3-7 are encouraged to follow the Children's Church leader for an age-specific teaching while sermon is preached.

SERMON HYMN

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways #707

SERMON

"Are You Grounded?"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P *And now let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

After Each Portion of the Prayers:

P *Let us pray to the Lord.*

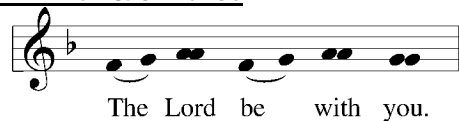
C ... **Lord, have mercy.**

After the Final Prayer:

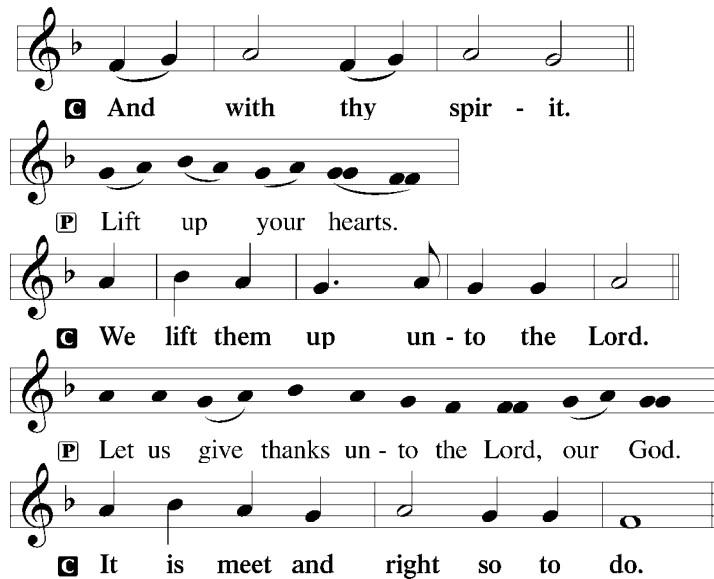
P *Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord...*

C **Amen**

PREFACE & SANCTUS



The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

P *It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.