
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sept. 6, 2015

Word and Sacrament

Prelude

The Invitation of the Bell

* **Gathering Song 527** “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

* Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen

**Indicates those who are able, may stand.*

My Sermon Notes:



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept. 6, 2015

Adult Bible Study— Cancelled for this Thursday 9/10
Youth and Children's Sunday School—Resumes Sept. 13th* (Rally Day)
Sunday Bible Study- Cancelled for 9/6 and 9/13
Lord's Pantry deliveries are made every Monday.
Congregational Meeting—Sept. 13th, beginning of Service at 9:30 AM—Next Sunday vote on Term Pastor

Financials/Attendance for Aug. 30th

Attendance: 30
Offering: \$1482.00
Social Concern of the Month: \$0.00

SAVE THE DATE: Children's Sunday School **RALLY DAY***

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday School Season.
Sunday, Sept. 13 immediately following our service.

What is Rally Day?... "It usually comes at the end of the summer break, and is used as a means of rallying the forces again for the work of fall and winter. When a general is preparing for a battle he is said to rally his forces. When a sick person begins to recover it is said of him that he his rallying. When a bookbinder brings together in one place the different sections of a book to be bound into one he is said to be rallying the book. All of these phrases may be applied to the Sunday-school work; we are rallying our forces for the great campaign of the fall and winter."

Join us for service, food and entertainment

This is the Feast of Victory for our God

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia."

*** Passing the Peace**

(You are invited to turn to your neighbors in worship saying, with extended hand, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and responding, “And also with you,” or using words of your choice.)

Welcome, Announcements and Concerns

Children’s Message

Pastor Johnson

First Reading:

Isaiah 35:4-7

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

~September Celebration~

BIRTHDAYS

Jeanne MacAskill	3
Wesley Viner	9
Angie Balcomb	9
Nahri Balcomb-Fikre	10
Arlene Wyckoff	12
Elizabeth Kiedaisch	13
Adriana Vega	19



ANNIVERSARIES

Mario & Dotti Chisessi	20
Hank & Linda Iversen/Sisler	23
Dr. Erich & Catherine Werner	28

Congregational Meeting—Sept. 13, 2015

At the beginning of service (9:30 AM) we will host a congregational meeting to call Pastor Anne Carlson as a Term Call Pastor

Interim Pastor: Pastor Bruce Johnson
 Organist: Catherine Ellacer
 Ushers: Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
 Reader and Intercessions: Eva Woodall
 Refreshments: FLC Church Council



Needs for Sept. 13th Service:

Can you help?

As you walk back to the refreshments, please stop at the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

***Refreshments *Lector *Greeter *Flowers**

Psalm 146



¹ Hal- | lelujah!
 Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
² **I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
³ Put not your | trust in rulers,
 in mortals in whom there | is no help.
⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish.
⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
 whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;
⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who
 hunger.
 The LORD sets the | captive free.
⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those**
who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.
⁹ The LORD cares | for the stranger;
 the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the
 way | of the wicked.
¹⁰ **The LORD shall | reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

Second Reading:

James 2:1-17

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Jesus' Invitation "Take, eat, drink - Do this to remember me."

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

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

*** Blessing**

Sending Hymn 501

"Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus"

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*** Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all people here below;
praise God above, all heav'nly hosts;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . .

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23:

C:Glory to You, O Lord

²⁴ [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

L: Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Johnson

(refer to Page 15 for “My Sermon Notes”)

* **Hymn of the Day** 612

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

(During the hymn, hand the usher any prayer request cards.)

*Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God’s compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

O God, we pray for the church. Give it the courage to translate faith into action. Guide the hands and feet of the faithful to answer the needs so abundant in this world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for streams, pools, springs of water, oceans, lakes, and rivers. Protect all water sources that refresh and sustain the land, animals, and human beings. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world’s leaders, that they act for the good of all. We pray for all workers, those who can find no work, those who work in unsafe conditions, and those whose labor is exploited. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who lack daily food, who are fearful, and who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Come and save them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Make it a place of equality, welcome, and full inclusion. Empower us to live out radical hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Bless the ministry of our Grace Church of Evergreen, let us pray. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

O God, we remember all who have gone before us and give thanks for their faith and their works. Give us the fortitude to carry on in the work left for us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

Offering