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July 17, 2016 **Pentecost 9**

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 9:30 A.M.

Today's Worship

"Praise the LORD, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits" (Ps. 103:2).

Preparation: Read Ps. 119 part I, p. 149.

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

Hymns: 296, 366:1-4, (409:1), *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine* (insert), 424.

Readings:

Colossians 1:21-29...In His Word the Lord reveals the mystery which mankind could never have imagined or discovered, that Jesus is the Savior of all.

Psalm: Page 34 in the Worship Supplement.

Luke 10:38-42...Even better than serving the Lord is receiving the blessings of His service toward us.



Sermon: Genesis 18:1-14

COMPANY'S COMING!

- I. Let's welcome Him.
- II. Let's treasure His gifts.



A new life together

This past Friday Mr. Matthew Fiechtner and Miss Cora Gerbitz were united in marriage. May the Lord richly bless them as together they seek His will for their new life as husband and wife.

"Don't judge!"

Has someone ever told you, "Jesus says, 'Don't judge!'" when you have questioned their words or actions? Is it really wrong to judge? We will take up the question at this Wednesday's Bible class. All are welcome.

Annual meeting next Sunday

The annual voters meeting will get underway at 10:45 a.m. next Sunday. Check your mailbox for the agenda and other materials. One matter of business is the election of board members who will direct the congregation's ministry and programs in the year ahead. All voters and those eligible to become voters are urged to make this aspect of the Lord's work a priority.

VBS next week

Our summer Vacation Bible School begins a week from tomorrow, July 25th. There is still time to invite more students and/or sign up as a volunteer. We still do not have a music director or crafts leader. A signup sheet for snacks is on the cupboard doors in the hallway. A VBS staff meeting is planned for Tuesday at 7 p.m. Due to the low enrollment and lack of volunteers, some creative changes will need to be made in the schedule. It makes it all the more important that volunteers attend Tuesday's meeting or contact Pastor beforehand.

Friendship Sunday

VBS week will culminate with Friendship Sunday on July 31st. There will be only one service (9:30 a.m.), followed by the congregational picnic. What a joy to not only receive the good news of forgiveness ourselves, but to share it with everyone we possibly can! Do you have a friend, classmate, co-worker, or neighbor whom you could tell about the Savior who died for them?

Food, fun, and fellowship...

Make plans to attend the congregational picnic after the Friendship Sunday service on July 31st. The picnic will be at Calhoun Park, New Berlin. Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share. Drinks and tableware will be provided.

Directory update

A new membership directory will be printed soon. Please check/correct/update your information on the directory posted on the bulletin board.

Looking Ahead...

- ♣**Tuesday:**
11:00 A.M: Brenwood service.
5:30 P.M: Bd. of Property.
7:00 P.M: Bd. of Education.
7:00 P.M: VBS staff meeting.
- ♣**Wednesday:**
7:00 P.M: Bible class.
- ♣**Thursday:**
6:45 P.M: Adult information.
- ♣**Next Sunday:**
10:45 A.M: Annual voters meeting.
- ♣**July 25-29:**
Vacation Bible School.
- ♣**July 31st:**
Friendship Sunday and cong. picnic.



Women's retreat

The Southeast congregations of the CLC are organizing the third annual Southeastern Women's Retreat. It will be held November 11-13, 2016 in Savannah, Georgia. While hosted by Southeastern congregations, all are invited to join us! Last year over 30 women from across the CLC attended. The estimated cost is \$152-\$360 for the weekend (depending on how many you share your room with) and includes food and lodging. More details are available on the separate registration form which will soon be available from your pastor. If you have any questions, please contact: Amy Osborne - (651-329-3662 - newyorker13@hotmail.com) or Pastor Matthew Hanel (972-733-4535 - hanel95@hotmail.com).

CLC call news:

Mr. Timothy Daub, who was recently certified as eligible for a call into the pastoral ministry, has been called by Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD.

Pastor Ed Starkey of Corpus Christi, TX, has been called by Rock of Ages, Grand Rapids, MI.

FINANCES:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Budgetary Offerings:	\$6,044.00	\$16,430.00
Sunday School:	\$0.25	
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,314.00	\$12,628.00
Over/(Under) Budget:	(\$270.00)	\$3,802.00
Missions:	\$75.00	\$95.00
ILC Building Fund:	\$30.00	\$60.00

Attendance last Sunday: 57, 70.

Church cleaning: July 23-29:

Church: *Gurgel, Braun.*

School: *M. Mueller, Quade.*

July ushers: 1st: *Js Bailey, Jo Bailey.*

2nd: *B. Lillo, S. Lillo.*

Friendship Sunday (31st): *Js. Bailey, B. Lillo*

Daily Bible Readings: M: Ps. 32-34; Acts 20:1-16. Tu: Ps. 35-38; Acts 20:17-38. W: Ps. 39-41; Acts 21:1-16. Th: Ps. 42-43; Acts 21:17-36. F: Ps. 44-49; Acts 21:37-22:30. Sa/Su: Ps. 50-52; Acts 23.

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Come,
Lord Jesus,
be our guest!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TODAY

Genesis 18:1-14 NKJV

Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant."

They said, "Do as you have said."

So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes."

And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?"

So he said, "Here, in the tent."

And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. Therefore Sarah

laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

Colossians 1:21-29 NKJV

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according

to His working which works in me mightily.

Luke 10:38-42 NKJV

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(Minute of silence for individual prayer and meditation)

P: For all of God's children, both here and throughout the world, that we may be served and saved by Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.

P: For all our pastors, teachers, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that they provide servant leadership and set an example for us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.

P: For the community around us, that the places we live and work be blessed by the grace of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.

P: For Matt and Cora Fiechtner, that as You have united them in marriage, You would be their constant companion, lead them by Your counsel, comfort them with Your love, and bless them with gifts for both body and soul according to Your will and time.

C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.

P: For all who serve in our government, along with those who wear the uniform of our country, that the Mighty Fortress would be their rock and refuge, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.

P: For all who suffer illness in heart, mind, and body, that they receive the healing balm of God's mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.

P: For Your little lamb, Daisy Boll, who is undergoing medical tests, that You would grant her good health and growth in faith and understanding of Your Word.

C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.

P: For these and all our other concerns and burdens, that coming before the throne of grace we might find mercy to help us in every time of need, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Save us, O Lord, that we may serve You with willing hearts.

Amen.

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine (after Lord's Prayer)



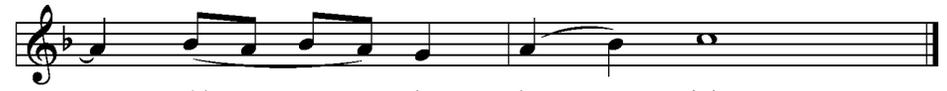
1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,
4 Where-fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, Thou
5 Let ev - 'ry tongue con - fess with one ac - cord,



Didst yield the glo - ry that of right was Thine,
By Thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
Who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
Art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
In heav'n and earth, that Je - sus Christ is Lord,



That in our dark - ened hearts Thy grace might shine.
And by Thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
Hum - bling Thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.
And God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!