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October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Vicki Vanden Bos - Liturgist

Scholarship Drive

Song Leaders – Gloria Merriam and Chuck Frieberg

Sound – Gail Lyngstad AV - Marc Petersen

MUSIC TO GATHER US IN

PASTORAL WELCOME

MOMENT FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

OPENING SONG “Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing” vs. 1 #30

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 99*

Leader: “The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

People: The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name, Holy, Holy!

People: “Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity.

Sing: “Come Thou Fount” vs. 2 #30

Leader: Extol the Lord our God; Worship at God’s footstool, Holy, Holy!

People: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, they cried to the Lord and he answered them.

Leader: We cry to the Lord today, Holy, Holy!

People: Come, meet us in worship today!

Sing: “Come Thou Fount” vs. 3 #30

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WORD OF LIFE

I believe that appreciation is a holy thing, that when we look for what's best in the person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does; so in appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something truly sacred.
-Fred Rogers

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SONG “Because He Lives” vs. 1 & 2 #260

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 22: 15-22

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

SONG “Because He Lives” vs. 3 #260

SERMON Faith5 Step 3: TALK: “Show Me Your Glory!”

Exodus 33: 12-23

SPECIAL MUSIC Jack Horner

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Forgive us, Growing God, for callousness instead of compassion, for discouragement instead of determination, for selfishness instead of service. Allow us to grow into your ways and find favor in your sight. Mature with us so just love may be realized for all your children. Daydream with us so might do justice on the behalf of all children. Answer these prayers we pray in the name of your Beloved Child, the hope of the world. Amen.

SONG “O, How I Love Jesus” vs. 1 & 3 #176

GIVING STORY

OFFERING MOMENT *Scholarship Drive in October!*

DOXOLOGY

A WORD OF BLESSING

***CLOSING HYMN** “His Eye Is On The Sparrow” vs. 2 #354

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

(* indicates moments to stand)

We want to see you in church, but we also want to keep everyone safe.

Watch for symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you or a family member has any of the above symptoms or you have been in close contact with someone who has these symptoms, you should not attend church.

When you are able to attend church, upon entering we ask you to:

- * Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds or apply hand sanitizer located throughout the church.
- * We will require you to wear a mask at all times.
- * We want everyone to stay 6 feet apart, so some of the pews have been taped off to accomplish this, there will not be a social time after church and we ask that you do not linger at the back of the sanctuary.
- *If we have too many people in the sanctuary for proper social distancing, we have a smart tv in Bradford Hall and the overflow will be able to sit down there and watch the service.

We will not be offering Sunday School or a nursery attendant during this time. We will have activity boxes available for the young ones and the nursery will be available if you want to take your own child(ren) there during service. We have a TV in the nursery so you can watch the service if you so choose.

If everyone follows these guidelines we can keep all members of our church family safe and healthy.

We gather as one body, with Christ as the head. Each of you brings unique abilities and contributions to our worship and ministry.



Week of October 18, 2020

Sunday, October 18	10:00 am	Worship Scholarship Drive
Friday, October 23		Newsletter Info Due
Sunday, October 25	10:00 am	Worship Scholarship Drive



Jennifer Evans-knee surgery
Carol Jennings-eye surgery
Members living in care centers: Jeannette Beemer
Glenn Kitzmann Gerald Voorman
Kay Swenson Mickey Thomson
Shirley Hinzman Lloyd Kannegieter
Gary Cutler Loni Norman
Members self distancing Helene Miller
Robert & Bev Huckins Gail Neumann
Carol Jennings Lerseth Family
Joseph Merriam
Kristen Krueger
Everyone with Covid-19
Pierre and Ft. Pierre School Systems
Firefighters and families

Please write out prayers, joys and concerns and place in the offering or in the office. Thank you.

Annual Scholarship Drive

The Annual scholarship drive will run October 18 and 25. You may donate weekly or once, we also accept donations throughout the year. Last year scholarships of \$1,000 and \$350 were awarded. You may donate via the ways we have been donating in this pandemic. There are envelopes in the bulletin. If you want an envelope let me know and it will be provided.

Giving Statements were emailed on Thursday, October 8, 2020. You may need to check your junk mail for it. If you are unable to find it, you may request a printed copy from Brenda Paul. If you don't have an email address listed with the church you will need to request a giving statement.

Last Week's Attendance: 40 +online

	October 11, 2020
Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,860.00
TOTAL GENERAL GIVING	<u>\$ 2,860.00</u>
Weekly receipts needed to meet budget	<u>\$ 2,985.48</u>
Love fund	\$ 75.00
Scholarship fund	140.00
Neighbors in Need	25.00
TOTAL SPECIAL GIVING	<u>\$ 280.00</u>
General fund receipts Year-to-Date	<u>\$ 130,871.33</u>
General fund expenses paid Year-to-Date	<u>\$ 115,983.52</u>
Budgeted Expenses Year-to-Date	<u>\$ 124,701.56</u>



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalms 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Health and Wellness Guidelines

We have returned to the sanctuary. Please read the information provided in the October newsletter, in the bulletin and in the church for recommended guidelines. Although a flu shot will not prevent Covid, we are encouraging getting one to prevent or reduce the flu and in turn can lessen the anxiety. We want to stay in the church however we want everyone to be safe and stay well. We respect everyone's right to decide what plan of action is appropriate for you and your family.

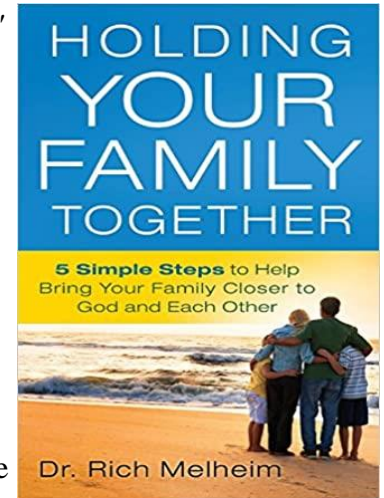
Are you registered to vote? Do you have a plan to vote? **October 19, 2020, tomorrow, is the last day to register.** You still have time to do both.

Family-Based Faith Formation

A consistent request I receive as a pastor is for simple and effective faith curriculum for use at-home. This season is the perfect time to strengthen our muscles in this capacity as families.

Holding Your Family Together will be the basis of our "*faith formation at home*" programming this fall. This book's guidance will be our touchpoint for virtual conversations and resource-sharing as we encourage and help one another become more confident in exploring questions of faith with our families!

A **private facebook group** will be created this week to hold our conversations, share good ideas, ask questions, and **be a support to one Another** in this unique time. If you'd like to take part-either email Pastor Emily or **simply accept a Facebook invite to join the group!**



Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; Here there by Thy great help I've come.
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that goodness like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Because He Lives

1. God sent His son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my savior lives

Refrain

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living, just because He lives

2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy He gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain day, because He lives

Refrain

3. And then one day, I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

Refrain

O, How I Love Jesus

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest name on earth.

Refrain

Oh, how I love Jesus
Oh, how I love Jesus
Oh, how I love Jesus
Because He first loved me

2. It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died and set me free:
It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.
Refrain

3. It tells of One whose loving heart Can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part That none can bear below
Refrain

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

(verse 2)

Let not your heart be troubled,
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth,
But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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