

Sunday, July 25, 2010
10:30 AM Worship Service



July 25, 2010— The 9th Sunday in Pentecost
10:30 AM Worship

**Those who are able please stand. LBW-green book, WOV-blue book*

Prelude: *Simple Gifts* —Hopson

*Confession & Forgiveness

P) *Mighty and gracious Lord, Your servant Isaiah recognized that at the heart of his being he was sinful.*

C) Lord, our sin as that we often refuse to even think that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee to You for Your infinite mercy through the shed blood of Jesus. Amen.

Silence & absolution

*Hymn: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

LBW #522



1 Come, thou al - mighty - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - cre - dible Word, gird on thy might - y sword;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wil - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise: To thee all glo - rious, o'er all vic
our prayer at - tend: Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou, who al - mighty art, now rule in
hence ex - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ti - ous, come and reign in - ver - us, An - cient of Days
word suc - cess, and let thy right - teous - ness on us de - scend,
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow - er
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - done.

Lyrics: *St. Ambrose, 4th c.*
Music: *18th c.*

*Greeting

P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C) And also with you.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn of Praise: *Baptized in Water*

WOV #693

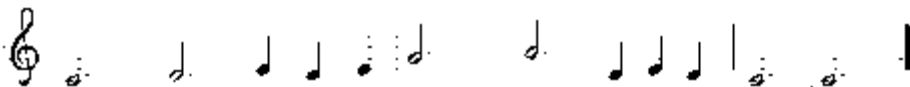
Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, fied and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 gif - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren: joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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*Prayer of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

First Lesson: Genesis 18:20–32

Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.” So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?” Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the

righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

P) The word of the Lord. C) Thanks be to God.

Psalm: (read responsively) Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6–19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental SPIRITS of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when

you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

P) The word of the Lord. C) Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Lead us to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life

*Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1–13

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything

because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much **more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**"
P) The gospel of the Lord. C) Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon: **"Now What?"**

Pastor Jones

*Sermon Hymn: *We All Are One in Mission*

WOV #755

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to **plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

We all are called to service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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***Apostles' Creed:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayer of the Church

Offering / Offertory: *Baptized and Set Free* — Skogen-Soldner

*Offertory Response



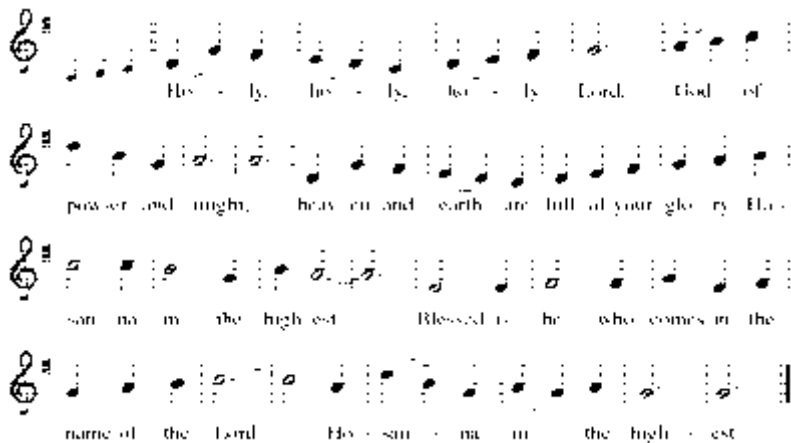
For the fruit of the earth, for the gifts of the field,
for these gifts we give you thanks, O God,
for the plowing and sowing and reaping, for the sheep with which we are sleeping,
for the needs of our earth's folk keeping, O God, O God.

Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving

*Preface / *Sanctus

*Words of Institution



Ho - - - - - ly, ho - - - - - ly, ho - - - - - ly, Lord, God of
power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho - - - - -
san - - - - - na - - - - - in the high - - - - - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - - - - - san - - - - - na - - - - - in the high - - - - - est.

***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.

Holy Communion: *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Let Us Break Bread Together —African American Spiritual

LBW #212

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
Chorus
 When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
 sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
 1 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer

*Benediction

*Hymn: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

WOV# 721

1 "Giv, my chil dren, with my bless ing, my st a love
 2 "Giv, my chil dren, smis for giv en, at peace and pure,
 3 "Giv, my chil dren, feel and non ished, you st to me,
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak up, sleep me, I am with you you are my own
 Here you leathed bow much I love you what I can eme,
 Grow in love and love by sev ing, joy ful and free,
 I the Lord will smile up on you and give you peace.

In my love's lap tis mad my st I have made you mine for ev er
 Here you heard my dea Son's sto ry, here you touched him, saw his play ty
 Here my Spi rit's pow er filled you, here his ten der com fort stilled you
 I the Lord will be your Fa ther, Sav ior, Com for ter and Broth er

Giv, my chil dren, with my bless ing, you are my swet
 Giv, my chil dren, smis for giv en, at peace and pure
 Giv, my chil dren, feel and non ished, my ful and free
 Giv, my chil dren, I will keep you, and give you peace

Text: Leahy, Lydia E. P. 1
 Music: Voth, C. S. 2
 Text: Luther, C. 3

*Dismissal

- P) Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C) Thanks be to God.

In Touch

Vacation Bible School

Our VBS program this year will be held on Saturday, August 14 — for all children and adults. This is a western themed program entitled, *Circle J Ranch*. This will be a one day event and will feature arts, crafts, music, games and lunch. Please invite children and grandchildren (ages 3 and up) to this great event. Look for more information in the August Proclaimer.

Beach Decorations

WELCA has need of beach items, especially large seashells to decorate for Summer Celebration, July 31. Call Brenda Dunn if you can help out with any of these items (704-876-4028).

In Sympathy

Betty Smith a former long-time member of St. John's, passed away on July 16 at Gordon Hospice House. Her services were held at Broad Street UMC.

Last Sunday: Gen Fund—Budgeted: \$6,564; Rcvd: \$3,709

Gen Fund YTD — Budgeted:\$190,439; Received: \$101,435;

Attendance—101

Thank you to the Modern Day Disciple Sunday School class for the generous contribution to the general fund which will help towards meeting our expenses.

Upcoming Birthdays

July 25 Donna Tazelaar

July 26 Frank Mitchell, Larry Nichols, Cookie Tilley

July 28 Audrey Shoemaker

July 29 Jim Henderson, Halle Rainwater, Alex Campbell

July 31 Margaret Anne Eckley, Charles Heye, Hazel Sutton

August 1 Billy Ray Compton, Hazel Wike,

August 2 Karen Stutz

Flip-Flops, Faith & Friends

Saturday, July 31 @ 10:45 AM

Women of all ages invited!

Bring a salad to share—Dessert & drinks will be provided

Join in the festivities of games, songs, activities, and some surprises!

\$2 Registration Fee—Buy your ticket after worship or call Brenda Dunn

~ Dress is casual ~

Don't forget your flip-flops—whether they be old, new, gaudy,
high fashion or unusual!

Staff & Today's Ministers

Sr. Pastor:	The Rev. John R. Jones, III
Cantor:	Chuck Lindler
Crucifer/Acolyte:	Daniel Dunn/Brenda Dunn
Comm. Assistant:	David Pope
Altar Guild:	Marcia Lindler
Lector:	Roger Bejcek
Nursery:	Tracy & Rachael Ryan
July Ushers:	Bob Deal Team: Clyde Bebbler, Frank Hager, Richard Hanson, Harry Lewallen, Charlton Lindler, Frank Mitchell, Glenn Winters

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 25 ~ Note: One worship service today!

9:30 am Congregational Meeting

10:15 am Choir Rehearsals

10:30 am Worship

Saturday, July 31

10:45 am WELCA Summer Celebration

Sunday, August 1

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School—all ages

11:00 am Worship

Monday, August 2

7:00 pm Council Meeting

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