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The Day of Pentecost

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

May 19, 2024

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS: IN CHRIST I'M FREE IN '23!

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ~ John 8:31b-32

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude: Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest . . . W. Held

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 913 – O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Invocation:

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen*

Confession/Absolution:

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise:

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

All: *Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray,

C: *O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Anthem (10:30): The Fullness of God . . . N. Raabe

*Be filled with all the fullness of God in Christ;
may God's love reach the depth of your being.
May it strengthen your hope and encourage your faith,
in your hearing, your speaking, your seeing!*

*May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are rooted and grounded in love.
In its length, its breadth, in its height, in its depth,
may you be filled with the fullness of God.*

*Like trees that are planted by living streams,
that bear fruit in due season and flourish,
so it is with the infinite love of Christ,
which has power through the Spirit to nourish.*

*May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are rooted and grounded in love.
In its length, its breadth, in its height, in its depth,
may you be filled, filled with the fullness of God.
Be filled with the fullness of God.*

Second Lesson: Acts 2: 1-21

Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Hymn of the Day: LSB 497 – Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Message from the Word:

Sermon Theme: Growing Strong, Bearing Fruit

Sermon Text: John 15: 1-8

Nicene Creed (8:00): 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. 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.

Offering

Rite of Confirmation (10:30): LSB pg. 272

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Supper

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ’s body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord’s Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Communion Anthem (10:30): Agnus Dei . . . arr. D.Krubsack

*O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.*

*O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

Communion Hymn: LSB 619 – thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

Communion Hymn: LSB 496 – Holy Spirit Light Divine

Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing/Recessional Hymn: LSB 503 – O Day Full of Grace

Postlude: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord . . . J. Bliersch

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION: God’s richest blessings to *Brett Mattson, Hannah Schubring, Kaitlyn Stache, Charles Weist and Nolan Rajala* as they are confirmed at the 10:30 service today.

FLOWERS: Please sign up if you would like to place flowers on the altar. The cost is \$20 and you can take the arrangement home after the late service on Sunday.

FIRST TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

MILKMEN OUTING: Please sign up if you would like to attend the Milkmen game on Sunday, June 16 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and include a hat or drawstring bag! Tickets will be distributed closer to the date of the game.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, June 1st, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers to make and serve breakfast to those in need beginning at 7:30 a.m. Please sign up online if you can volunteer, see our website for the link.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND VOW RENEWAL: Please note on an attendance card if you will be celebrating an anniversary in a multiple of 5 (5th, 10th, etc.) in 2024. On **June 22 & 23** at each service we will have a vow renewal for those couples with presentation of a rose.

VBS SAVE THE DATE: This year our Vacation Bible School will be July 8 – 12 for children 4 – 10 years-old. The theme is “Camping Out With Jesus.” Watch for further details in the coming weeks!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women’s Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	7:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Confirmation Class (Grades 5-7)	4:00 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 AM

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM.

Listener Responses to The Word Today – Kirundi (Eastern Africa)

- ❖ Warm greetings. TWT program is a very interesting program! I was in love with a boy for five years. He promised to marry me at the due time. After all this period, he chased me away and told me that he is no longer in love with me. This darkened my heart till I plan to kill him by giving him poison. Thanks to this program, I have not commit such sin. One day after listening, the Holy Spirit visited me and told me to repent the sin. So, I have not do but repented. Thank you for the program and God bless you.
- ❖ Hello servant of God. Thank you for detailing the Three in One. I used not to understand how one God is in Three. I asked many to explain me how God works through Jesus and the Holy Spirit but in vain. I say thank you for explaining such topic. Sometimes I used to be confused how to pray and who to pray. But now, I really understand the role of each of the Three in One. This will help me to invoke the name of one these three in wisdom. Thank you and God bless you.
- ❖ Hello Pastor, how are you? This week I followed TWT program and I got very joyful. I used not to fear the sin. I was familiar with it but after listening to this program, I really feel touched by the Word of God. So, I have decided to confess and repent all of my sins. I will no longer welcome willingly the sin in my life except for such time of sins of omission. Thank you for preparing us such interesting program which changed my life. God bless you so much indeed!
- ❖ Warm greetings from Butihinga! The TWT program is a very interesting program! From its beginning, I have followed you. The varied subjects have transformed me. I am still young. It happened that my boyfriend impregnated me unwillingly because we used to have sex. I decided to abort but the Word of God in this program has denied me to kill the baby in my pregnancy. From that time, I repented those sins and now I am free. God bless you!
- ❖ Hello servant of God. Thank you for the program TWT, I wish you could air the program always and not one day per week. It is very important. I happened to receive Jesus as my Savior through this program. I went through many tribulations and one day I decided to commit suicide. One of my friend sent me this program on WhatsApp. I followed it and after listening, I changed the plan of suicide I had. I repented of that sin. Thank you for having saved my life unless I would be in hell. God bless you.