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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 11, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**
Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27-31

The First Reading is from the 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 100 (Please read responsively)

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

²**Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

³Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

⁴**Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

⁵Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1: 1-17

The Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. ¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. ¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE CHILDRENS' SERMON

THE SERMON

HYMN: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

PRAYERS

Response to: "Lord, in your mercy" **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate the presence of God in bread and wine. All are welcome to receive this gift.

BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF CHURCH STEPS IN MEMORY OF STEVEN E. AUCKER

*** Please proceed to the new steps on the south side of the church for the dedication and blessing. ***

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

Go in peace. Share the story. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Outdoor Worship! Worship begins at **10:30 am each Sunday** & you are encouraged to bring your lawn chairs to sit in. You are also welcome to "drive-in" if you are more comfortable staying in your car. **Masks are optional for outdoor services**; however we ask that you observe social distancing. You will receive a 'Worship Bag' containing bulletins, Communion elements & everything needed for Worship. In case of rain, Worship will be held in the Sanctuary, where masks & social distancing are required.

Salem Summer Project 2021: Bible Madness!

Today is our third week of voting! Please complete the ballot in today's bulletin by voting "A" or "B" in each set of Bible Stories and place it in the red box marked "Salem Summer Project" **TODAY!** Voting results will be announced each week!

Charlie Benner is reading today's lessons.

Council Meeting will be held on **TOMORROW, Monday, July 12th at 7:00 pm**. A *Zoom* link for the meeting has been emailed to all Council members.

Prayer Meeting will be **this Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm** in the church basement. Please give all Prayer Chain requests to Elaine & Charlie Benner (ceben58@ptd.net).



We are updating our Church Directory with pictures of church members, their names, address, phone number(s) and email address. **Please be sure we have your updated information!** We don't want to miss anyone!

**** Jane Korbar will be taking pictures after worship services for the next several weeks. ****

If you have a favorite picture of yourself or your family that you want to put into the Directory, please **email the photo to: jkorbar@verizon.net** Please identify everyone in the photos (left-to-right if there are more than 3 people). If you cannot email photos, please give them to Jane Korbar so they can be copied. If you have pictures of shut-ins you would like to share, please let Jane know. Thank you!

Jane Korbar: jkorbar@verizon.net

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Please help Snyder County Children & Youth fill backpacks for less fortunate children in our area. We concentrating on collecting these most needed school items: **Pencils & erasers, folders, spiral notebooks (not 3-ring binders), pencil pouches & individual packets of tissues.** **Please bring your donations to church no later than July 25th** & put them in the box marked "School Supplies" on the picnic table. Thank you for helping children in need in our area.

Trinity United Methodist Church (24 PA Route 304, Winfield) is hosting **"Get Fired Up For Jesus" Vacation Bible School** from **July 19 – 23**. A free meal is offered at 5:30 pm, followed by VBS from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. All children ages Pre-K through 5th grade graduates are welcome! Please pre-register at: **www.trinwin.org**.