

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

9:30am Outdoor Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

Hymn #413

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray)**

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross, you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading – Psalm 8

L:8 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

C:² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

L:³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

C:⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

L:⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

C:⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

L:⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

C:⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

ALL:⁹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:10-13

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*** Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 7th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*** The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 7:24-27**

Matthew 7:24-25

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Matthew 7:26-27

26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. **27** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Hymn #781

“Children Of The Heavenly Father”

The Sermon

“The Parables of Jesus”

Part 19 - “The Wise And The Foolish Builders”

(sermon text: Matthew 7:24-27)

Pastor William Shields

*** The Apostle’s 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering will be taken during the song below.

Hymn #597

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

Prayers of God’s People:

*** The Lord’s Prayer**

C: 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.

*** Benediction**

Hymn #856

“How Great Thou Art”

*** Dismissal P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Weekly Events:

Mon. Sept. 16	6:30pm – Gideon’s Dinner
Tues. Sept. 17	7:00am – Jr. High Study 9:00am – Rebekah Circle 3:00pm – Lydia Circle
Wed. Sept. 18	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 7:00am – Sr. High Study 11:00am – Pastor’s Bible Study 1:00pm – Prayer 6:00pm – Confirmation 7:00pm – Choir Practice
Thurs. Sept. 19	12:00pm – PMA Meeting Here 6:00pm – Pastor’s Bible Study
Sat. Sept. 21	7:00am – Gideon’s
Sunday, Sept. 22 - 9:30 am – Quilt & Prayer Shawl Dedication	
	10:45am – Coffee Fellowship
	Adult & Kids Sunday School
	New Member Class
	2-4pm Club 56 Table Hosts

HARVEST TRIVIA NIGHT

(Adults only)

5:30pm – Saturday, September 21st

1926 S. Euclid, Princeton

Please bring: Heavy appetizer to share, your own beverage, & your sense of humor.

Dessert, paper products & prizes provided.

Bring a donation for the food pantry & receive a bonus for the competition.

Sign-up in the back of church.

Direct questions to Sue Scruggs or Joanne Sheldon.

Sunday School Teachers

Pre-K & K – Lisa Shields & Ava Kyle
1st & 2nd – Marilynne Kloster & Joanne Sheldon
3rd & 4th – Jennifer Jaques
5th & higher – Don Kyle

9:00am

Saturday, Sept. 21st

**Operation Christmas Child presentation
Dioany Yosuiño of Venezuela, who actually received one of these gifts as a child will talk about its impact on her.**

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