**October 05, 2025**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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**Prelude**

**PLEASE STAND AS WE BEGIN OUR SERVICE, AND JOIN IN SINGING “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Please Stand*

**Chorus of Welcome**                              *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!  Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

**Call to Worship**

L: We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain, knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

**P: God rekindles the gift of faith in us.**

L: We gather, as God's people, hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life, knowing that while friends may turn against us,

P: God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

L: We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope,

knowing that even when life is no picnic,

**P: God prepares a feast for us.**

**Opening Praise** **Song “Darling Jesus” S.O.N Music (Spotlite Nation) featuring Neeja**

Refrain:

 Darling Jesus, darling Jesus

 Oh, my darling Jesus, You are wonderful Lord

 I love You so much, darling Jesus

 Oh, my darling Jesus, You are wonderful Lord

Darling Jesus, You no dey fail o, Oh, darling Jesus,

You are always on my case Na You dey give me joy

Dey give me peace, dey give me grace

So I thank You, my Jesus Thank You, my Lord [Refrain]

You never leave me, You never forsake me

I can count on You when everyone fails me

You no dey tire to shower me with blessings

So I love You, my Jesus o Love You, my Lord [Refrain 2x]

**Opening Prayer**

**Spirit of God, Enlighten our hearts to the reality of divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Youth Message**

***Joys & Concerns* - *Gathered Prayer***

***Singing of the Lord’s Prayer -*** *Our Father, which 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

*Please be seated*

**Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** *“Christ For The World We Sing” Please join in singing!*

 *Please stand*

**The Doxology** *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 95

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.

 **The Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn**  “The Kingdom of God” [is like a mustard seed] # 275

The kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed.

When it is sown in the earth, it is the smallest seed.

 Refrain:

It is like the kingdom of God and a mystery.

For when it is sown, it grows into the largest plant,

greater than all of the herbs, and grows into a tree. [Refrain]

It grows so birds can rest inside its crown of leaves,

deep in its shadows, away from any evil prey. [Refrain]

And so we can liken it to seeds which make a tree

larger than all of the trees from just the smallest seed. [Refrain]

*Please be seated*

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 17:5-10 [NRSV]

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a[a] mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.  7 “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? 8 Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

**Sermon**  *“Come and Have Your Meal at Once”*

*Please stand*

**Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

 I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

 And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:

 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

 the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

 from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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.

*Please be seated*

*Interlude: “Be Present At Our Table Lord”*

**Service of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you…………………...…**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts……………………...…..**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God….**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN**

 **AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE**

 **HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE**

 **LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

 in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

 **CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN**

**…** May your Spirit inspire and empower your whole church – apostolic and universal.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at your heavenly banquet.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

 all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

*BREAKING THE BREAD………………………………….GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP*

*Communion Hymn: “One World, One Communion, One Bread, One Body” ”*

*Please Stand*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in Unison)**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*Please stand*

**Closing Hymn** **“**My Faith Looks Up to Thee” [VS. 1,2,3,] # 452

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,

O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee pure,

warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;

bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,

nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction** “Darling Jesus” [Refrain 2X] S.O.N Music (Spotlite Nation) featuring Neeja

Darling Jesus, darling Jesus, Oh, my darling Jesus, You are wonderful Lord

I love You so much, darling Jesus, Oh, my darling Jesus, You are wonderful Lord

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

When we read the Bible, it acts as a mirror and shows us who we truly are. First, it tells us our identity in Christ and our role in God’s story. Secondly, it reveals the contents of our hearts. God knows our inner thoughts, and His Word has the power to cut through us and to expose our sin. And we must read it daily and allow it to examine us so we can repent.

**October 12, 2025 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 17:11-19 - Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 - Psalm 66:1-12 - 2 Timothy 2:8-15



**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call or text Sue Creevey 267-847-6029***

As Christians, our prayers do not bounce off the ceiling or dissipate like fog. God hears when we pray for others, and He answers. The answer may not come quickly, nor may the reply be what we expected. Or, because God is gracious, we receive much more than we asked. Either way, God answers our prayers when we pray for others. Our prayers are powerful, and our loving God wants us to know through His answer to our plea that He has the power and authority to answer whatever we ask.

**Prayer Requests from September 28th**

Prayers for Eli Nagister for upcoming surgery

Prayers for Carol Vanni to have relief from pain until surgery.

Kristin Walden is asking for prayers of healing for Dan Brett

Continued prayers for healing for Keri & Dan

Prayers for Lee Walden as he seeks solutions.

Prayers for Ryan Burnad and his new business

Prayers for Lee Wolf for good test results

Allyson Jenkins is asking for prayers for healing of her legs.

Prayers for Sheryl Duke

Prayers for Ethel Graman who fell and broke her wrist.

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Sheryl Duke David & Esther Clinton

Tracey & Bill Lewis Jennifer Prayers for our Pastor Lori and our congregation.

**For families, especially:**

Zilpha and James Browne, The Stefanescu, Mc Manus, Salvadore, and Didirea Families,

Jean Bernard and family, The Spotts Family, Bresnan Family

**For an end to violence, for peace and stability**

Philadelphia, especially our community - Sierra Leone, Africa

Haiti - Israel and Hamas - Ukraine and Russia

**Please praise and pray for our youth – they are the future of our church!**









