**September 7, 2025**

**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion Sunday**

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**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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**Prelude**

**PLEASE STAND 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: God has called each one of to serve, using the gifts we have been given.

**P: I don't know where to start.**

L: Place your trust in God's guidance.

**P: What if I fail?**

L: God is with you - place your trust in God's presence.

**P: Help me, O God, to trust in you and in your gracious gifts to me. Help me to serve others in**

**your name. AMEN.**

**Opening Worship Song *“****Confidence”* Song by Sanctus Real

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose

I feel unqualified for what you're callin' me to

But Lord with your strength, I've got no excuse

'Cause broken people are exactly who you use

So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den

Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness

Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense

So I can face my giants with confidence

You took a shepherd boy and made him a King

So I'm gonna trust you and give you everything

I'll be a conqueror 'cause you fight for me

I'll be a champion claiming your victory

So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den

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Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense

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I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls

I won't stop until I see 'em fall

Gonna stand up, step out when you call

Jesus, Jesus I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls

I won't stop until I see 'em fall

Gonna stand up, step out when you call

Jesus Give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den

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**Opening Prayer**

**All-knowing God, We gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who You are, and for all that You have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves - all our thoughts and actions - and yet You love us. No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us - ahead and behind - gently leading and guiding and blessing. We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives. May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together - examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess,**

**challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. For we are Your people, called by Your name. Amen.**

*Please Be Seated – and will the youth please come forward for the youth message.*

**Youth Message**

**Joys & Concerns……………*Gathered Prayer***

*Please be seated*

**Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** *“Let There Be Peace on Earth” 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**

*Please remain standing*

**Hymn**  Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee” [VS. 1-4] # 562

Jesus, Lord, we look to thee; let us in thy name agree;

show thyself the Prince of Peace, bid our strife forever cease.

By thy reconciling love every stumbling block remove;

each to each unite, endear; come, and spread the banner here.

Make us of one heart and mind, gentle, courteous, and kind,

lowly, meek, in thought and word, altogether like our Lord.

Let us for each other care, each the other's burdens bear;

to thy church the pattern give, show how true believers live

**Dismissal of the Youth**

*Please be seated*

**Scripture Lesson**  Philemon 1:1-25 [NIV]

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, 2 to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we[d] share in Christ. 7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

8 For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, 9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. 12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13 I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

**Sermon** “*Are We Growing In a Godly Way*?”

*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 remain standing*

*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.**

*Please be seated*

...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.**

...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.**

***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*

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

*Communion Hymn: “Here I Am Lord ”*

*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.**

**Closing Hymn *“****Blest Be The Tie That Binds”* # 557

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne, we pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear;

And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;

But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

**Benediction**

## **Choral Benediction** *“Confidence”* (Refrain 2x) Song by Sanctus Real

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## **Lectionary Scripture Readings**

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.**We can get very caught up in our religion. We can go through all the motions that religion dictates, but it means nothing without faith. When we read our Bible, we open ourselves up to remembering our faith. We read stories of others who have demonstrated real faith, and sometimes we also are reminded of what happens when we lose our faith. Yet the Word of God reminds us that He is our focus.

**September 14, 2025 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 15:1-10 - Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 - Psalm 14 - 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A close-up of a prayer

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***please call or text Sue Creevey 267-847-6029***

When we offer intercessory prayers, pleading with God on behalf of loved ones and friends, we are trusting in His ability to answer, and He does. We are giving up our capabilities to answer and depending on God to keep His promise to answer our prayers. When we pray for others, God will answer.

**Prayer Requests from August 31st**

***PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR PRAYER REQUEST WAS NOT ENTERED ON A PRAYER CARD,***

***IT IS NOT LISTED HERE. They can be viewed on the August 31st Worship Video.***

Prayers for Rachel Holland who continues to grieve the death of her husband.

Prayers for all the youth going back to school

Prayers for Ally Wilson as she moves to NY and hopes to find jobs in the dance field.

Prayers for Sheryl Duke that she finds an apartment and for Carol who hopes to move soon.

Prayers for Medelyn, Youry, Josema

Prayers for the Zulu family and friends as they grieve the death of Agnes Zulu.

Prayers for Trecia Sanford

Continued prayers for Keri & John

Prayers for Ryan as he is starting a new business, prayers for confidence.

Continued prayers for Lee & John

Prayers for those who are trying to start a new chapter in their life but struggle because of mental illness.

JOY - It is a joy that Martha Korto is here (from Liberia). Martha is glad to be back, this is home for her and this is her home church.

**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!**

A memorial card with a picture of a couple of birds

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A otter floating on its back in the water

AI-generated content may be incorrect.**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH.**

Those currently striving to keep the church as you know it today need more volunteers to fill in for a vacation, or to cover when there is a need, or just lighten the load that our current volunteers carry. The only person on payroll is the Pastor. Everyone else that helps with running the church is a volunteer. Please add your name to list of those willing to help!

At this time we are in immediate need of help with worship.

**Liturgists** - Our liturgists need a clear speaking voice and ability to lead worship.

**Help with playing videos on Sundays** - Playing the videos is the easiest of these jobs. Everything is set up for worship and most everyone knows how to click on icons on a computer, yet we have not found any adult willing to step up and help.

**Using the camera to record worship** - The camera takes some learning, but is not difficult.

We include youth often as they are always willing to help, but they leave worship each week to go to class. Please prayerfully consider offering to help.

Please talk with Sue Creevey and/or Pastor Lori for more information.

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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We are collecting your information for the church files and for the new directory**. PLEASE COMPLETE A FORM WITH THIS INFORMATION**. Forms can be found in the back of the church. Even if your current information is the same as the old directory, please complete this form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**A pencil with a pen

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**Baptism and** **membership classes will be on September 14th and 21st, following the worship service. Baptism and membership will be celebrated during worship on Sept 28th.**

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**SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 5, 2025**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

If you have a flag of your country (except USA) please let Sue Creevey know as we plan to display all of our countries flags on the altar.

After worship we will have a covered dish luncheon. It would be great if you prepared a dish of food that would be served in your country.

A group of objects around a sign

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SAVE THE DATE

CRESCENTVILLE UMC FLEA MARKET

with Sue Snyder if you October 25, 2025 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Please bring in any items you have to donate.

Talk need help

transporting donations.

NO VENDOR TABLES AVAILABLE