

Pentecost 3 : Height of Love. Depth of Faith.

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Proclaiming Christ in Pinellas County

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 25 & 26, 2022

In the name of Jesus, our Savior & Lord, welcome!

Whether it's your first time with us or Bay Pines is
your church home, we're glad you're here. If you :



- ... have questions, please ask – we'll do our best to answer;
- ... need the restrooms, please follow the orange signs to our school
to use those restrooms while we renovate the church restrooms;
- ... can stick around after worship, we'd love to get to know you;
- ... would like a call from our staff, they'd love to connect with you!

If you brought young children today, thank you! Please know :

- ... we love to hear them sing, pray, and speak along, and this is a great setting to help them respond to church, to God, and to one another;
- ... their wiggles don't bother us (wiggles don't bother Jesus, either);
- ... you can sit up front where little eyes and ears can see and hear;
- ... with our renovations underway, none of our restrooms have diaper-changing stations (sorry); there is a cry-room just off the choir area;
- ... we love that each of you is here, and we'd be blessed to serve you!

To adore the God of Order in a fitting and orderly way (*1 Corinthians 14:33, 40*), our path of worship is printed in this booklet. Today we stand in humble awe over the majesty of God, pondering "**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory**" (*Isaiah 6:3b*), as we consider the worship theme:

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Opening Song : Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (*RED HYMNAL MELODY*, 484)

Worship immediately begins with the prayer that God be with us and bless us as we gather to adore his Word, stand in awe of his grace, and ascribe him glory and praise.



**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise his name, I'm fixed upon it,
Name of God's redeeming love.**

**Hither-to thy love has blessed me,
Thou hast drawn me to this place;
And I know thy hand will lead me
Safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,**



**Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.**

The Invocation and Responsive Reading : Psalm 30 (SELECTED VERSES)

Jesus promises that, when we gather in his name, he's here to bless and be with us.

Minister : In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

All : Amen!

I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

Weeping may stay for the night,

But rejoicing comes in the morning.

To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help.

You turned my wailing into dancing;

you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.

LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS

The Acknowledgment of our Wrongs : Psalm 30 (selected verses)

Sin offends God. Always. Aware of our own sin, we ask him for his forgiveness.

We ask God to forgive us.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God have mercy on me, a sinner.

*A moment of silence to recognize our own, individual sins
and our own, deep need for forgiveness.*

The Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Jesus lived, died, and rose to forgive the world's sins. In grace, you've been set free!

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

The Prayer of the Day

This petition appreciates Jesus' full forgiveness and asks for his guidance and blessing.

Almighty God, you are and remain the strength of all who trust in you. In your compassion, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your Word and your commandments in all that we say and do. Hear us, LORD, for Jesus' sake; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

A Childlike Illustration : We Know God Cares.

This illustration & devotion are geared for the children & child-like with us today.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

A Reading from the Old Testament : I Kings 17:17-24

They'd never seen anything like it before. But, in the raising of the widow's son, the Lord would use Elijah to announce the amazing: in the depth of love, our God gives life!

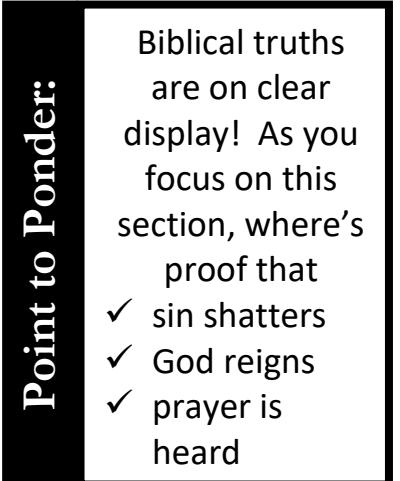
Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing.¹⁸ She said to Elijah, **“What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?”**

¹⁹ “Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, “LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?” ²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, “LORD my God, let this boy’s life return to him!”

²² **The LORD heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived.** ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, “Look, your son is alive!”

²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, **“Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth.”**

This is God’s Word.



Sung Response : What God Ordains is Always Good (*RED HYMNAL*, 429, vv. 1-3)

We don't always understand why God allows what God allows – or ordains what he ordains. But we get to be sure of this: in the depth of his love, he works for our good.



***What God ordains is always good;
His will is just and holy.
As he directs my life for me,
I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed, in ev'ry need
Knows well how he will shield me;
To him, then, I will yield me.***

***What God ordains is always good;
He never will deceive me.
He leads me in his righteous way
And never will he leave me.
I take content, what he has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.***

***What God ordains is always good;
He is my friend and Father.
He will not let me suffer harm
Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know both joy and woe;
Some day I shall see clearly
That he has loved me dearly.***

A Reading from the Gospels : Luke 7:11-17

Elijah was considered “a great prophet” and was legendary as the one the Lord used to raise the widow’s son. See the comparison and comparative here: Jesus is greater!

The gospel according to Luke chapter 7:

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him.¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out – the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “**Don’t cry.**”

Point to Ponder:

Nain wasn’t situationally far from Zarephath. By raising this widow’s son, what truths about our Savior are on vibrant display?

¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, “**Young man, I say to you, get up!**” ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ **They were all filled with awe and praised God.** “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.”
¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.



This is the Gospel of our Lord!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Statement of Faith : The Apostles' Creed

Though not written by the apostles, this peaceful statement of faith accurately lays out what the apostles taught and what the Bible teaches about the Three-in-One God.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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!

Sung Response : What God Ordains is Always Good (*RED HYMNAL*, 429, vv. 4-5)

The bitterness of our own, personal experience doesn't undo the reality that our God, in perfect grace and amazing mercy, is always present, always at work for our benefit.



What God ordains is always good.

Though I the cup am drinking

Which savors now of bitterness,

I take it without shrinking.

For after grief God grants relief,

My heart with comfort filling

And all my sorrow stilling.



**What God ordains is always good;
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, for with his arm
He will embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.**

A Sermon Founded on : Luke 7:11-17

It's stunning really...and, please pay attention: Jesus is so in-tune to who he is, where he is, and to the needs that arise. He's the ever-compassionate God. Then. And now!

SEE JESUS BEING JESUS!

As you ponder the joy & encouragement to see Jesus being Jesus, what specific aspects of that truth are on display in connection to:

- Jesus' priority :
- Jesus' presence :
- Jesus' (com)passion :
- Jesus' proclamation :
- Jesus' power :
- Jesus' praise :

sermon notes :

Sung Response : What a Friend we Have in Jesus (*RED HYMNAL, 411*)

We can't for a second think that the Savior has forgotten about us, forsaken us, or overlooked our need. He hasn't. He won't. This hymn adores the Friend we have!



*What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials or temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged –
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness –
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge –
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there.*

GOD ACCEPTS OUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS

The Offering (*THANKS FOR USING THE AISLE-BASKET FOR PHYSICAL OFFERINGS, AND THE QR CODE FOR DIGITAL*)

Concerning the offering, the Lord says, "each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7); whether the Gospel moves your heart to support our ministry with a gift, a prayer, a help, or an encouragement – thank you; please know we appreciate you for it!



The Prayer of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

This petition appreciates the prayer Jesus taught & asks for his guidance and blessing.

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.

*A moment to offer today's prayer requests & a moment of silence
to offer our own, private prayers.*

Almighty God, plant your Word in our hearts; cause it to produce fruit in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

GOD ASSURES US

Concluding Benediction

Where the LORD's name is, there his blessing also is. Refreshed by his goodness, gifts, and grace, our service concludes with his promise to bless and be with us (Numb. 6).

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor (†) and give you peace.

Amen!

A Reading from the New Testament : Philippians 1:18b-26

Paul understood that God's amazing grace and blessing in our lives doesn't mean an easy or comfortable road. Still, in awe over his power and love, we boast of our Savior!

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.²¹ **For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.**²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know!²³ I am torn between the two: **I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;**²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.



This is God's Word.

Final Song : Christ Be My Leader (*RED HYMNAL*, 367)

Christians live life here with hearts that enjoy God's blessings and with faith locked on the eternity he won for us. As we endure, we simply follow him ... all the way home!



***Christ be my leader by night as by day,
Safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care;
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.***

***Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand.
Doubt cannot daunt me – in Jesus I stand!***

***Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation – with Jesus I reign!***

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Bay Pines' Ministry Announcements :

for our prayers (please remember the family of these dear friends, too):

- our ministry in church, school, and life as we go forth with the gospel!
- our nation & world, for healing in God's grace & confidence of God's glory
- Char & Larry Palin, as they celebrate their wedding anniversary (6/26)
- The Schroeder family as they regroup after a frustrating week

in our gratitude :

- each of you, for being here today; may God smile on your life & service
- Sarah Sell, for edifying our worship with music
- all who help with & use our food pantry (contact Eva at 808.457.9703 for info)
- all who support our ministry via gift-card purchases (to purchase these cards, please visit the SCRIP table near the church mailboxes after service)
- today's offering counters : Bittinger/Pustelnik [next week: Fass/Priebe]

on our calendars (please email additional dates to mary.dryden@baypineslutheran.com) :

**to stay most current on ministry happenings and to receive our weekly updates, please email news@baypineslutheran.com*

• worship opportunities :

- Saturdays at 6:00p, Sundays at 9:30a, & Thursdays at 7p
 - Next week's Scripture readings : II Chron. 33:1-18 Psalm 32
Luke 7:36-50 I Cor. 6:9-11

• to stay mindful of opportunities :

- Pickelball : Saturday mornings at 10a
- next "simply snacks": July 21 (10a)