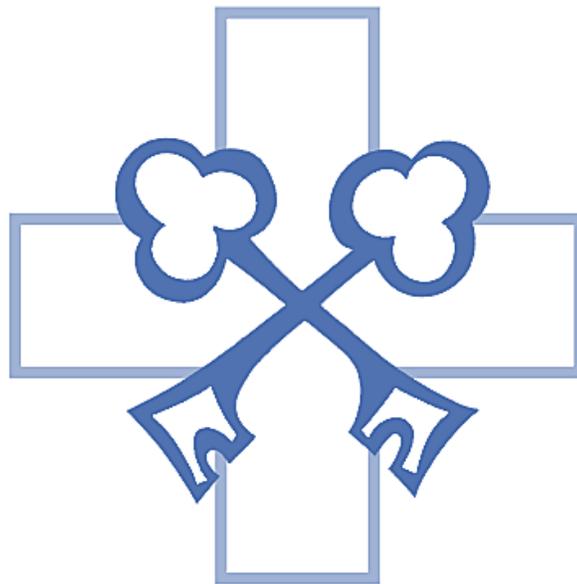


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If you'd like to connect with one of our ministers, please don't hesitate to contact them at your convenience; they'd consider it a blessing to connect with you. Thanks!

***Proclaiming Christ in Pinellas County***

# The Fifteenth Weekend after Pentecost

September 17 & 18, 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, they're in the hallway just off the north-east corner of our sanctuary (facing altar up front, look left and back);
- . . . can stick around after worship, we'd love to get to know you;
- . . . would like a call from our staff, please fill out our *connect card* in the pew and leave it in the offering plate. We'll be in touch!

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;
- . . . both the men's and women's restrooms have diaper-changing stations, and there's a cry-room adjacent the restrooms as well;
- . . . 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. The hymn-writer sings, "***blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered***" (*Psalms 32:1*). With him, we awe over the God who knows hearts and consider the worship theme:

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God Confronts & Comforts

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## GOD GATHERS US

**Opening Song** : Baptized into your Name Most Holy (*TEXT BELOW; RED HYMNAL, 294*)

*As we consider "our guilt & God's grace," our hearts rush to the confident joy of baptism.*

### The Invocation

*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!



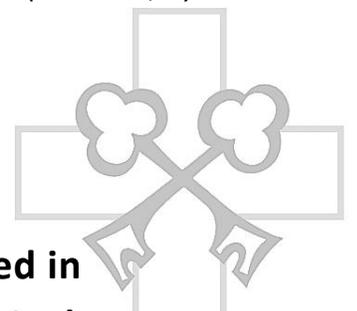
***Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among your saints, your chosen host,  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.  
Your Spirit now shall live within.***

I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

**Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit** (*John 3:5, 6*).

Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us (*Psalms 51:5*).

**But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God** (*1 Cor. 6:11*).





***My loving Father, there you took me  
To be hence-forth your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, there you let me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.***

## ***GOD CONFRONTS & COMFORTS US***

### **The Acknowledgment of our Wrongs**

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

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



***My faithful God you fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
Oh, cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.***

*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. By his grace, you're set free!*

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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!**



***All that I am and love most dearly –  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely,  
And help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but yours alone.***

## The Prayer of the Day

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

Heavenly Father, in your Son, you reconciled the world to yourself. For the precious gift of your forgiveness, we thank you! Refresh us with the joy of our salvation that, strengthened by your grace, we put sin to death and live in the way of peace with you and with one another. LORD, we pray in Jesus' name; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen!**

## A Childlike Illustration : Because He Loves Us

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

### WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

## A Reading & Devotion from the Old Testament : II Samuel 12:1-14

*He sinned...and he knew it. And, foolishly, King David also kept quiet about it. Thankfully, in love for him, the LORD broke David's heart, only to heal it with the gospel.*

The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. **It was like a daughter to him.**

<sup>4</sup> "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

<sup>5</sup> David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! <sup>6</sup> He

#### TAKE HOME TRUTH

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must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Nathan said to David, **“You are the man!** This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. <sup>9</sup> **Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes?** You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’

<sup>11</sup> “This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. <sup>12</sup> You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”

<sup>13</sup> Then David said to Nathan, **“I have sinned against the LORD.”**

Nathan replied, **“The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.** <sup>14</sup> But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the LORD, the son born to you will die.”

This is God’s Word.

TENSION BEFORE TRANQUILITY.



## Sung Response : Psalm 51b (FROM PAGE 87 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL)

*This song flows directly from the heart of the soul broken and healed by God's Word. In awe over and thanks for God's grace to confront us and comfort us, we, too, sing!*

## A Reading & Devotion from the Gospels : John 8:2-12

*Alone with the Savior. Sometimes that's a brutal scene, and sometimes it's a beautiful scene. And sometimes, it's both. To David's heart. To the woman's heart. To our hearts.*

At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "**Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.**" <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "**Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?**"

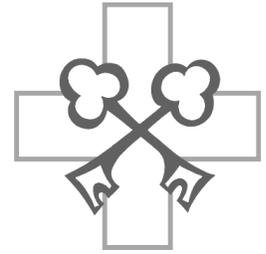
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<sup>11</sup> “No one, sir,” she said.

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared.  
“Go now and leave your life of sin.”



<sup>12</sup> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,  
“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will  
never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

TENSION BEFORE TRANQUILITY.

**Sung Response : His Mercy Is More** (*BLUE HYMNAL, 579*)

*This delicate melody sings of a deeply profound truth: our sins are so many and grossly great, but God’s mercy, so beautiful, is always more. Only in him, is there forgiveness!*



***What love could remember no wrongs we had done?***

***Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;***

***Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,***

***Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.***

***Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!***

***Stronger than darkness, new ev’ry morn;***

***Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!***

***What patience would wait as we constantly roam,***

***What Father so tender is calling us home!***

***He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;***

***Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.***

***Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!***

***Stronger than darkness, new ev’ry morn;***

***Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!***





***What riches of kindness he lavished on us;  
 His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
 We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
 Our sins they are many, his mercy is more.  
 Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!  
 Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;  
 Our sins they are many, his mercy is more!***

## 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 prayer, a help, an encouragement, or a gift of some sort – thank you; please know we appreciate you for it!*



### **A note to worshippers about the practice of “Member Communion” :**



***Rejoice: the world’s sins are forgiven in the Gospel!*** God’s Word announces that special truth to the entire world; and that’s what the Bible means when it says this good news is “for everyone.”

***Realize: the same God says something different in his Supper.*** In it, instead of every heart, he invites the examined heart (I Cor. 11:27-32).

***Relate: the pill bottle.*** Every prescription lists these certain details : *physician, ingredients, recipients, directions for use, & warnings against misuse.* In love, God lists the same in connection to his Supper – and that’s what we’d love to *examine* together.

***Respect : it’s his Supper.*** Because it’s his directive, and because we love him and you, let’s study it together and learn to celebrate his Super as he intends. Please contact Pastor Stern; he’d love study God’s Prescription with you. **Thank you!**

## The Lord's Prayer and our Prayer

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*God lovingly invites us talk with him & lay our hearts before him in prayer. So, we do!*

**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.*

## GOD INVITES US

### The Sacrament

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*Happily, we celebrate God's grace, ponder his peace, receive his Supper with thanks.*

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 good and right so to do.**



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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**Sung Response : The Sanctus** *(FROM PAGE 22 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL)*

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*With ancient accolades (Is. 6 & Matt. 21) we glorify the Holy (“Sanctus”) One: Jesus.*



***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:***

***Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he***

***Who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!***

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**The Consecration, Distribution, and Reception of the Lord’s Supper**

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*The Words of Institution are not a magical formula. But they do serve as a “**prayer** that the Lord may do what he’s promised . . . as a **confession** that the body and blood of Christ are present in the Sacrament, and as an **invitation** to the communicants to make Jesus’ promise their own through faith” (God So Loved the World, pg. 505).*

In Holy Communion God gives us a unique opportunity to publicly confess our unity of faith. He also gives us a tangible reassurance that it was his body and blood – not ours – which paid the ransom price for the world’s sins and sealed our salvation. With joy in our hearts and with hearts prepared to receive him, we hear and remember the words our Savior spoke:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, **“Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen!**

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**Sung Response** : The Agnus Dei (*FROM PAGE 23 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL*)

*Jesus is the Lamb of God (“Agnus Dei”); so we plead to and praise him for his mercy.*



***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us your peace. Amen.***

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**Distribution Hymn** (SUNDAY) : Just As I Am, Without One Plea (*RED HYMNAL, 397*)

*Jesus lives. And this is – and forever will be! – our confidence. Even as we delight in that reality, we also give thanks for the oh-so many ways he’s bold to reassure us of it!*

## 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 (Numbers 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!**

### Final Song : It Is Well with My Soul (*BLUE HYMNAL, 850*)

*The seriousness of God's Law brings hearts tension. And we need it. But his Gospel brings hearts tranquility. And we have it! As we do, we live knowing "it is well with our souls"*



***When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll –  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.***

women : ***It is well***

men : ***it is well.***

women : ***with my soul***

men : ***with my soul,***

all : ***It is well, it is well with my soul!***



**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

women : **It is well**

men : **it is well.**

women : **with my soul**

men : **with my soul,**

all : **It is well, it is well with my soul!**

**My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought –  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

women : **It is well**

men : **it is well.**

women : **with my soul**

men : **with my soul,**

all : **It is well, it is well with my soul!**

**And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back like a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so, it is well with my soul.**

women : **It is well**

men : **it is well.**

women : **with my soul**

men : **with my soul,**

all : **It is well, it is well with my soul!**



# Bay Pines' Ministry Announcements :

**For our prayers** (please remember the families of these dear friends, too) :

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- our ministry in church, school, & life as we go forth with the gospel!
- our nation & world, for healing in God's grace & confidence of God's glory
- David Howe, as he begins radiation treatment for cancer
- Sarah Hall, as she deals with her most-recent health hurdles

**In our gratitude :**

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- each of you, for being here today; may God smile on your spirit & service
- Maria Buetzow, Sharon Mueller & Nicholas Radford, for our worship music
- today's offering counters : Bittinger/Pustelnik [next week: Fass/Priebe]
- Rebecca Smith, for today's altar flowers

**In our calendars** (please email additional info to [office@baypineslutheran.com](mailto:office@baypineslutheran.com)) :

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- **spiritual growth opportunities :**
  - Worship : Saturdays at 6:00p and Sundays at 9:30a
  - Bible study : Thursdays at 10a and Sundays at 8:30a
  - Sunday school : Sunday mornings at 8:30a
  - Ladies' Bible study : starting again soon (see Pamela VanAuken for details)
  - choir : Wednesdays at 6p (see Jon Kulhanek for more details)
- **to stay mindful of opportunities :**
  - Ladies' Group – sign up on the info table
  - Men's *Prayer & Project* : 10/15 at 8:30a
  - church dedication at Peace, Trinity (9/25)
  - Saturday night snacks : Oct. 8

