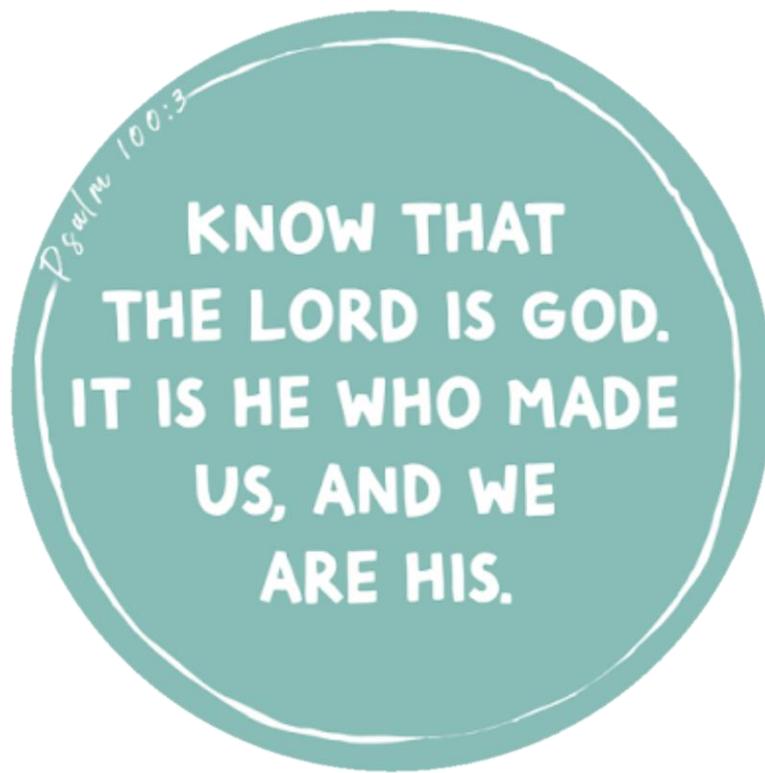


Pentecost 2 : Mighty Hand. Mighty Heart.

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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 Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 18 & 19, 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, again mindful of the God so-complex, our hearts rest and our worship centers on the God whose power is so-complete and whose love is so-calming. With his Word as ***“a lamp to my feet and a light for my path”*** (*Psalms 119:105*), we consider the worship theme:

Mighty Hand. Mighty Heart

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Opening Song : To God Be the Glory (*RED HYMNAL, 399, vv. 1 & 3*)

Gathered in and by God's grace, our focus is clear: we worship him who, in wonderful love, has saved us, called us, and sustains us day by day. To God be the glory! Always.



***To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.***

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory – great things he has done!***

***Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.***

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory – great things he has done!***

The Invocation

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

Minister : The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (†) and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All : **And also with you!**

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

The Acknowledgment of our Wrongs

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

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.

*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!

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins! Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

The Kyrie & Prayer of the Day

Kyrie, Latin for Lord, both pleads for and praises our Lord for his pure mercy to us. This petition appreciates Jesus' full forgiveness and asks for his guidance and blessing.

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love, and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world, and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power, and keep us in your tender care.

Amen!

The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give him the glory – great things he has done!

Almighty God, you rule over all things with a mighty hand and a mighty heart, in perfect wisdom and loving kindness. As only you can, take away all that may be harmful and give us only what is good. Hear us for Jesus' sake; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

A Childlike Illustration : Foundation, Foundation, Foundation!

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 8:22, 23, 41-43

The king in splendor – Solomon – prays in awe to the God in majesty – our LORD. Such beautiful praise as, in marvelous mercy, faith rests on God’s mighty hand & mighty heart.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven ²³ and said:

“LORD, the God of Israel, **there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below** – you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

TAKE HOME TRUTH

Faith trusts in God’s power. Completely.

As your heart thinks through this section, how is that truth on display?

⁴¹ “As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name – ⁴² **for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm** – when they come and pray toward this temple, ⁴³ then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

This is God’s Word.

A Reading from the Gospels : Luke 7:1-10

The centurion wasn’t a king, but he was a man of power and influence. Still, his own power couldn’t help or save. Yet his faith rested on the One so wonderfully different!

When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ² There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. ³ The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, **"This man deserves to have you do this, ⁵ because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue."**

⁶ So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷ That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. **But say the word, and my servant will be healed.** ⁸ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

⁹ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, **"I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel."** ¹⁰ Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

This is the gospel of our Lord!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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Statement of Faith : The Nicene Creed

This polemic (“attacking”) creed defends against false doctrines that attack Jesus’ total Deity & total humanity. As we state our faith, note the “God for us always” emphasis.

Christians, in whom do we believe?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sung Response : All People that on Earth Do Dwell (*RED HYMNAL, 233, vv. 1, 2 & 5*)

Psalm 100 fits the theme of our worship wonderfully and well; and this hymn, which sings the words and truths of Psalm 100, moves our hearts and lips to praise our Savior God.



***All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear; his praise forth-tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.***

***Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk; he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.***

***To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore!***

A Sermon Founded on : Luke 7:1-10

The centurion never came before Jesus. Even still, in that man's heart the Spirit of Grace had planted a powerful conviction: that healing would happen through Jesus' word!

PONDER WHAT JESUS PRAISES!

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” :



As we prepare to celebrate our Lord’s Supper, we respectfully ask that guests to Bay Pines would please speak with Pastor Stern before coming to Communion. This practice is not an attempt to judge anyone’s heart, but it does stem from the Bible’s stress on the importance of a clear understanding of what this Supper is (I Cor. 11), as well as the importance of the clear, outward confession of unity it displays (I Cor. 10, et al.). Please understand this is done in loving respect for our Lord and for all people; and, please do feel free to speak with Pastor if you have any questions about it.

In the meanwhile, thank you for understanding and respecting the importance of our Lord’s commands; be assured that, though we might not yet gather together at the Lord’s Table, ***all of your sins are forgiven in the Gospel message!***

GOD INVITES US

The Prayer of the Church & 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 and our own, individual prayers

Hear us, Lord, as we pray all this in Jesus' name.

Amen!

The Sacrament

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 right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Sung Response : The Sanctus (FROM PAGE 34 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL)

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



Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God and I will exalt you.

I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

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

*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, 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!

Sung Response : The Agnus Dei *(FROM PAGE 35 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.***

Distribution Hymn (Sunday) : How Firm a Foundation *(RED HYMNAL, 416)*

Faith always takes a foundation; and that foundation always serves for the strength of faith. So, too, graciously and gratefully, our faith is founded on God and his grace!

Sung Response : The Song of Thanksgiving *(PAGE 36 IN THE FRONT PART OF THE RED HYMNAL)*

This song of thanks ponders the Supper’s blessings and reality and gives gratitude!



***Thank the Lord and sing his praise,
Tell ev'ryone what he has done.***

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.

***He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world; that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again; and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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!

Final Song : Day by Day (BLUE HYMNAL, 765)

God's hand and God's heart are mighty and magnificent...even when our lives don't appear to be so. And yet, there and always, God's grace brings us along day by day.



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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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
- Helen & Paul Brown, as they celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary (6/22)
- the family and friends of Kameron Harter (a dear friend of the Suttles) who was killed in a car accident this past week
- for fathers, as they carry out God-given their roles with godly love

in our gratitude :

- each of you, for being here today; may God smile on your life & service
- Sharon Mueller & Nicholas Radford, for edifying our worship with music
- the Priebe, Cicco, & Dryden families, for cleaning & lawn-care
- our tech crew, for their efforts to provide online worship opportunities
- 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 : Buetzow [next week: Bittinger/Pustelnik]
- all who help with ushering for worship (see Tom Pustelnik for more info)

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 : I Kings 8:22-43 Psalm 100
Luke 7:1-10 Galatians 1:1-10

- **to stay mindful of opportunities :**

- Pickelball : Saturday mornings at 10a
- next congregational meeting :
June 26 (after worship)



Jesus lives.
you matter.
we care.
let's connect.



we'd love to serve you. please
let us do so by providing your :

- name :
- preferred method
of contact (& info) :
- preferred time
to connect :