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Our Mission....
To *make disciples* of
Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world .

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The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.
This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

15th Sunday After Pentecost September 1, 2024



The King Will Judge All People

Matthew 25:31-40 NCV

³¹ “The Son of Man will come again in his great glory, with all his angels. He will be King and sit on his great throne. ³² All the nations of the world will be gathered before him, and he will separate them into two groups as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ The Son of Man will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to the people on his right, ‘Come, my Father has given you his blessing. Receive the kingdom God has prepared for you since the world was made. ³⁵ I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house. ³⁶ I was without clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

³⁷ “Then the good people will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you alone and away from home and invite you into our house? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?’

⁴⁰ “Then the King will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me.’

**RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!**

THE GIFT OF WORK

Missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot considered work a gift and a blessing. Ponder the following quotes of hers as you celebrate Labor Day. How do they mesh with your own views of work?

"This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God's way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness."

"Work is a blessing. God has so arranged the world that work is necessary, and he gives us hands and strength to do it. The enjoyment of leisure would be nothing if we had only leisure. It is the joy of work well done that enables us to enjoy rest, just as it is the experiences of hunger and thirst that make food and drink such pleasures."



Back-to-school laughs

These education-themed riddles will make the return to classrooms more fun!

Why was the arithmetic book so sad?
It had too many problems.

What school supply is in charge of the classroom?
The ruler

What does the English teacher make for breakfast?
Synonym rolls

Why doesn't the school library have a clock?
It tocks too much.

What is the blackboard's favorite drink?
Hot chalk-olate

The extraordinary amid the ordinary

A violinist once performed in the New York City subway, entertaining passersby for 45 minutes. A few tossed him cash, totaling about \$30 by the time he concluded.

Little did anyone know, Joshua Bell was one of the world's best violinists. That day, he played one of the most complex musical pieces ever written on an instrument worth \$3.5 million. Indeed, a few days earlier Bell had performed a sold-out concert in Boston, where tickets averaged \$100.

Sometimes God does extraordinary things right in the middle of our ordinary lives, yet we don't notice. You're offered an opportunity you almost pass up, thinking it's not worth your time or effort. But upon taking part, you find it leads to your life's calling. Or someone crosses your path, but overlooking their worth, you brush them aside, missing out on a blessing God had for you through them.

And what about you? Do you undervalue yourself as "nothing special," just an "ordinary" person? Look closer; think again. For an ordinary baby born long ago to an ordinary couple in an ordinary stable in an ordinary town was none other than ... God's Son! And you? Why, you are also an extraordinary child of God!



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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship
service! We do provide a nursery, located in



This Sunday **Labor Day Week**
10:30am ~ *Worship & Live
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Tuesday:
4:00 pm *Nominations Team
Meeting*

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ *Worship & Live
streaming worship*



Guest Speaker, Kristi Pflug

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please add your name to the attendance register located in
your pew and pass to the next person until reaches everyone in
your row.*

WORSHIP THROUGH GATHERING

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #2074 x2 *Shout to the Lord*

*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.**

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #273

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with DOXOLOGY:

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.***

Hymn #95

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Front Cover*

Matthew 25:31-40 NCV

MESSAGE

"Be Loving"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN #127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*BLESSING



We're ***Praying*** FOR YOU

Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.

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