

"Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."



Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

7:30 am Bible Class, 8:00 am Worship Service

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14th Street

10:00 am Sunday School, 10:15 am Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

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21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 21, 2012

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 103 (front of the hymnal p. 145)

The Hymns: 39, 324, 315, 36

Prayer: *Lord God, heavenly Father, We beseech Thee, graciously abide among us with Thy blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Thine ever-present help; through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 39

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation sings:



THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

PASTOR: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C



A - men. (congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: The Lord, our God, is righteous in all His works which He does:

C: For we did not obey His voice.

P: Give glory to Your name, O Lord:

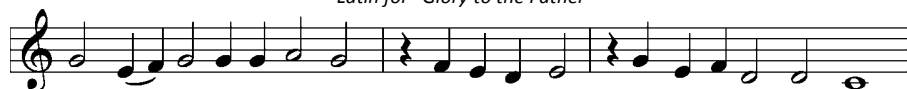
C: And deal with us according to the multitude of Your mercy.

P: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:

C: In the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



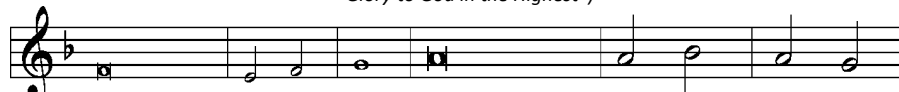
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

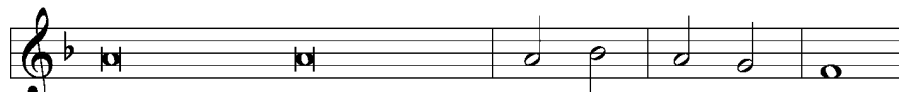
"Glory to God in the Highest"



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



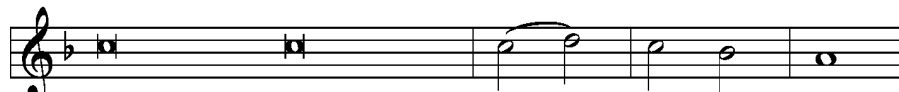
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



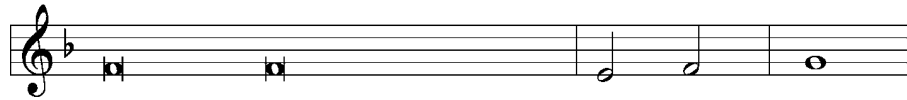
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



☐ A - men.

The Old Testament Reading:

Ruth 1:1-19 Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there. 3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4 Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years. 5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband. 6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread. 7 Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 "The LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10 And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people." 11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12 "Turn back, my daughters, go; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, 13 "would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me!" 14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. 15 And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. 17 Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me." 18 When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her. 19 Now the two of them went until they came

to Bethlehem. And it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: The eyes of all wait upon You, O Lord:

C: And You give them their meat in due season.

P: You open Your hand:

C: And satisfy the desires of all living things.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations:

C: Praise Him, all you people. Hallelujah!



PASTOR The New Testament Reading comes from 2 Timothy chapter 2, beginning there in the 8th verse.

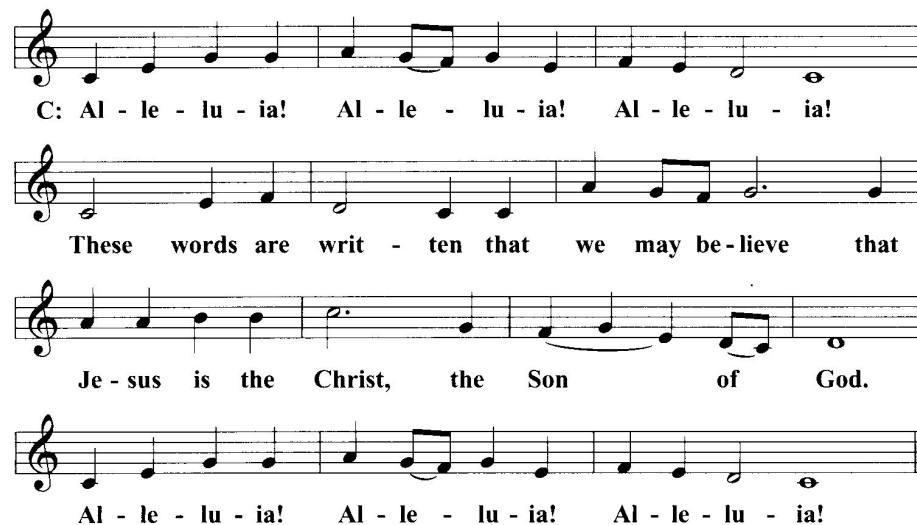


The New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, 9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. 12 If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 324

THE SERMON

Luke 17:11-19 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. 17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Theme: "THE CURE FOR YOUR TERMINAL ILLNESS"

- I. Jesus' ears are open to our cries for mercy (11-14)
- II. Jesus' hands are strong to help us (14)
- III. Jesus' acts deserve our gratitude (15-19)



THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 441:1-2:

***We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!***

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

Congregation sings Hymn 315:1-6

The Communion Liturgy continues with

THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. **Please stand.**

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the phrase 'The Lord be with you.' It is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of a series of quarter and eighth notes.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the phrase 'Lift up your hearts.' It is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody features a rising line of notes.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

Musical notation for the phrase 'It is meet and right so to do.' It is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is a simple, steady line of notes.

C It is meet and right so to do.

PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!"

Musical notation for the beginning of the Sanctus. It is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is a series of quarter and eighth notes.

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

Musical notation for the phrase 'heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,'. It is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is a series of quarter and eighth notes.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: 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;

Musical notation for the phrase 'For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the'. It is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is a series of quarter and eighth notes.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

Musical notation for the phrase 'glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.' It is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The melody is a series of quarter and eighth notes.

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time)

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed 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



C A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

COMMUNION TODAY IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY PLEASE

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is; God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the

Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Corinthians 1:10 "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

1 Corinthians 11:26-30 "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep."

SHOULD YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER?

*** If you feel your faith is weak, you need the Lord's Supper. In it Jesus gives you his body and blood which were given into death for your sins. He wants to strengthen your faith. So come, eat and drink and listen to the words your pastor says to you in the name of Jesus, and believe them with all your heart.

*** When you know you've sinned and you feel unworthy. You say you aren't worthy because you aren't good enough. No one else is good enough either. But God doesn't ask whether you are good enough. He only asks, 'Are you sorry for your sins? Do you believe Jesus forgives?' He invites you to come and receive forgiveness through Christ, who shed his blood for you. He makes you sure that forgiveness is yours by giving you Jesus' body and blood to eat and to drink. You believe that, don't you?

*** But if you are refusing to give up a particular sin even though you know that God's word forbids it, you are despising God's Word. You are telling God, 'I don't care what you say. I'll do what I want.' Until you repent of your sin, God warns you against abusing this gift. To come to the Lord's Supper will only add to your sin rather than take it away.

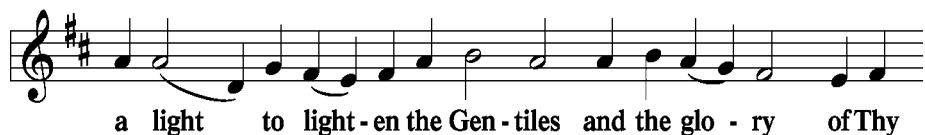
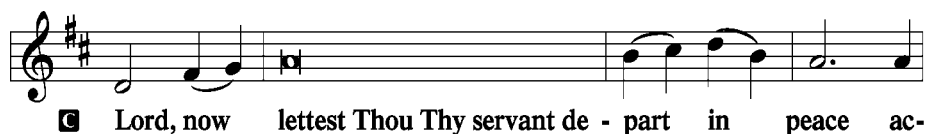
THREE GOOD QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFOREHAND

1. Am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe in Christ for forgiveness?
3. Am I willing, after receiving forgiveness, to amend my sinful life?

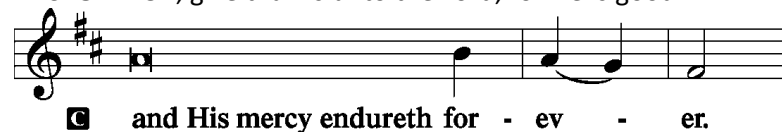
MARTIN LUTHER: "He is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, 'Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.'"

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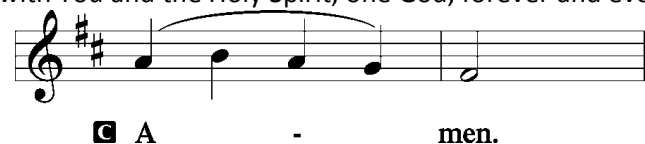
Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)



PASTOR: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



PASTOR: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

PASTOR:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn 36

*** Silent Prayer ***

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a free "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

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Pastor Naumann opened with prayer. The meeting was called to order by the president. The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance \$ 336.26;

Incoming: \$378.03; \$200.00 offering; 61.00 offering; \$117.00 pennies

Disbursements-\$341.98; \$14.98 new member cake; \$210.00 Kinship July through December; \$117.00 Kinship –extra donation

Ending Balance \$372.31

Pastor's Report

Doors are opening for membership; Thanksgiving Services Sunday after Thanksgiving; No Wednesday Night Thanksgiving Service; Peace Congregation Afternoon service with Potluck following on Sunday after Thanksgiving; November vacation (3) week vacation for Pastor and family in Wisconsin

Old Business

Reformation service as usual; November and December cards will be sent by Desirae Naumann; Christmas card orders to be in by October 23, 2012; Twenty five (25) boxes of cards are available

New Business

Thanksgiving new ideas are welcome for decorations; Sewing Class will meet again on November 8th, please invite your friends and relatives for an evening of sewing and fellowship; Cradle Roll now has (9) nine names on it. Desirae includes material from Strong Roots as well as a letter from Pastor every 6 months, until they are four years old.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Donna J Johnson

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

1 Peter 5:6-7 "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

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Incoming: \$378.03; \$200.00 offering; 61.00 offering; \$117.00 pennies
Disbursements-\$341.98; \$14.98 new member cake; \$210.00 Kinship July through December; \$117.00 Kinship –extra donation
Ending Balance \$372.31

Pastor's Report

Doors are opening for membership; Thanksgiving Services Sunday after Thanksgiving; No Wednesday Night Thanksgiving Service; Peace Congregation Afternoon service with Potluck following on Sunday after Thanksgiving; November vacation (3) week vacation for Pastor and family in Wisconsin

Old Business

Reformation service as usual; November and December cards will be sent by Desirae Naumann; Christmas card orders to be in by October 23, 2012; Twenty five (25) boxes of cards are available

New Business

Thanksgiving new ideas are welcome for decorations; Sewing Class will meet again on November 8th, please invite your friends and relatives for an evening of sewing and fellowship; Cradle Roll now has (9) nine names on it. Desirae includes material from Strong Roots as well as a letter from Pastor every 6 months, until they are four years old.
Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully Submitted, Donna J Johnson

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

1 Peter 5:6-7 "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

The Old Testament Reading:

Ruth 1:1-19 This is the account of Ruth's faithfulness to her mother-in-law Naomi, and their return to Bethlehem, where this Moabite woman becomes one of Christ's ancestors. We read...

Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there. 3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. 4 Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years. 5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband. 6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread. 7 Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 "The LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10 And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people." 11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12 "Turn back, my daughters, go; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, 13 "would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me!" 14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. 15 And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. 17 Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me." 18 When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her. 19 Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: The eyes of all wait upon You, O Lord:
C: **And You give them their meat in due season.**
P: You open Your hand:
C: **And satisfy the desires of all living things.**
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
P: Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations:
C: **Praise Him, all you people. Hallelujah!**

The New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13 Paul reminds us that sufferings don't lead to despair, but rather serve to strengthen our hope of the eternal inheritance that Jesus has promised us. As Paul remained faithful to Christ, so he encourages us...

Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, 9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. 12 If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!