

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

July 18, 2021

10:15 a.m.

(* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP *Holy Spirit* by Francesca Battistelli

*OPENING SENTENCES

L: We have come because of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
whose life was full, as God intends our lives to be,
who was rich, though poor,
who did great deeds, yet lived a humble, common life,
who forgave those who rejected him,
who sought truth and defied convention,
who found joy in people and shared their sorrow,
who lived life and did not let life overwhelm him,
not even the part of life we call death.

P: We have come to share life with him, to rejoice in its fullness and follow in His way.

L: We acknowledge the challenges as well as the joys of life,
rejoicing that in Christ we can meet them with hope and confidence.

ALL: All this we can do because Jesus Christ is Lord!

*HYMN *All Are Welcome* verses 1,2,3,5

***PRAYER Most Holy God, you are the giver and sustainer of our lives. We come before you with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease our pace and listen for your voice. Create in us a spirit that draws us closer to you and one another - a gentle spirit, yet one bold in love and service. Clear our minds of all that might distract us from your Word and presence here. And for these moments let us be wholly yours. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 3:20-35

MESSAGE

Love Expanded

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *I Was There to Hear You Borne Cry*

**BAPTISM OF CAIDIN ANTHONY GARNCARZ AND
CAMRI MARIE GARNCARZ**

The Meaning Baptism

Carmi and Caiden's Promises

The Parent's Promises

The Promises of the Godparents

The Rite of Baptism

Response of the Congregation: **We welcome Camri and Caidin into the body of Christ. As members of Christ's body we offer you our love and support as you grow and explore life. We promise as a congregation to join with your parents and godparents in proclaiming the Gospel, so that you may grow and mature in grace and faith, and live with us, in and for, Christ, showing forth the love of God to all people.**

Prayer

Presentation of Baptismal Certificates

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lori Rynke's mother and brother, Kelly, Tom Harzheim, Marian Benedict, Tom Bjerke, John Watkins, Ethan Harzheim, Anonymous, Renee, Bob Haslam, Cindy Harzheim, Ed Ferrari, Shirley Janz, Family of Matt Henkel, Mike, Kent Zeller, Sherry, Nancy DeWalt, Steve Martin, Don McGuire, Kailey, Terri Jacobson, Steve Fassett, Ed Lopeman, Carol Dean, Susan Zimmer, Mark, Mike Ribas, Allen Kuehn, Leslie, Megan, Mitch Kruger, Marty Johnson, Mary Armon, Steve McCagni, Dixie Tonozzi, Armetta, Belinda Klein, Mary Fiedler, Debbie, Ramona, Renee Kerr, Luke & Theresa, Bill & Melissa, Leslie, Joe Rogel, Carrie White, Mrs. Friedle, Joanna, Linda Lyon, Ron Hudkins, Pat Nickel, Bud Schlosser, Clint, Austin Zimmer, Joe Boelens, Marian Cichy, Dotty, Jennifer S., Brent Becker, Pastor Doug, Steve Kerr, Lisa K., Wendy & Lori Zach, Selah Crossman, Dave & Arlene Greening, Ed Burash, Rose Hopkins, Mrs. Lucas, Linda Washkowiak, Kathy L., Susie & Terry Lindenmeyer.

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER
RESPONSE *Make Me a Servant*

OFFERING

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION **We offer our gifts, gracious God, with hearts full of thanksgiving for the gifts you have given us through your son, Jesus. As we prepare to gather at His table to remember his life, his teachings, his death and resurrection, grant that we may be filled with His spirit and be made better able to live and serve in his name. Amen.**

*COMMUNION HYMN *As Your Family Lord Meet Us Here*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

... With the faithful in every place and time, we praise
with joy your holy name saying,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Communion Prayer

Acclamation of Faith

...Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving **Thank you God for inviting us to this table where we know Christ and receive all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us out into the world rejoicing in the wonder and power of Christ's resurrection. Amen.**

*HYMN *As Your Family Lord, Meet us Here*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

New Prayer Requests

- Lori Rynke's mother and brother, for health
- Kelly, for health
- Disaster Victims

The Church is open for Sunday morning worship. Please follow all safety guidelines when in attendance. We understand if you are not comfortable coming in person and invite you to watch services on YouTube.

Today is the Celebration of the Adoption and Baptism of Caidin Anthony Garncarz & Camri Marie Garncarz.

Parents are Pastor Alex & Shelly Garncarz. A potluck style picnic luncheon will be held in the church fellowship hall and courtyard (as weather permits) afterward worship. Sandwiches, drinks and cupcakes will be provided. Everyone is invited as we share this special day together!

Join us for **CREW Time** on Facebook Live at 9:00am Sunday mornings. Our current theme is "Emoji Prayer."

Pastor Alex will be on vacation August 1st -August 7th. Rev. Kay Harding will preach on August 1st and will be available for emergencies. Her phone number is : (815)993-9220.

Confirmation will take place on Sunday, August 15th.

Zion Diners met Thursday, July 15 at Angelo's Restaurant in Spring Valley with Jim Greening as host. It is so nice that we can again enjoy the company of our fellow church family. Next month we will meet at Stone Jug in Peru with Bill and Phyllis as hosts. That date is Thursday, August 19 at 6:00pm.

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| Today's worship assistants: | |
| Liturgist | Terri Kelly |

Office Hours for the week of July 19th

Hours are subject to change- please call ahead

Monday: 9:00am- 1:00pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm

This Week:

Sunday, July 25th

9:00 CREW Time on Facebook Live

10:15am Worship in person or on YouTube

Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ Jesus entered a house. A crowd gathered again so that it was impossible for him and his followers even to eat. ²¹ When his family heard what was happening, they came to take control of him. They were saying, "He's out of his mind!"

²² The legal experts came down from Jerusalem. Over and over they charged, "He's possessed by Beelzebul. He throws out demons with the authority of the ruler of demons."

²³ When Jesus called them together he spoke to them in a parable: "How can Satan throw Satan out? ²⁴ A kingdom involved in civil war will collapse. ²⁵ And a house torn apart by divisions will collapse. ²⁶ If Satan rebels against himself and is divided, then he can't endure. He's done for. ²⁷ No one gets into the house of a strong person and steals anything without first tying up the strong person. Only then can the house be burglarized. ²⁸ I assure you that human beings will be forgiven for everything, for all sins and insults of every kind. ²⁹ But whoever insults the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. That person is guilty of a sin with consequences that last forever." ³⁰ He said this because the legal experts were saying, "He's possessed by an evil spirit."

³¹ His mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent word to him, calling for him. ³² A crowd was seated around him, and those sent to him said, "Look, your mother, brothers, and sisters are outside looking for you."

³³ He replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" ³⁴ Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, "Look, here are my mother and my brothers. ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother, sister, and mother."