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**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost  July 23, 2017**

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship…………..Video……………. “10,000 Reasons”

Pastor: *Let us open our Worship Service this morning in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And all God’s children said:*

**“AMEN. PRAISE THE LORD!**” *(Psalm 106:48)*

Opening Hymn….. **#564**……(Red Hymnal & on screen)

…… “Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

*Pastor:* Let us take a few moments to silently talk to God from our hearts

*Pastor:* Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer

**We confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore we come to you in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, trusting in Your mercy, and asking Your forgiveness.**

*Pastor:* If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (Romans 10: 8-10)

*Congregation*: **Lord Jesus, I believe in You. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise … **#83** (and on screen)..  “There’s Something About That Name”

The Prayer of the Day

First Lesson…… (on screen)…….................................… **2 Samuel 11:2-9&14-15**

Second Lesson….(on screen.)…………………… ……...…... **1 John 2:16**

….(on screen.)…………………… ……...…... **Acts 13:22-23**

The Gospel.......... (on screen)….……..….................................. **Matthew 3:13-17**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen**

Children’s Sermon

Pulpit Hymn …**#526 (**vs. 1, 2 & 3 and on screen)…………….... “The Solid Rock”

Message……………………………………………………… “Snare of the Fowler”

Hymn of the Day **#638** (vs 1,2&4 and on screen)………”I need Thee Every Hour”

The Apostles’ Creed (from Luther’s Small Catechism, Ambassador Publications, 2007)

**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; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen**

The Offertory *(presentation of our offering to the Lord)*

Response: **#88** Words below …..................................“More Precious Than Silver”

**Lord, You are more precious than silver,**

**Lord, You are more costly than gold.**

**Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,**

**And nothing I desire compares with You.** (x 2)

### Prayers of the Church (see insert, congregation may be seated)

After each petition the Pastor will pray: *“We ask this in Jesus Name.”*

Congregational Response: “**Thank you Lord Jesus.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn..**#602** (vs 2,3,4 and on screen)….”I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Closing Prayer

Pastor: *Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.*

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Thank you to **Sara Moore** for reading our scripture lessons. And thanks also to all the other participants in our service today for being a blessing in our worship. If you would like to read our scriptures one Sunday please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

If you are interested in using a personal listening device to assist you in hearing the service, whether or not you use a hearing aid, just let an usher know or ask for one at the sound booth in the back of the Sanctuary. Large print bulletins are also available upon request.

**TODAY**  9:30 am ………………………..................................Worship Service

*Followed by coffee , and fellowship*

11:15 to 11:45 am..................................................... Adult Bible Study

7:00 pm….......……Galatians Bible Study-at the Blomberg Residence

**MON**  6:00 pm…………………………………..……………..DivorceCare

**TUES.** 7:00 pm…………………………………..…..…………… Bible Study

**WED.** 6:30am……………………...……………………Men’s Bible Study

9:00 am………………..…………….………………………..Quilting

2:00 to 3:00 pm ………….....….……. Congregational Prayer Time

**FRI.** 1:00 pm………………………………Coffee Hour/ Bulletin Folding

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