



Altar Copy

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

## **PRELUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Gracious God,

**C** have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**P** God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C** Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN: *Come by Here* (3/4) (TFF 43)

*Sing only verse 1, 2, 4, and 5*

### Come by Here



- 1 Come by here, my Lord, come by here; come by here, my Lord, come by here;
- 2 Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, come by here; some-one's cry - ing, Lord, come by here;
- 3 Some-one's sing - ing, Lord, come by here; some-one's sing - ing, Lord, come by here;
- 4 Some-one's pray - ing, Lord, come by here; some-one's pray - ing, Lord, come by here;
- 5 Some - one needs you, Lord, come by here; some - one needs you, Lord, come by here;



come by here, my Lord, come by here;	O	Lord, come by here.
some-one's cry - ing, Lord, come by here;	O	Lord, come by here.
some-one's sing - ing, Lord, come by here;	O	Lord, come by here.
some-one's pray - ing, Lord, come by here;	O	Lord, come by here.
some-one needs you, Lord, come by here;	O	Lord, come by here.

Text: traditional

Music: KUM BA YAH. traditional

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## GREETING

**P** From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## RESPONSIVE READING

- P** For peace in the World, for the health of the Church, for the unity of all,  
**C** **for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,**
- P** That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,  
**C** **that we may live out truth and justice and grace,**
- P** for peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family,  
**C** **for life and for love, for work and our play,**
- P** for your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,  
**C** **that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord.**

## THIS IS THE FEAST



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

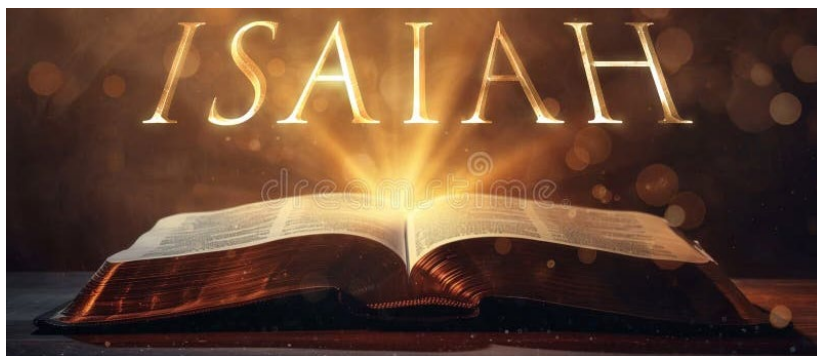


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.
- C** Amen



## FIRST READING: Isaiah 35: 4-7

*Please be seated.*

- L** A reading from Isaiah.

*These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
 the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

**L** The word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 146

*Read responsively.*

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**<sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and Earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
 the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

### SECOND READING: James 2: 1-10 [11-13] 14-17

**L** A reading from James.

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

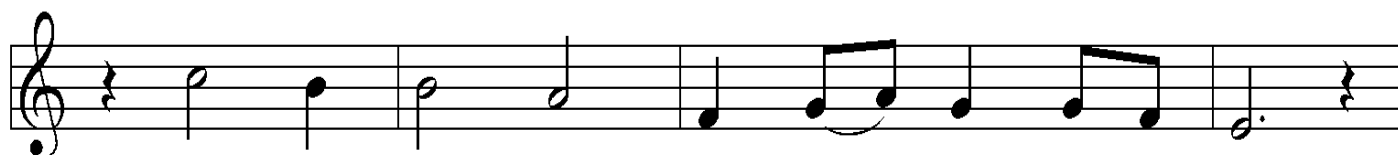
<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? <sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?

Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**L** The word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able.*



**Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**



**You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.**

### GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-30 and Matthew 15: 21-28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark and Matthew, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> chapters.  
**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in the ministry of Jesus. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles. The Matthew gospel tells the same story. Do you see similarities and/or differences?*

#### Mark

<sup>24</sup>From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.

He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

#### Matthew

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.



## SERMON

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

*Please stand as you are able. Sing all 4 verses.*

### Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*

Heal - cr of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - cr; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

*Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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## APOSTLES' CREED

- A** Join me in confessing our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.  
**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into Heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the Church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*Silence for reflection.*

- A** Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- A** We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

- P** We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**



## SHALOM

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THANKS

*Please remain standing*

- P** Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
*(Preface is in the pocket of the Pastor's binder.)*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus **took bread**, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he **took the cup**, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** Amen

## LORD'S PRAYER

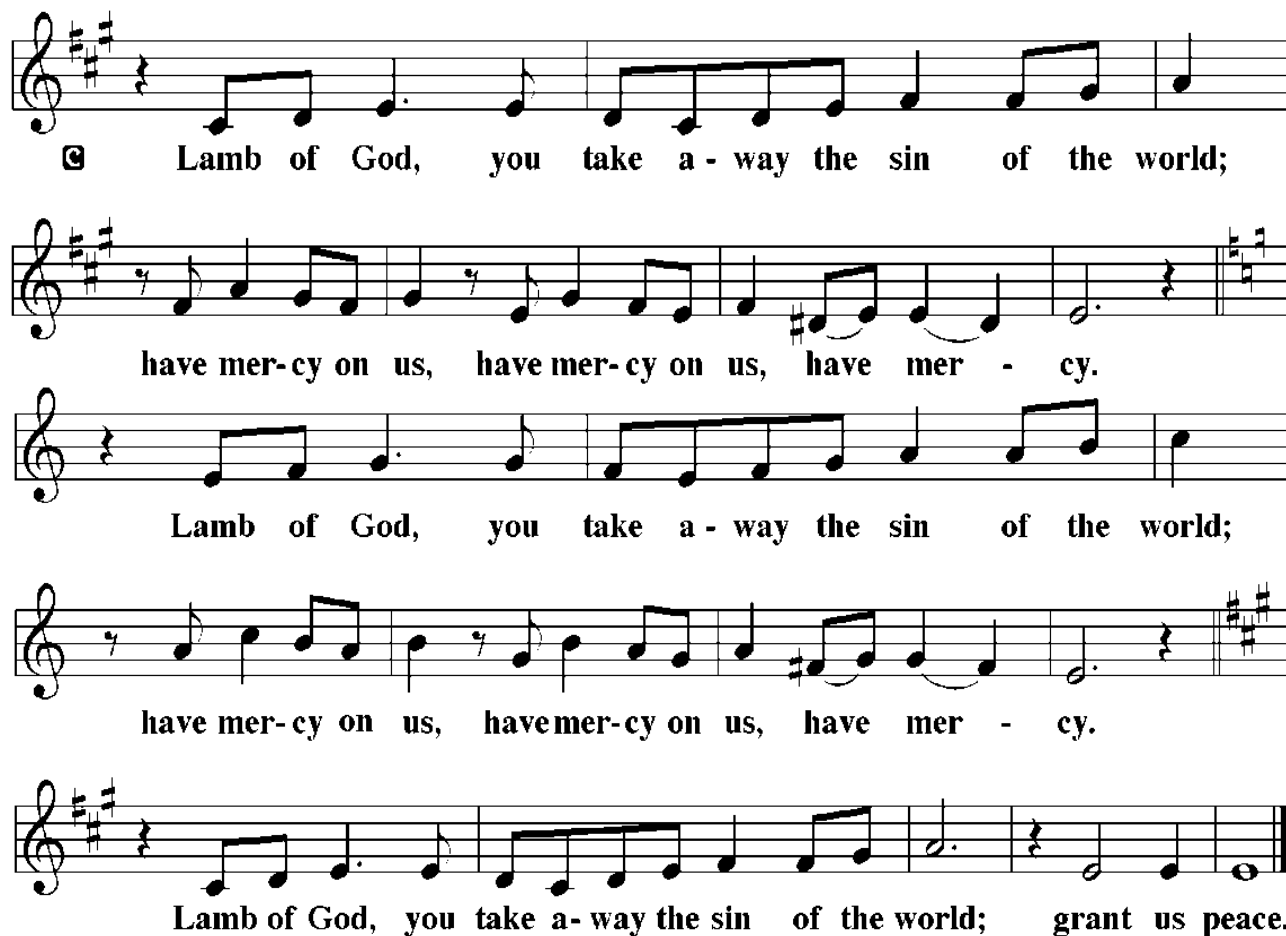
**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray the prayer you taught us:

**C** **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## COMMUNION HYMN



**L** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** Amen

## BLESSING

**P** This week as we celebrate Labor Day and remember all of the people who work daily, have worked and are enjoying retirement, and those who are preparing to enter the work fields of their choices, we ask that you would protect us today from the sin and all of the evil in the world. Keep your holy angels beside us and watching over us. God the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit watch over us, and direct our labors in peace.  
**C** Amen

**SENDING HYMN: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (ELW 773)**

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**DISMISSAL**

- A** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**C** **Thanks be to God. *We go out--Reaching in for the Holy Spirit, Reaching up for God's Grace, Reaching out with Christ's love. Amen!***  
 (The words in italics are Zion's mission statement.)

**POSTLUDE**

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**Serving during worship this week:****Presider:** Jon Meister**Lector:****Musician(s):** Jerry Gossett**Food fund donations:****Serving during worship next week:****Presider:** Jon Meister**Lector:****Musician(s):** Jerry Gossett**Food fund donations:****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome our guests and visitors this morning. Please take a moment to speak with Jon, Jerry, or Louise before you leave. All Baptized persons, at Christ's invitation, are welcome to commune.

**CONTACT THE PASTOR**

Communications requesting pastoral care should be made directly to Pastor Larry Baker, (614) 257-8560.

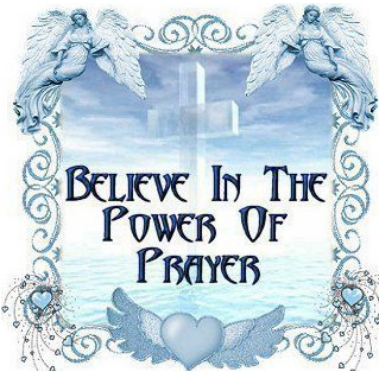


**SUNDAY DISCUSSIONS BEFORE CHURCH** We have Sunday morning Bible discussions every Sunday before Church. We meet at 9:45 each week. Please come and join our lively discussion. Bring your Bible and your favorite morning beverage with you if you wish. We are beginning a discussion of the Holy Trinity based upon a paper written by Alex Meister. Be sure to get in on the ground floor.

**FINDING US ON THE INTERNET** Some of you may know that the church has a wonderful website that was designed by Susie Taylor. She does a wonderful job updating it every week. Susie also has her own page on Facebook that I have referred to on several occasions. There are many items on her site that are great for thoughts of the day. It is *Stix-N-Stonez*. Check it out. However a new blogger on the scene is Alex Meister. Find him at "[christianameister.wixsite.com/blog](http://christianameister.wixsite.com/blog)". Alex has posted many of his essays on different topics

relating to Christianity. Some we have discussed in our Sunday Bible Studies. I invite you to check out both of these Facebook sites. Then come to Bible Study and discuss your feelings.

**PRAYERS**



We are praying for Nicole Biler Robinette, (Tim’s daughter). She is on the transplant list for a new heart. We pray that this will happen soon. Tim says that she is in good spirits. Keep her; her husband, Stephen; and her parents and family in your prayers.

Please keep these people in your prayers as well: Michael Koch; Mike and Donna Toy, and all of those who are suffering from diseases or other health issues and their families. Please remember all of our shut-ins and sick, especially Arlene Castor. Maybe send a card or something to let them know they are being remembered.

The address for Michael and the Koch family is 224 West Romany Loop, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Michael has moved to *The Grove*, a facility that is much closer to his home. You can get updates from Linda at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelkoch2?fbclid) Keep all of the Koch’s in your prayers

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

August, school starts, football games, lots of things going on before the Ox Roast.

**SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>** will be the next time that we serve breakfast at First English. Lately we have contributed to a few other projects and served the meal. Be sure to mark your calendar for 7:15 AM in the church parking lot to go carpool downtown.

**Mark**



**Matthew**

