

Morning Worship Service 11 a.m.
August 23, 2009
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
Also, if you need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason, please use the exits at the
back of the Sanctuary.*

*We appreciate your assistance as we seek to maintain a proper worship
environment for everyone present.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Be Exalted

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-4

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

ALL: **Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.**

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Hymn #715

**** The Invocation**

**** The Apostles' Creed**

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.”

The First Scripture Lesson

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Confession of Our Sins

“Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.”

The Second Scripture Lesson

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 11:39 – 12:3

The Pastoral Prayer

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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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Anthem
The Lord is My Shepherd - Pote

**** Glorifying God in Song**
For All the Saints
Hymn #358

**** Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**
Deacon Bill Cutler

For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.”

Haggai 2:6-9

The Offertory
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - J.S. Bach

*PLEASE FILL OUT THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN
TO INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE.*

**** The Doxology**
(Hymn # 731)

*Children in grades K4 and K5
may be dismissed to Children's Church.*

The Third Scripture Lesson

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things. Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

I Peter 1:10 - 16

The Message
Rev. John K. Keen,
Senior Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**
Take Time to Be Holy
Hymn #537

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Toccatà in E Minor - Pachelbel

*** All who are able, please stand*
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Welcome to Our Visitors

We welcome you in the name of Christ! You can find more information about us on our website at www.seminolepca.org. For questions or to share a prayer concern, fill out the Welcome Card, call the office at 877-6783 or email us at: church@seminolepca.org.

Emergency Contact Number For Fridays

If you have any urgent or emergency needs on Fridays, please feel free to contact Ruling Elder Chip Johnson at (813) 857-3915.

Deacons' Mercy Line (813) 877-6783, Ext. 245

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call this church phone extension; a deacon generally checks the line daily.

TRIATHLON KICKOFF MEETING



Are you ready to “tri” your first tri?? No? That’s OK, you don’t have to be ready ‘til this time next year!! So let’s get started with our planning and training! If you like to swim, bike or run, we want you! If you don’t, please consider helping out with our tailgate party!

Our kickoff meeting will be on Sunday, September 13, after church at the home of Brian & Donna Waugh. We will have a pot luck lunch, details to follow. Bring your whole family including swimsuits, as kids not involved in the triathlon planning can swim while we meet.

We have about 25 people signed up so far and room for more, so if you’re still thinking about it, just come & get more info.

Please call Cathy Armstrong to RSVP, 949-8601.

Thank You

Thank you to Lucas Lambers who has played our postlude this morning!

Children's Ministries Teachers Needed

We are beginning to make plans for the 2009 – 2010 term of Children's Sunday School and Children's Ministry volunteers. Here are the positions we are actively recruiting for:



- **1st – 3rd Grade Teacher Assistant: Open**
- **Children's Worship Teachers**
- Children's Worship Assistants (*Perfect for Middle to High School Students*)
- Nursery Assistants (*Perfect for Middle to High School Students*)

Please see or contact Jackie Toenes to volunteer or for more information. (jtoenes@seminolepca.org or 813-220-4095)

Coffee Volunteers Needed

We are in need of additional coffee volunteers to keep this ministry from being a burden to a small handful of volunteers. Coffee Volunteers are responsible for:

- Making coffee, hot water, and lemonade
- Setting out accessories (cream, sugar, tea bags, cups, napkins, etc.)
- Cleaning and putting away all items at end of fellowship time; clearing off donuts/donut table
- Inspecting/taste testing donuts to ensure the highest level of quality control ☺

Seriously, if you currently enjoy having coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings and are able to serve one Sunday every few months, please see or contact Jackie Toenes (jtoenes@seminolepca.org; 220-4095).

Moving News!

Hello Seminole! The SPC Staff have been very busy in preparing for SPC's relocation to St. Paul Lutheran Church this fall. To facilitate communication about all that is transpiring behind the scenes, please turn to this section weekly for updates, instructions, and even how YOU can assist us in this transition.



Updates:

- After Tuesday, the church offices will be located at: **5107 N. Central Ave, Tampa, FL 33603. The new church number is: 813-774-3881.** The rest of the church will move *Wednesday, September 9.*
- An open house is being planned for **Sunday, September 6 from 2 pm - 4 pm** at St. Paul Lutheran Church. *Make plans now to tour our new facilities!*

General Reminders:

- First Worship service at St. Paul Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 AM**
- **Food or drinks will NOT be allowed in the St. Paul Sanctuary.** We can begin practicing this very important rule NOW in our present Sanctuary. Please dispose of all food and drink items before entering our Sanctuary. Thank you for your cooperation.

How YOU Can Help!

- **Pray!**
- **Volunteer!** Help is needed in coffee ministry, parking, children's worship, nursery, etc. YOU are needed! Contact Jackie for more information on how you can help.

Moving News! ~ Parking Guidelines

Parking Guidelines at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Due to the limited on-site parking at St. Paul and the need for both congregations to have adequate parking, the Deacons have developed the following parking guidelines:

St. Paul Parking Lot

The St. Paul parking lot will be reserved for:

- **Persons with disabilities** –We encourage any of our members who will need special parking access to notify us of their need immediately.
- **Elderly** – while there is no set age to distinguish one as elderly, we generally mean persons who have difficulty walking great distances and need to be close to the building if possible.
- **Parent traveling alone with small children** – this would not apply to couples with small children but only to *single parents* or parents who are traveling *without their spouses*; this will make it easier to round up the kids and get them to where they need to go
- **First-time visitors**

Parking along Central Avenue

Parking is allowed along either side of Central Avenue on Sunday mornings. We ask all other persons not included in the above categories to please be courteous and cooperative and park in the street. **Those who are uncooperative should expect a parking attendant to ask them to move their cars.**

Plan for the first few Sundays

To help facilitate parking on the first few Sundays at St. Paul, we will have parking attendants to assist the flow of traffic prior to the service. *If you can help with this area, please see or contact Bryan Toenes.*

Sunday School Classrooms

Faith Lessons

Walden Class: Judges, Part II

Infant Nursery and 1's

2's – 3's

K-4 & K-5

1st – 3rd Grade

4th & 5th Grade

6th – 8th Grade (Junior High)

9th – 12th Grade (Senior High)

Multi-Purpose Room

Room 114

Room 113

Room 110

Room 108

Room 117B

Room 116

Room 117A

Youth Room

Adult Sunday School Classes

Faith Lessons

Walk through the land that Jesus and his disciples walked. Follow a rabbi, drink in his words, and be covered in the dust of his feet. So says an ancient Jewish proverb, encouraging disciples to follow right on the heels of their teacher. In this delightful DVD study, journey with Ray Vander Laan on-location to Israel and Turkey. Learn about the first-century practice of a Jewish rabbi and his disciples ("talmidim"), and gain new insight into the message of Christ. See how following Christ demands a zeal for the text and a complete devotion to Christian community. Also, in Walk as Jesus walked, discover the true historical context of the Bible, notably Paul as he spread news of Jesus and brought new disciples to follow Him. See how our early Christian brothers and sisters had a consuming desire to be like the Rabbi, every day. *This class will be taught by Elder Randy Johnson in the Multi-Purpose Room at 9:30 am.*



Walden Class: Judges, Part II

The Old Testament book of Judges has been exciting to study. As we continue Part II of Israelite history (during a time when "every man did what was right in his own eyes"), we will examine our own time for parallels which modern men and nations are repeating as faith in God declines. We will reaffirm the importance of Bible Study, Worship, and Christian fellowship in the struggle to stay faithful. The slipping away from our Christian moorings is subtle and progressive, just as it was for the ancient Israelites. This study will be invaluable in recognizing the need to persevere daily in our faith. The class is open to anyone who is interested, so feel free to join us anytime. You will find the Walden class each Sunday morning in **Room 114 at 9:30 am** as we open with a season of prayer prior to the study. (Romans 10: 9)

Volunteers

Children's Worship

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>	<u><i>Banner Bearer</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Andrea Cawley</i>	<i>Kate Melendi</i>	<i>Mikayla Koehler</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Kelly Melendi</i>	<i>Brittany Connolly</i>	<i>Rebecca Armstrong</i>
<i>Sept. 6</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

Children's Church for children K4/K5 meets in Room 116.

Nursery Workers, Toddler (2's/3's) Room #110

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Brianna Connolly</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven</i>
<i>Sept. 6</i>	<i>TBA</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Larry Dickey</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Bill Cutler</i>
<i>Sept. 6</i>	<i>TBA</i>

Greeters

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Bill & Mary Earnest</i>
<i>Next Week:</i>	<i>Johnny & Glenda Fellows</i>
<i>Sept. 6</i>	<i>TBA</i>

If you are unable to work your scheduled Sunday, please find someone to fill in for you prior to the date you are scheduled to work.

Prayer Requests

Pray for those who are sick or are recovering from illness:

- Martha Thompson (leukemia)
- Jon Irwin (MD)
- Mercedes & Servando Fernandez (Servy Fernandez' parents; various health/heart issues)
- Lucille Armstrong (mother of Brian Armstrong)

Pray for those seeking employment or better employment:

- Elaine Crescent

Pray for our missionaries:

- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS in Papua New Guinea
- Marc & Aline Mailloux, Mission to the World - ministry to French speaking people in South Florida and the Caribbean
- Dave Hawes, Navigators – training and development

Prayer / Praise:

- Pray for expecting mother Becky Groomes (October)
- Pray for the Dalton's Winter Haven home to sell quickly

E-mail: prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Tami Pothoven 8/4

Ken Smith, Jr. 8/6

Bill Bergen 8/8

Heather McFarland 8/10

Carolyn Keen 8/12

Jacqueline Horstman 8/13

Emilie Byrne 8/14

Maggie Groomes 8/14

Steve Pothoven 8/17

Servy Fernández 8/19

Brittany Connolly 8/19

Judy Vander Ploeg 8/22

Danny Carrillo 8/24

Don Vander Ploeg 8/26

Larry Dickey 8/29

Juanita Shreve 8/30

Anniversaries

Richard & Sarah Zak 8/7

Frank & Connie Frail 8/16

Al & Debbie Vincent 8/26