"Trusting In The Faithful One"

9th Sunday after Pentecost August 07, 2022 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

It's so easy to lose our composure when our lives get thrown off track. We worry, panic, and sometimes lash out in frustrated anger. We become sullen, disheartened, timid, and afraid. What should people do when everything seems to go wrong?

Today's Scripture lessons gently, yet surely, point us to the strong One – the caring One – the faithful One – who is pleased to meet your need with the best He's got to give!

WE SING

"My Jesus"

Anne Wilson/Jeff Pardo/Matthew West

INVOCATION & REMINDER OF OUR BAPTISM

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death.
- C: We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Rom 6:3-4)
- P: All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Gal 3:27)
- C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM CECILIA CAROL SLAVENS

PLEDGE OF PARENTS & SPONSORS - SIGN OF THE CROSS

CONFESSION OF FAITH — APOSTLES' CREED -

BAPTISM & BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT TO PARENTS

PRESENTATION OF THE LIGHTED CANDLE

DECLARATION OF WELCOME

WE SING "Child Of Love" Andrew Bergthold/Ed Cash/Franni Cash/Martin Cash/Scott Cash

A PSALM OF TRUST – from Psalms 27 & 25

- P: The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?
- C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid?
- P: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in You I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- C: No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame!
- P: Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths;
- C: Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 11:1-16

The people given as examples of faith in this letter were people who trusted the good purposes of God.

¹Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

⁵By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

⁷By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith Abraham, even though he was past age – and Sarah herself was barren – was enabled to become a father because he considered Him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:22-34

Jesus urges us to trust the Father who is PLEASED to provide for us.

²²Then Jesus said to His disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁶Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin, Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith! (continued)

²⁹And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

KIDS' TIME

MESSAGE "Fear and Faith"

(Today's Readings)

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We confess our sins to our Heavenly Father:

C: Lord God, heavenly Father, we confess to You our sinfulness. Sin and its pain exists in our lives because we are human beings. Sin shows in our lives through our thoughts, words, and actions that are contrary to Your will. We also confess our failure to place our full trust in You and the fears that invade our lives because of our lack of trust. Touch us with Your forgiveness again today, dear Father, for the sake of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

GOD ANNOUNCES FORGIVENESS IN OUR SAVIOR JESUS

WE PRAY TO OUR LORD

WE SHARE IN OUR LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF OUR LORD'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD

WE SING "Run To The Father" Cody Carnes | Matt Maher | Ran Jackson

"Raise A Hallelujah" J. Stevens/J. Helser/M. Helser/M. Skaggs

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

WE SING "Good God Almighty" Ben Glover | David Crowder | Jeff Sojka

CLOSING BLESSING