

May 5 , 2024

Bringing Forth the Light

Prelude Jen Moser

Welcome Announcements Pastor John

Opening Prayer Pastor John

Responsive Proclamation (Psalm 27:3) Pastor John

Pastor: Though an army encamp against me,

People: My heart shall not fear!

Pastor: Though war arise against me,

People: Yet I will be confident!

Passing the Peace

\*Apostles Creed Bill and Tina Braucher

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. On the third day, he rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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.

\*Hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" No. 173

\*Prayer of Assurance Bill and Tina Braucher

Holy and Merciful God, we know that we cannot successfully navigate our earthly journey without you, so we ask for the wisdom to surrender completely to you and follow closely behind you, knowing that you will give us the confidence to make informed decisions and follow the pathway you have set before us. In Your All-Powerful Name, we pray. Amen

Call to Confession Pastor John

Prayer of Confession Pastor John

Precious Savior, we do not deserve your abundant grace or your infinite mercy, yet we come before you once again on this day, confessing our sins and asking that you pardon us for our misdeeds so that we may be cleansed, purified, redeemed, and reconciled. In Your Compassionate Name we pray. Amen!

Prayer of Preparation Pastor John

Scripture Passage 1 Joshua 1:7-9 Pastor John

Scripture Passage 2 Jeremiah 17:5-8 Bill Braucher

Scripture Passage 3 Philippians 1:4-6 Tina Braucher

Scripture Passage 4 Ephesians 3:8-13 Pastor John

Response

One: Let us rejoice in God's Holy Word

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope and Joy

\*Gloria Patri No. 70

\*Hymn "Be Still, My Soul" No. 534

Anthem "By One Man" The Choir

Message "Cultivating Confidence" Pastor John

Sacrament of Holy Communion Pg. 15

Our Morning Prayer

Presentation of Our Gifts

\*The Doxology No. 95

\*Prayer Over Our Offerings

\*Hymn "God Will Take Care of You" No. 130

Benediction Pastor John

Postlude Jen Moser

\*=An Invitation to Stand in Body or Spirit

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

**Love is Kind Reminder:** Please add a post-it note to our poster to share your experience about the *Love is Kind* initiative with the congregation. Additional envelopes and inserts are available in the Narthex.

**All-Daughters Banquet:** Thursday, May 9. "These Are a Few of My Favorite Things." A great evening of food, fun and fellowship is planned. Bring a friend! All women and girls are invited. Please RSVP TODAY!

**Pentecost is May 19:** Please wear red as we celebrate the Holy Spirit that day! The Day of Pentecost commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples after the resurrection of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem.

**Outdoor Service:** Weather permitting, we will have our first outdoor worship service on May 19 on our lawn with a picnic following.

**All-Sons Dinner:** Tuesday, June 18. Join us for great food, warm fellowship, and an interesting program as a local author discusses his recent book.

**Vacation Bible School:** June 7-8, at Smithville UMC. This year's VBS will have an Olympic theme to coincide with the upcoming Summer Olympics in Paris. If you would like to help in any way, let Pastor John know.

**Golden Agers Luncheon:** Tuesday, June 11. It is our gift to those 60 and older in our community. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

**Habitat Projects:** Oak Chapel is looking to re-establish its relationship with Habitat for Humanity of Wayne County. We are tentatively looking at projects on June 22 or July 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Future details will be forthcoming.



**Praises and Prayers**

God of ever-present light and comfort, we ask for your blessings on those who suffer, those who are alone, those who are in pain, and those who are lost. Hear our voices as we lift up the following praises and prayers ....

**Praises**

- \*For paramedics and hospital staff, who attended to Pastor John
- \*For Sheri Finn’s brother, Tom, who had successful surgery

**Prayers**

- \*For Rich Myers, who is currently hospitalized
- \*For Nancy Ditmer, who suffered a stroke
- \*For Josh Burns, who was injured in a motorcycle accident
- \*For Joyce Varns as she recuperates from surgery
- \*For Gene Varns’ uncle who is in Hospice care
- \*For Karen Cantrell’s mother who has health concerns
- \*For Karen Cantrell as she travels to see her mother
- \*For Dennis Boen, who is in Hospice care
- \*For Paula Schrader who is dealing with lower back pain
- \*For Bill Braucher, who is also dealing with back pain
- \*For Sheri Finn’s great nephew, who had an appendectomy
- \*For Jim and Patti Pfander during their long goodbye
- \*For the family of Barb Stocksdale, who passed last week
- \*For Cam Boyer’s girlfriend’s mother, who has cancer
- \*For Wendy Rife’s granddaughter, who has health concerns
- \*For Becky Schlund’s granddaughter who is having surgery
- \*For improved health and comfort for Wayne Spangler
- \*For the strife and unrest that is escalating in our world



**Opportunities for Worship and Ministry This Week...**

Sunday 5/5	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday 5/6	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	UWF Executive Cte.	10:30 a.m.
	Art and Soul	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 5/7	Retirees Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 5/8	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 5/9	All Daughters’ Dinner	6:00 p.m.

**Looking Ahead**

Sunday 5/12	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Young Adult Class	11:30 a.m.
Monday 5/13	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday 5/14	Days for Girls	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 5/15	ACORN Deadline	
	Worship Team	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 5/16	4-H	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 5/18	Men’s Breakfast	8:00 a.m.

<i>Upcoming Worship Services</i>	
<i>May 12</i> .....	<i>Buttons and Bumper Stickers</i>
<i>May 19</i> .....	<i>Pentecost/Outdoor Service</i>
<i>May 26</i> .....	<i>Memorial Day Service</i>
<i>June 2</i> .....	<i>What the Hell?</i>
<i>June 9</i> .....	<i>I Don’t Ask Much</i>

**Sunday Smile**  
*What is a dentist’s favorite hymn?  
 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

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 through Love, Compassion,  
 Fellowship, and Caring*

Today’s Message...  
**“Cultivating Confidence”**