

# EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST JULY 11, 2021

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Announcements Brice Smith

\*Greeting One Another in Jesus' Name

\*Hymn # 426 "Blessed Assurance" ASSURANCE

\*Call to Worship *The Temple of the Lord*

The earth and everything on it belong to the Lord.

The world and its people belong to God.

**The Lord placed it all on the oceans and rivers.**

Who may climb the Lord's hill or stand in his holy temple?

**Only those who do right for the right reasons, and do not  
worship idols or tell lies under oath.**

The Lord God, who saves them, God will bless and reward  
them, because they worship and serve the God of Jacob.

**Open the ancient gates, so that the glorious king may  
come in.**

Who is this glorious king?

**He is our Lord, a strong and mighty warrior.**

Open the ancient gates, so that the glorious king may come in.

**Who is this glorious king? He is our Lord, the All-Powerful!**

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\*Opening Prayer The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

Song of Faith #4 "Bless His Holy Name" CROUCH

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The First Reading 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

The Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Song #422 "Amazing Grace" NEW BRITAIN

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Special Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Children's Message (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

\*The Gospel Mark 6:14-29

Message "Blessing God from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

## RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is  
moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to  
be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you  
to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

\*Song of Praise "10,000 Reason"

\*Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude \*Please stand if able

## HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN TODAY

**GOOD NEWS!** God loves you and wants to redeem all people. The Bible outlines the way to become a follower of Jesus Christ:

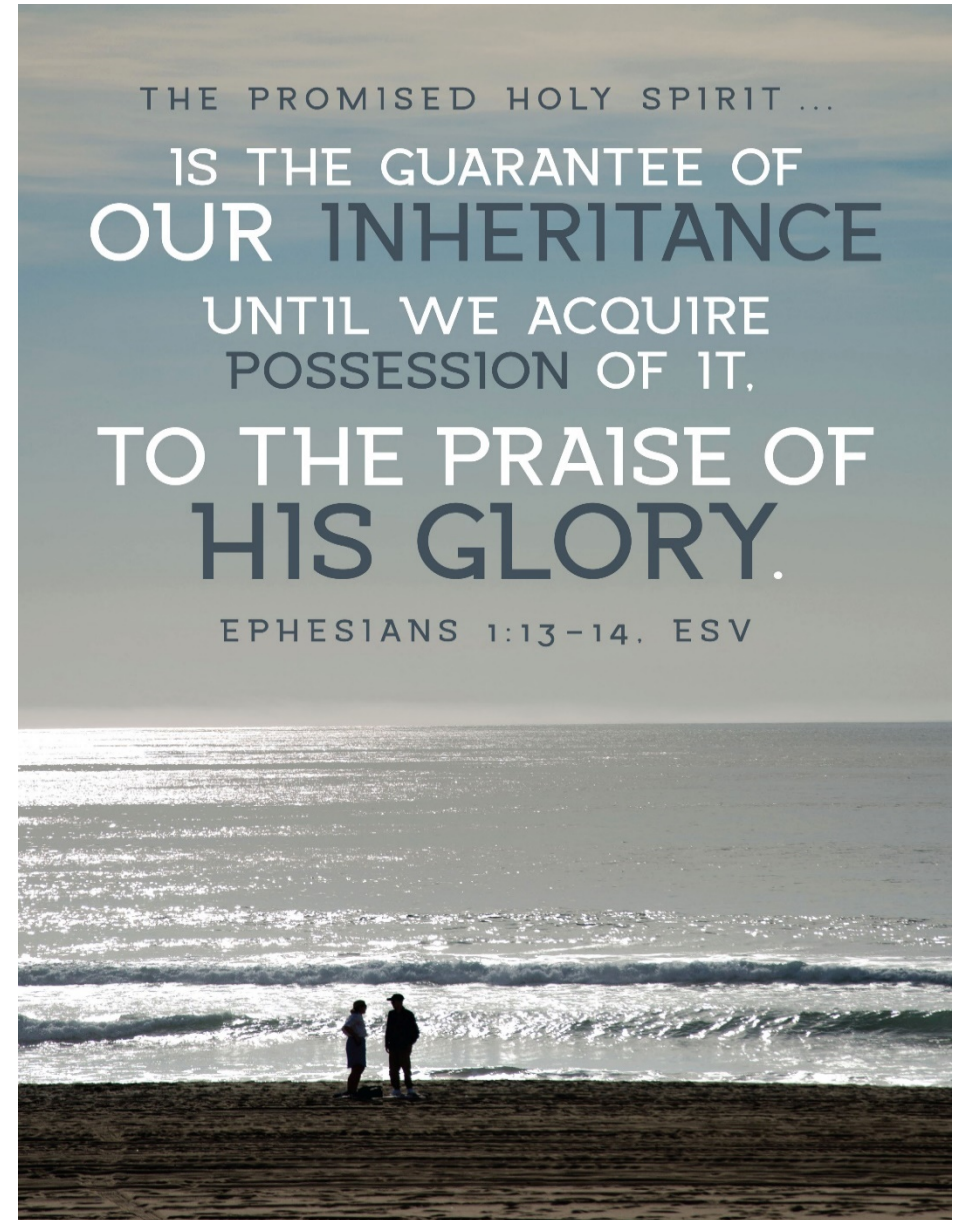
1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you are a sinner (you have done wrong things). Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** - Believe that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Savior (Rescuer and Redeemer) and Lord (Ultimate Leader). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS** - Tell your family and friends about your new faith in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly announce your decision to be a Christian.

**HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD** – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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