Lord’s Day, May 21, 2023

Communion Sunday/International Sunday

*Please complete the Attendance Registration sheet and pass it down the row to your left. Visitor cards and prayer cards are in the Attendance Register. Please place visitor cards and prayer request cards in the offering plate. We welcome your prayer requests.*

Verse to Meditate Ps. 115:3 ESV

*“Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.”*

Welcome/Announcements Tom Feazell

Prelude

Call to Worship Exod. 34:5-8

Prayer of Invocation

\*Praise Songs: *Only a Holy God (Solo el Santo Dios)*

*Lord, I Need You (Señor, Te Necesito)*

\*The Confession of Faith: *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord’s Day 21

Q.54. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

**A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.**

Q.55. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

**A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and cheerfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.**

Q.56. What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

**A. I believe that God, because of Christ’s atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.**

\*The Confession of Sin (see inside of bulletin)

\*Assurance of Pardon Heb 9:13-14

\*Gloria Patri Hymnal #735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen, amen.**

Worship through the Giving of Tithes and Offerings/Prayer

\*Offertory Response #731 “Doxology”

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavn'ly host;**

**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Special Music *People Need the Lord* Gloria Coleman

Scripture Jonah 4 p. 921-2

*We ask that children stay in the sanctuary with their parents, as there is no Children’s Church on Communion Sundays***.**

Sermon “When Mercy Hurts”

\*Hymn #693 “Blessed Assurance”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper T. E. Beau Miller

\*Hymn #498 “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

\*Benediction

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Church Office Hours - week of May 22nd – May 26th**

Monday: Church Office closed

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday: Nancy off (Kathy working)

**UPCOMING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

Today, 5/21 John Selby and Danielle Breneman

5/28 Kristen Nichols and Karl Mangels

6/4 Susan Bowen and Carol Bronakoski

6/11 Sue Milligan and Debbie Sisson

**Upcoming Tech Team**

**5/28 Robbie and Carol**

**6/4 Alan and Jeff**

**6/11 Melissa and Patrick**

**6/18 Zachary and Sam**

Direct website links to church information:

* Prayer / Praise - [www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/praise-prayer-form/)
* Giving - [www.lochravenpca.org/giving/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/giving/)
* Calendar / Events - [www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/our-activities/)
* Resources - [www.lochravenpca.org/resources/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/resources/)
* Visitor Feedback - [www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/](http://www.lochravenpca.org/visitor-feedback/)

Guest Wi-Fi network: LRPC@9318-Guest

Guest Wi-Fi Password: ac@lrpcgc

Church Website: [www.lochravenpca.org](http://www.lochravenpca.org)

**WORSHIP, GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Monday, May 22, 2023**

**\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE\***

12:00 p.m. **ROMEO group**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

1:00 p.m. **Prayer Meeting**

5:30 p.m. **TOPS**

5:45 p.m. **The Gathering**

7:00 p.m. **ESOL (Graduation)**

**Thursday, May 25, 2023**

1:30 p.m. **Men and Women’s Bible Study** *Acts*

7:00 p.m. **Praise Team/Prayer Line**

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

7:00 p.m. **Knitting Group**

**Saturday, May 27, 2023**

9:30 a.m. **Katie and Quinn’s Wedding Shower**

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

**\*MEMORIAL SUNDAY\***

9:30 a.m.

**Adult Classes**

Men’s Class: *Moses, God’s First Super Hero* Room 201

Berean Class (Women): *Ephesians*  Room 202

Adult Elective: *Westminster Confession of Faith*  Room 203

**\*Please have any announcements or schedule changes in to the church office no later than noon on Wednesdays.**

**Missions Prayer Emphasis**

**MISSION TO THE WORLD (MTW): PETE & RUTH MITCHELL, FRANCE**

On June 9th, the Mitchells will fly to the US for their HMA (Home Ministry Assignment). Pray for all the details involved to fall into place as they make preparations for this move.

Praise God that Pete was able to get an exception for their French visas so that they will not have to make an extra trip back to France next year.  Pray that they will be able to hand off all of their responsibilities to their French colleagues and teammates. Pray for Ruth as she undergoes radiation therapy after having a cancerous tumor removed last month. Ruth seeks to have opportunities to share God’s Word every time that she has to go to the Cancer Hospital.

**GATHER TO SCATTER: KINGDOM COME**

The MTW East Coast missions conference will be held on July 14 and 15, 2023, at Korean Central Presbyterian Church in Centreville, VA. The plenary speaker will be Dr. Victor Nakah.  To learn more details about times, workshops , and registration fees, you can visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfc7xnzU1mnBS9MXraQGhHRXPCHe9I00Fu9wogkq-6\_QTGwoA/viewform?\_ga=2.29238389.836800369.1683645273-879107683.1683645273

**Church News**​

**VBS 2023: JULY 10th -14th**

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**COMMUNION THIS MONTH AND NEXT**

Please be aware that instead of having Communion on the last Sundays in May and June, we will be having it today and on June 18.

**ORIOLES BASEBALL GAME**

We are planning a night at the Yard - Camden Yards - to see an Orioles game. We have 2 choices:

1. Saturday, June 24, 4:05 p.m., against Seattle (free Orioles Purple Pride Jersey) in Section 49 or 55 for $45 (off 3rd base) or in Section 19 or 17 for $45 (off 1st base)
2. Saturday, July 1, 4:05 p.m., against Minnesota (free Birdland Hawaiian Shirt) in Section 55 for $55 (off 3rd base) or in Section 23 for $55 (off 1st base)

We need at least 15 people to get a discount. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the lobby no later than Tuesday, May 23. You can contact Patty De Rosa with questions, 410-805-2805.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Precious heavenly Father,**

**It is difficult to see the Pharisee within ourselves, and painful to admit how hypocritical and judgmental we really are. We see the sins of others with crystal clarity, yet are deceived and mesmerized daily by our own outward goodness. We excel at performing for the applause of a watching world, while ignoring and hiding the foul cesspool of wickedly sinful thoughts that dominate our minds for most of the day, every day. We lust, covet, and exalt ourselves constantly. We steal your glory by taking credit for your work in our lives, and create entire kingdoms in our imaginations where we are worshipped instead of you. In this we have offended your holiness and committed treason against you in every corner of our depraved hearts and minds.**

**Kind and holy Jesus, your glowing righteousness rescues us from our wickedness and greed. You never performed for others or lived to impress them. You were perfect in honesty and truth from the inside out, and even now your radiant goodness replaces all our sin and disobedience. In your perfection, you had every right to judge and humiliate sinners around you, yet you dearly loved the most sinful of humans and forgave them freely. Our guilt and treason were your undoing, yet even now you think of us with loving pity and unswerving devotion.**

**Jesus, thank you for living and dying for each one of us.**

**Powerful Holy Spirit, put to death the Pharisee in our souls. Give us true and sober judgment about ourselves, and honest courage to admit what incredible sinners we really are. Convict us daily of our sin and of our goodness, of which we are so proud, and never let us escape from our need of a Savior. Help us to live a life of honesty before others, confessing our sin and asking for their help to see more clearly. Rescue us from the love of our own reputation, and change our hearts, we pray. Cause us to see Jesus daily, to love him deeply, and to become like him as we adore him in all his brilliant glory. Amen.**

**(taken from “Pride” from *Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration* by Barbara Duguid)**