

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

TODAY: Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Messages by Elder Ron Trabandt - AM

Matt Kuehne - PM

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WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service --7:00 p.m.

Message by Pastor Allan Ison

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Our pastor and Nancy are out of town for a few days in Michigan; they will be visiting with some of the saints from the Almont church toward the end of the week.

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**HALLELUJAH PRAISE THE SAVIOR**

Tune: "Love Divine" 8.7.8.7./double Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

Hallelujah praise the Savior,  
For His free and sovereign grace;  
He determined in His purpose,  
Mercy for a chosen race.

Bless the Name of our great Savior,  
For redemption's work is done;  
Finished as the Lord demanded,  
Wrought by Jesus Christ the Son.

Hallelujah praise the Savior,  
On Him all our sins were laid;  
Christ the Lamb for us was stricken,  
He our ransom fully paid.

See the Sacrifice for sinners,  
In our stead He bled and died;  
All for whom the Savior suffered,  
Are redeemed and justified.

Hallelujah praise the Savior,  
Jesus lives and reigns above;  
He's the Rock of our salvation,  
Full of pity, grace and love.

Grant us Lord Thy great compassion,  
Thou must save and Thou alone;  
Now as sinners we beseech Thee,  
Show us mercy from Thy throne.

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Our hearts and prayers go out to the Imes and Kemper families this week. Bonnie Imes went home to Glory on Tuesday and her funeral service was on Friday here at the Church. The family would like to thank everyone for all the help that day and for the luncheon that followed.

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There is no other SAVIOR but CHRIST to look to, no other MEDIATOR between God and men to make use of, no other PHYSICIAN of value for diseased and sin-sick souls to apply unto, no other FOUNTAIN but His blood for polluted souls to wash in and be cleansed, no other CITY OF REFUGE or STRONGHOLD for souls sensible of danger to flee unto and be safe, no other to come to as the BREAD OF LIFE where hungry souls may be fed, no other PLACE OF REST for those that are weary and heavy laden, nor is there any other where there is plenty of ALL GRACE and SECURITY from every enemy, as in HIM; and therefore, to Whom can they recourse, but unto HIM?

--John Gill

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"Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the sceptre of Thy Kingdom is a righteous sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows" (Psalm 45:6-7)

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I am a sinner by nature, but I am a saint by grace. I have no hope or plea for that salvation which is of the Lord except Christ and Him crucified. I can truthfully say, by the witness of the Holy Spirit, "It is well with my soul." Nevertheless, though I am washed in the blood of the Lamb, and am made "the righteousness of God in Christ," I am a man who knows something about turmoil within and opposition from without. I still have many enemies against my soul. Satan stands against me; the world with all of its allurements plagues me. My own flesh is no friend to grace, to God or to the work which the Lord has begun within me. It tempts me to feel holy and good about myself due to some work I have done or some word I have spoken. I constantly need to be reminded (and the same goes for you) that, "in my flesh dwelleth no good thing...O wretched man that I am" (Romans 7:18, 24). My need today remains the same as it always has been - the continual saving and sustaining grace of God. O my brothers and sisters, let us always remember that God keeps us safe, we certainly do not keep ourselves in a state of grace. The Lord blesses us not because we are good, but because He is good; not because we are deserving, but because He is gracious. God chose me, accepts me and saves me, not upon the basis of any good that I have said, thought or done, but because of Christ, because of who He is and what He has done for me. Should the Lord leave me to myself, there is more than enough sin in me to create a thousand devils.

--Pastor Jim Byrd

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### **GOD'S HUMBLING GRACE IN CHRIST**

[For any who are under the illusion that they are somehow growing in perfection and holiness, consider this excerpt taken from a letter by John Newton (preacher and author of the hymn, "Amazing Grace") to a friend, written on Nov. 23, 1774.]

I have no idea of any permanent state in this life that shall make my experience cease to be a state of warfare and humiliation. At my first setting out, indeed, I thought to be better and to feel myself better, from year to year. I expected, by degrees, to attain everything that I then comprised in my idea of a saint. I thought my grain of grace, by much diligence and careful improvement, would, in time, amount to a pound. That pound, in a farther space of time, to a talent, and then I hoped to increase from one talent to many so that supposing the Lord should spare me a competent number of years, I pleased myself with the thoughts of dying rich. But, alas! These golden expectations have been like South Sea dreams. I have lived hitherto a poor sinner and I believe I shall die one. Have I then gained nothing by waiting upon the Lord? Yes, I have gained that which are proofs of the deceitfulness and desperate wickedness of my heart, as I hope, by the Lord's blessing, have, in some measure, taught me to know what I mean, when I say, "Behold, I am vile" (Job 40:4). In connection with this, I have gained such experience of the wisdom, power, and compassion of

my Redeemer, the need, the worth of His blood, righteousness, ascension, and intercession, the glory that He displays in pardoning iniquity and sin, and passing by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage, that my soul cannot but cry out, "Who is a God like unto Thee that pardoneth iniquity?" (Micah 7:18) --John Newton

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Mercy more overflows in God than sin in us. His mercy drowns great sins as the sea covers great rocks! Christ's blood is "a fountain for sin and uncleanness" (Zechariah 13:1). Some of the Jews who had their hands steeped in Christ's blood were saved by that blood! God loves to magnify His mercy and display the trophies of free grace! --Thomas Watson