

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 2013

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Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

"Go"

L Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

VOTUM

INTROIT

"Praise You"

Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 67)

May God be gracious to us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #496**

"Jesus Shall Reign"

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Romans 10:9-13

LAW OF GOD

Unison Reading #58 Romans 12 (Page 530 hymnal)

***GLORIA PATRI**

*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.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Ye Shall Be My Witnesses" Chancel Choir

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 28:16-20** (Page 26 New Testament)
Acts 1:6-11 (Page 90 New Testament)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #504** *"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"*

SERMON "The Still Small Voice"

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *"Great Day"* Ryan Tose, Tenor

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #491** *"O Zion Haste"*

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

"Ye Shall Be My Witnesses" Reprise

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Carole Angrilla

Ushers: Bill, Julie Anne, Jason & Marie Thompson

Nursery: Andy & Katharine Hoyt

Fellowship: Luncheon

Next week's stewards (**September 22**):

Greeter: Rosalie Davis

Ushers: Barbara Araromi, Aaron & Shawna Guikema, Heidi Wilson

Nursery: Bill, Julie Anne, Jason & Marie Thompson

Fellowship:

MEALS ON WHEELS

On the 4th Friday of each month our church delivers Meals on Wheels (which we have been doing for the past 25+ years!). There are currently 6 routes for which we are responsible. We are in need of someone to deliver one of these routes. Some deliver the routes in teams of two or individually, usually taking about an hour. If you could help with this very worthwhile mission, please contact Nancy Dey (919-460-6556).

CROP WALK IS COMING SOON

The Cary Area CROP walk will be October 6th. It starts at 2 p.m. at Christ-The-King Lutheran Church on Walnut Street. The purpose of the CROP walk is to raise awareness of hunger problems around the world. Much of the proceeds go to local charities.

Last year, First Reformed Church of Cary raised the highest amount of money generated by the local churches in Cary. I hope we can count on your continued support this year. You may participate by being a walker, a sponsor, or a supporter. More information is forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Hamm (919-846-2833).

FOOD NEEDED FOR DORCAS PANTRY

The Dorcas Food Pantry has seen a 30% uptick in food demand the last few months and the shelves are running bare. Can you please help? The most needed items are: baking items, cereal, vegetable soup, mixed veggies, pinto beans, canned fruit, applesauce, pasta meals, canned chicken & beef stew.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Our Call

Introduction: Jesus' Ascension

I. Disciples

- A. Matthew – worship and doubt
- B. Acts – The Kingdom
- C. How do we function without Jesus?

II. 2013

- A. Worship and Doubt
- B. Misplaced priorities
- C. Living without Jesus

III. Jesus' Directives

- A. Make Disciples
- B. Be my witnesses
- C. Power of Holy Spirit

IV. 2013

- A. Make what?
- B. Do what?
- C. I can't do it!

Conclusion – Lifeguard story