

Prayer of Preparation

*Our Father, by your power
through your Spirit may Christ
dwell in our hearts today.*

*Root us and ground us in your
love so that with all the saints
we may grasp the breadth,
length, height and depth of
the love of Christ.*

Fill us with all your fulness.

Surpass our expectations.

Surprise us with wonder.

*Set us free to give you glory now
and forever.*

Special Prayer Needs

Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today and would love to keep in touch. We have a nursery for infants and toddlers. After Passing of the Peace, Pre-K through 2nd grade continue to worship upstairs. After the service, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Kindness Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments next Sunday: Goodness Group.
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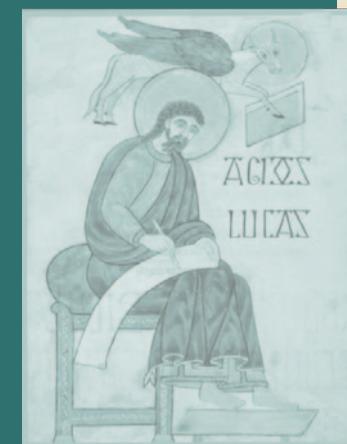
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Story Tellers and Story Dwellers



WEEK 15

*Clarity,
a Call
and a Child*



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* Congregation Stands

GREETINGLeader: *The Lord be with you***All: And also with you.***** CALL TO WORSHIP***from Hebrews 1*Leader: *Long ago God spoke through the prophets***All: But now God has spoken to us through his Son.**Leader: *God made the world through the Son, who has been appointed heir of all things, who is the perfect reflection of God's glory.***All: The Son is the exact representation of God's being, who sustains all things by his powerful word.**Leader: *Praise God for the gift of his Son.***All: Praise God now and forever.***** OPENING HYMN**#293 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**** CALL TO CONFESSION***The light has come into the world, and this is the verdict: People loved darkness rather than light. Because we know our hearts, let us recognize and confess the darkness within and without. Let us confess our sin to God.**** CONFESSION*****O God our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way. We fail to follow the signs you provide. We are lost and in the dark. And to make matters worse we judge others for losing their way. We are in the dark. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to Christ so that in your light we might see light. In his name we pray. Amen.****** THE GLORIA PATRI and PASSING THE PEACE***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.***CHILDREN'S SERMON***** HYMN OF PREPARATION***Speak, O Lord ****Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,**That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.**Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.**And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.*** "Speak O Lord" Words by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. Bruce Greer © Copyright 2006 Thankyou Music CCLI# 11214042**SCRIPTURE AND SERMON***Luke 9:18-50
Clarity, a Call and a Child**** CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**Leader: *The Lord be with you.***All: And also with you.**Leader: *Lift up your hearts.***All: We lift them up to the Lord.**Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.***All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.****OFFERING AND OFFERTORY***** THE DOXOLOGY***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*****I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.****** HYMN OF DEDICATION** #327 *The Old Rugged Cross**** BENEDICTION**