



**Making disciples who make disciples**  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
**July 19, 2020**

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**Sunday 11:30 a.m. & Wednesday 5:30 p.m.**

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A Christian Community

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**Next Parish Council Meeting**

**July 29, 2020**

**Currently services are on Facebook ONLY.**

**The virtual live stream begins at 11:30 a.m.**

**Please join us!**

**In Other Words – Children of God**

As a child, I sometimes got invited to friends' homes in various parts of the city. I went to a few different schools growing up, and at one of them my mother was a secretary for the dean of students. It was a prestigious school in a very good neighborhood, and my mother received a massive tuition discount because the school salaries were so low. That's how she could afford to send me there.

Some of the homes my friends lived in were mini mansions. I remember that one of the parents of a friend of mine owned an office building (over 40 stories tall) in mid-town Manhattan that was named after him (not Trump). I enjoyed my time visiting with all of them and (surprisingly, in retrospect) didn't envy my fellow students for their material wealth. I did realize, however, that they were set for life as part of their family dynasty and that being part of that family had benefits that only family members were eligible to receive.

Being part of our church family is the same. Not just our family at Christ the Redeemer, but as members of the Body of Christ—a family described by Jesus and the New Testament writers as replacing the physical one if we have to choose. For the early Christians, becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ usually meant losing their earthly family, friends, and business associates. The Church family replaced that loss emotionally, spiritually, and often financially, as they all gave what they had to provide for each other.

It's hard to imagine anyone giving a small portion of their earnings to their spouse to cover the family needs and expenses, while keeping a separate account for themselves to cover their own wants and recreation. That's what the early Christians felt regarding each other and the inter-relational dependency they had as members of this new family.

In this week's passage from Romans, Paul encourages the new Christians who have been freed from their sinful tendencies and the penalty for those sins through God's grace, by reminding them of the benefits they have in their new family.

*For all those who are led by the Spirit of God, **these** are sons of God. ... you have received the Spirit of **adoption**, by whom we cry out, "Abba! Father!"<sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself confirms to our spirit that we are children of God,<sup>17</sup> and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ — Romans 8:14–17 (LEB)*

The word for adoption in the Greek text (*uiothesias*) has the root *uios*, which means "son." Sons had a legal status that included inheritance. It was more pragmatic than sexist, as daughters married into another family, so if they inherited land and property, a family line might lose its accumulated estate through a series of inheritances that became part of another family line. By sons inheriting the family leadership and land, it all stayed within the family.

In Paul's time, everyone lived under that construct. Paul is writing to an interconnected group of house churches in Rome that are obviously composed of both men and women, so his use of "sons" is deliberate and applies to both sexes since the earlier part of sentence says, "*for all those who are led by the Spirit...*" **Everyone** who is led by the Holy Spirit is adopted into the Family of God with all the rights normally afforded in their culture only to sons. And if we are adopted into the family, we have all the rights of inheritance as well, which makes us co-heirs with Jesus. Like Jesus, we are able to call God, "Father," or "Daddy," which is a more idiomatic translation of the Aramaic word, *abba*.

An implicit aspect of being adopted by God is that until that point, we are in spiritual orphanages. "*For all those who are ...*" only makes sense if there are some who *are not*. It's a reminder that makes us uncomfortable. We are all created by God, but not all will be adopted by him into his family. The offer is there for everyone, but an offer must be accepted in order to form an agreement. If we disregard God's offer of salvation through Jesus Christ, and choose not to accept it, the offer is considered withdrawn. That's the way it works in contract law and seems to

have its theological complement in God's offer of salvation to us.

There are many in this world who have rejected God's offer of adoption and are therefore not adopted. We would never imagine a small child saying, "I don't want to be part of your family! I want to be an orphan!" That's the sort of foolishness that usually requires a university education to produce.

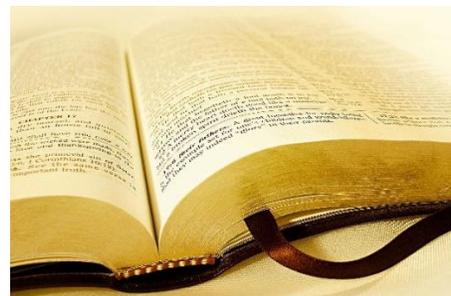
We must follow God's spirit and accept his offer. Then we must obey our Heavenly Father in what he guides us to do and not do. And everything our brother and Lord Jesus has will be shared with us in glory.

God, our father, has made us an offer we shouldn't refuse.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Austin

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## Readings for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17;  
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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## Those Who Serve

Lessons ~ Al Manning  
Prayers ~ Motty Durham  
Altar Guild ~ Jennifer Kircher

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Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open the hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Alfredo & Lilian Campa, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Kate Campa, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Lauren, Steven, Elena, Armida, Armida's mother, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, family of Allyne Woolery, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Steve, Carrie, Diane and Al, and Pray for the World.

*If you would like to submit prayer requests for this newsletter or if you have any updates, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or ctryuma@gmail.com*

## PRAYERS FOR THE DEANERY OF ARIZONA

**The Rev. Steven and Darci Balog, with their children Nicholas, Jonathan, Ashley, and James,** Holy Spirit Anglican Fellowship, Prescott, AZ

**Ryan and Noleen Thurman, with their children Ethan, Keilah, Micah, and Eleyana,** the House Church, "Apprenticeship to Jesus," serving Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ



## CTR PRAYER PROJECT

**John 3:16-For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.**

I doubt there are any of you reading this who do not have this Scripture memorized. Either you learned it in Sunday School, at Vacation Bible School, or from a list of Scripture verses every Christian ought to familiarize themselves with. Like me, you may not be able to remember having heard an entire sermon preached on it. Yet, last Sunday, John Enabnit, the lead Pastor at Broadway Christian Church in Mesa, AZ (for the past 30 years), did just that. He titled his sermon, "God's

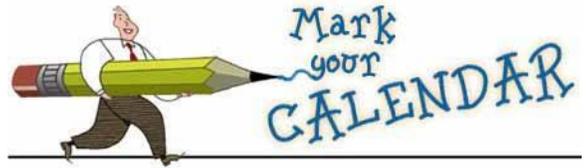
Outrageous Love for People". I came away with a deeper understanding of this verse, and I want to share my insight with you. John 3:16 tells us all we need to know about God. It is truly "Good News"! It also tells us that there are only two categories of man: those who are perishing and those who have eternal life. It tells us that God loves not just Americans, not just blacks, not just the people who love Him back, not just those who belong to a certain political party, not just those who go to church, not just those whose offering is the biggest, not just those who volunteer in soup kitchens, and not just those who belong to the "right" denomination. We all know this, but we need to be reminded of this because we behave as though God's "chosen" belong to one of the categories above. And while people in our nation are highly critical of those who don't agree with them, we must keep in mind that God loves **every people group**, all ethnicities, all nationalities, male and female, rich and poor, old and young, educated and illiterate, churchd and unchurchd, including our enemies, all evil people, the difficult people in our lives, those in favor of abortions, and those who make disgusting choices, killing for the sheer pleasure of it. Pastor Enabnit suggested we think of the people we dislike the most, and ask ourselves, "Would I be willing to donate a kidney to them, go to prison for them, or even be willing to die and go to hell for them?" God is love (His nature), and He loves all people no matter what. Yes, He is angry about our sin, but He loves all of us sinners, and He loves unconditionally--like we could **never** love. Jesus isn't asking us to admire Him, like we do athletes, singers, or actors--just to follow Him. And we do that by loving His world--**all of it!** We don't have to love what the world is saying or doing, but as followers of Christ, we must love the world He loves--the world He loves so much He was willing to die for and save.

**Praying in One Accord**-In order to be in one accord with Christ, Who loves no matter what, we must be willing to love His world--every person He has placed in it!

**Accord Prayer**-Lord Christ, we never know when something we say or do might cause someone to move from perishing to having eternal life; as hard as it is for us to love others unconditionally, help us do it in and through You and the power of Your Holy Spirit. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**-Loving Father, thank You for sending Your Son to show us how to love unconditionally; thank You for teaching us that we must hate the sin, but love the sinner. Amen.

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On July 11, Squadron 508 of the Civil Air Patrol organized and food drive for the Yuma Community Food Bank. Thank you to all who donated nonperishable food items for this very worthy cause!

~ Deacon Linda



Some of the cadets from Squadron 508 who helped with the food drive.

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CtR's Prayers and Squares ministry is taking a vacation. The quilters will not be meeting regularly, however, quilts will still be available as needed. You may contact Katy Mize, (782-0843), or the church office if you need a quilt.

**Sunday, July 19**

11:30a.m. Worship Service (via Facebook)

**Tuesday, July 21**

6:30 a.m. Bible Study – Esther (via ZOOM)

**Wednesday, July 22**

2:00 p.m. Bible Study - Pauline Letters (via ZOOM)

5:30 p.m. Worship Service (in church & via Facebook)

**Sunday, July 26**

11:30 a.m. Worship Service (via Facebook)

**The Hope of Future Glory (Romans 8:18–27)**

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