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Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!

Acts 2.4

Pentecost

Sunday, May 23, 2021



Mike's Message

For the past 5–6 months most of you have heard me speak of the “Behold Your God” Bible studies that we offered at Light of Christ. The first series, “Rethinking God Biblically,” started on October 13th of last year and ended on February 2nd. The second series, “Thy Weight of Majesty”, began on February 13th and ended on April 20th. In the meantime, the first series started again with a different class on February 24th and will be finished on May 19th. They will move to the second series starting June 2nd. Actually, it was a different class with new students and those who had already gone through it and wanted to do so again.

Even though there are two separate studies, they both focus on God’s self-revelation through his Word. Who God declares himself to be is often vastly different than who he is in the imaginations of even those who would consider themselves Christians. The Bible has much to say about the attributes of God and when they are rightly understood through his word it changes the perception of who He is in truth. When we more clearly understand His power, majesty, glory, grace, mercy, wrath, and His other attributes, we are left overwhelmed by who God really is. This corrects the tendency to view God as like us, only bigger and more powerful and helps us see ourselves for who we really are; sinful, helpless, without hope, and desperate for the mercy of the incomprehensible creator of all things. Having a higher view of God always leads to a lower view of ourselves. Instead of arrogantly inviting God to be a part of our lives, we see the need to cry out to God that He alone become the primary focus our lives, with us living for His glory, instead of our own. Knowing more about who God actually is helps us to finally understand the difference between those who often are seen as fanatics, and those who are content with their relationship with God.

I have loved watching those who decided to take the classes come alive through a deeper understanding of the God of Scripture. The realization of God’s nature and character made them want to know more and more. Suddenly, being satisfied with their relationship as it has been, no longer seems adequate. It wasn’t unusual to hear comments like; “I don’t know this

God” and “Why have I never heard these things before?” or “Why aren’t there more people here, this is important?” and “What are we going to do next?”

For those who didn’t choose to take the classes before, I will make them available again. For those who have taken the classes and want to invite friends to come, I will make them available during the day and if necessary, in the evening.

I want to close with a beautiful Puritan prayer from “The Valley of Vision.” I believe that this prayer truly captures a proper view of God’s glory and our desperate need for him:

O LORD GOD, WHO INHABITEST ETERNITY

The heavens declare thy glory, The earth thy riches, The universe is thy temple; Thy presence fills immensity, Yet thou hast of thy pleasure created life, and communicated happiness; Thou hast made me what I am, and given me what I have; In thee I live and move and have my being; Thy providence has set the bounds of my habitation, and wisely administers all my affairs. I thank thee for thy riches to me in Jesus, for the unclouded revelation of him in thy Word, where I behold his Person, character, grace, glory, humiliation, sufferings, death, and resurrection; Give me to feel a need of his continual saviourhood, and cry with Job, ‘I am vile’, with Peter, ‘I perish’, with the publican, ‘Be merciful to me, a sinner’. Subdue in me the love of sin, Let me know the need of renovation as well as of forgiveness, in order to serve and enjoy thee forever. I come to thee in the all-prevailing name of Jesus, with nothing of my own to plead, no works, no worthiness, no promises.

I am often straying, often knowingly opposing thy authority, often abusing thy goodness; Much of my guilt arises from my religious privileges, my low estimation of them, my failure to use them to my advantage, But I am not careless of thy favor or regardless of thy glory; Impress me deeply with a sense of thine omnipresence, that thou art about my path, my ways, my lying down, my end.



Senior Warden Report

**“The Lord has Risen.
He has risen indeed.”**

What a wonderful and glorious celebration we experienced on Easter Sunday. After almost a year, we were able to return to the cherished traditions of a processional, communion at the rail, and a choir anthem. Following the service, we had a great coffee hour with real food, conversation, smiles, and many very happy folks. Thanks to all who made this day so special.

Easter Sunday launched the re-establishment of many of our “normal” Sunday activities. Our attendance is growing with both returning parishioners and visitors. Please consider joining your church family on Sundays as soon as you are comfortable with our environment. Last Sunday, there were 64 people in church, including several visitors.

The vestry met on Saturday, April 17th, to discuss church issues and to thank all of our folks who made Easter Sunday so special. We supported Mike’s recommendation that we return to our “normal” Sunday service based on the positive reaction of our members. In addition, we decided to restart Sunday School and the nursery later this spring/summer.

The vestry is looking into the formation of a six-person board to oversee the management of the Northern Neck Christian School; the board would consist of two members each from NNKCS, Zion Church and LOC. In the meantime, we are waiting for a decision that would increase the allowable number of students in class at Zion Church.

The church’s financial position is strong due to continued giving and reduced expenses during the pandemic. To make the giving process easier, we now have a function on the website that can be used to direct electronic payments to the church.

The Northern Neck is experiencing a large increase of new people who have discovered the wonders of our area. As you meet new neighbors, please take the time to invite them to attend church with us and offer to bring them to LOC next Sunday.

Blessings,
George

A Note From Mike

Many have been asking for a public statement about the relationship between Light of Christ Anglican Church and Northern Neck Christian School.

The vestry has prayerfully discussed and considered how we can best serve the ministries of our church and support the ministry of the school that is currently meeting at Zion Baptist Church. We have decided that we will ask one or two members of our vestry to be on the school board along with representatives from Zion Baptist and Bart and Leslye Morrison. Our vestry members on the board can then inform the full vestry as to the needs of the school and will be encouraged to be advocates for the school if and when our vestry needs to act on the schools’ behalf. When we begin to work on the 2022 budget, we will prayerfully consider the amount we should pledge from our church annual budget. We recognize that the meeting place for the school is temporary and they must begin the process of either finding an existing building for the school or have one built. We gladly endorse the ministry of NNCS and encourage our members, who feel led, to support the school both financially and in other ways needed.

I would like to recommend that everyone take the opportunity to tune in to the Family Research Council with their President Tony Perkins every Wednesday night at 8 pm Eastern for PRAY-VOTE-STAND: A NATIONWIDE TOWN HALL WEBCAST ...

Each week they have different speakers from Congress and pastors from around the country to discuss the events currently going on in our nation. It’s also a wonderful time of prayer. You can tune in online at prayvotestand.org.



Tongues



One of my favorite chapters in the Bible is Acts 2, especially the first 11 verses. The sound of the violent wind and what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on them. ALL of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. People from all over were in Jerusalem and heard in their native tongue about the wonders of God.

In South Asia, we often pray with everyone praying at the same time or all at once. It is not confusing nor too loud. You can hear others praying next to you and around you, but your focus is on the conversation with God. Add in other languages and maybe it is a glimpse of every tribe and nation worshipping at the throne of God.

For years now, I have been working on gospel fluency in a different language because transformation happens when hearing about the wonders of God in our own native tongue or even just in a similar way of thinking. Take for example, engineers talking together or maybe medical staff or others talking about the wonders of God in a way that those listening can understand. Join me in sharing what we know about the wonders of God in our own life and maybe experience a little bit of Pentecost.

Your Missionary in South Asia



Special thanks go to **Anna Brennan** for the many extra hours she gave to Altar Guild during Lent and leading up to Easter.

Thank you to **Jan Beckett** for playing the piano for our worship services.

Thank you to **Sandi Ward** for getting our Coffee Hours back.

Thank you to **Tom Sennott** for stepping into the role of choir director and leading the choir in a lovely anthem on Easter morning.

Coffee Hour



It is so good to be able to have Coffee Hour again....to be able to chat with your friends and catch up on what has been happening for the past year! Right now there is no one person in charge of Coffee Hour so we are asking that every now and then you bring something to share. It could be deviled eggs, small sandwiches, cookies, fruit, or whatever! No matter what it is, it will be sure to disappear. Finger foods are best as you don't need utensils. The church will supply the coffee and water, and clean up help is always appreciated. Thank you!

Vestry Minutes and Coffee Hour

Since we have returned to Sunday coffee hours, you can once again find the vestry meeting minutes posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Enjoy your coffee and reading the minutes !



Young Life/Wyldlife Bake Sale

We need bakers and lovers of baked goods!

**Saturday, May 15
9am - 1 pm**

**Lillian's Lumber Parking Lot
Burgess**

Please bring items to the bake sale or drop off at the church on Friday. If you have questions, please call Wendy Smith at 703-209-8068.

Northern Neck Christian School

(The following is an article that appeared in the April addition of the *Northern Neck Sentinel*. It was submitted by Melinda Floom).

As more and more parents search desperately for educational alternatives for their children, promising options are emerging that provide hope. One such safe haven is the Northern Neck Christian School (NNCS) in Lottsburg, Virginia, where local children can receive a free faith based education.

NNCS is a non-denominational Christian Montessori preschool for K3, K4 and Kindergarten that is adding a first grade this year. Their goal is to add an additional grade each year until they reach a fifth grade class. Zion Church in Lottsburg has graciously donated use of their facility for this most worthy cause. They are well known in the area for their community outreach. I recently spoke with School Director Leslye Morrison and her dedication was obvious. She and her husband initiated the funding for NNCS but are in hopes that funding in the form of grants and other contributions will continue to build as they grow and expand. Dr. Morrison has provided a summary of this wonderful endeavor as detailed below: "The Northern Neck Christian School opened in the fall of 2019 with two preschool classes of K3 and K4 students. In 2020 we added a Kindergarten and next year we are adding 1st grade. Our plan is to add a grade each year at least through Middle School. We invite you to be co-laborers in this Kingdom work by enrolling your children, praying for the school, sending donations, and sharing your talents in the school.

"NNKCS does not charge tuition or charge for bus service. Our loving Christian teachers are dedicated to making this school available to every family on the Northern Neck. Our classes are limited to 10 students each and we meet at Zion Church in Lottsburg, Monday – Friday, 8:30-3:30. NNKCS in partnership with parents, strives to give honor and glory to God through Jesus Christ by educating students in a loving, nurturing environment to be committed and productive Christian servants in all areas of this life and in preparation for eternity. We desire to see the Lord raise up a generation of young people who have a genuine love of learning, who love Jesus Christ with all their hearts and minds, and who can articulate the Christian message with personal clarity, creativity, and power.

Why is the Northern Neck Christian School needed?

1. Deuteronomy 6:5-9 commands us to teach God's commands to the children.
2. Our culture has turned away from Biblical principles, public schools do not teach those principles, and it cannot use the Word of God as its standard of truth. Many families do not attend church. A Christian school is the only way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to unchurched children and families.
3. A person's worldview influences every decision made from choice of friends, college, marriage partner, and career. Developing a Christian worldview in each child helps ensure these major decisions are made in accordance with Christian principles.
4. Parents deserve a choice in selecting the type of education they want for their children—a public school or a Christian school.

The K4 class was studying about the disciples fishing on a boat and a big storm suddenly came up and the disciples were afraid. The teacher asked the students what they would do, and a student said, "I would pray to God that He take away my fear." Wouldn't many adults like to have that child's faith? It's possible for adults and children to have that kind of faith and at the NNKCS we focus on developing the child's relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit." Visit our website: www.northernneckchristian.org.



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The Northern Neck Christian School

A Special Volunteer, Mr. Hoyt Wheeland



A special thanks to our Light of Christ volunteer to the K4 class at NNKCS, **Hoyt Wheeland**. He spends time with individual students helping them with writing and reading. It is nice to see multiple generations involved in learning.

Our school is blessed!



Note of Thanks to Light of Christ Women April 2021

Normally, when the LOCW leadership team receives a thank you note, we post it on the parish hall bulletin board so that all members of Light of Christ can read it. Since many are still not coming to church due to the virus, we thought we would post it in the *Beacon* so you can read it as you sit enjoying a cup of your favorite coffee or tea. This note is in response to a donation made by LOCW to the Christian School.

Dear Light of Christ Women,

The Northern Neck Christian School thanks you for your support and donation to this important education ministry. Because of your generosity we can continue providing free bus service to students each morning. We started the bus service primarily to help a family with five children, two are NNKCS students. The 1-year-old has a feeding tube, and it was exceedingly difficult for the single mother to get the boys ready for school, prepare the baby for the trip and arrive on time with all their lunches, backpacks and masks. We felt she was so overwhelmed that she needed this help. Now we provide bus service to 9 children. One little boy likes riding the van so much that his mother brings him to school early so he can ride the bus to pick up the other children. Donations make this ministry possible, and we sincerely thank you for your generosity, it means a lot to the children and the families. We love you for the gift.

May God bless you and protect you,
Leslye (Morrison)

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Lesson Readers

May 2 Charlainé Andrulot (L), Bill Andrulot (P)
May 9 Joan Blackstone (L), Tony Blackstone (P)
May 16 Constance McDearmon (L),
Ed Feddeman (P)
May 23 Julie Pritchard (L), Ed Feddeman (P)
May 30 Charlainé Andrulot (L), Teresa Moffitt (P)

Acolytes

May 2 Anna Brennan
May 9 Bart Morrison
May 16 David Gwaltney
May 23 Constance McDearmon
May 30 Ed Feddeman

Chalice Bearers

May 2 Tony Blackstone
May 9 Constance McDearmon
May 16 Suzy Norman
May 23 Bart Morrison
May 30 Lucy Logan

Altar Guild

May 2 Anna Brennan
May 9 Suzy Norman
May 16 Wendy Smith
May 23 Julie Pritchard
May 30 Anna Brennan



*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your servants as they begin another year, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Tellers

May 2 Courtney Ludeman
May 9 Courtney Ludeman, Jan Beckett
May 16 Courtney Ludeman, Pam Smith
May 23 Courtney Ludeman
May 30 Courtney Ludeman

Vestry Person on Duty

May 2 Ed Feddeman
May 9 Anna Brennan
May 16 Ed Feddeman
May 23 Doug Ludeman
May 30 Sandi Ward

May Birthdays

May 1 Trevor Elmore
May 5 Margaret Radcliffe, Charlie Nguyen
May 8 Kim Nguyen
May 10 Harrison Williams, Bill Andrulot
May 14 Joan Blackstone
May 16 Sandi Ward
May 18 Rich Riddell
May 20 Linda Riddell
May 21 Tashia Elmore
May 23 Ed Feddeman
May 26 Betty Dillingham, Joyce Olverson
May 31 Denise McCarthy



May Anniversaries

May 12 Gail and Ed Feddeman
May 23 Saunee and Wayne Hamlett
May 26 Mike and Teresa Moffitt
May 28 Barbara and Bill Ressler

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants named above, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Those who leave everything in
GOD'S HAND
will eventually see
God's hand in everything.

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Suzy Norman, Editor



Young Life and Wyld Life are finally starting back up! Due to the gathering restrictions, we have not been able to meet regularly pretty much all semester. But we have just started meeting again in April and are continuing to meet in May! We are having bonfires, picnics, and Bible Studies and Caty and the leaders are just so thankful to be back with kids.

Caty is continuing to substitute at the Middle School and High School, and as spring (a.k.a. outdoor!) sports are starting, she and the team are so excited to attend them to support and meet new kids and have a sense of normalcy again.

We are also welcoming a new Young Life Leader on the team this month! Cindy is going to be joining our team. She worked for Dominion and has recently retired and moved to Callao full time. We are so excited to have her as a part of our mission.

Lastly, as a praise to the Lord, we are so excited to share that we far exceeded our fund raising goal for our "Get Involved Campaign." We raised over \$6,000 and we are so grateful for the ways the Lord moved during our Campaign. Peace and Blessings Light of Christ!

Joyfully, Caty