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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude and Contemplation

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* **ELW # 608**

* Greeting *ELW page 203*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Kyrie *Have Mercy On Us, Lord* *ELW page 203*

C: Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving power, create in us new hearts!

* Canticle *Glory Be to God in Heaven* *ELW page 204*

C: Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heaven above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

* Prayer of the Day

P: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

L: A reading from Deuteronomy:

15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them." *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *1*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 1:

[1] Blessed is the one who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

[2] **but his delight is in the instruction of the LORD,**
and on his law he meditates day and night.

[3] He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

[4] **The wicked are not so,**
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

[5] Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

[6] **for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked will perish. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Philemon 1-21*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon:

[1] Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker [2] and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, [5] because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, [6] and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. [7] For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

[8] Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, [9] yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— [10] I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. [11] (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) [12] I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. [13] I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, [14] but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. [15] For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, [16] no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

[17] So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. [18] If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. [19] I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. [20] Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

[21] Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

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C: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us,
speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

* Gospel: *Luke 14:25-33*

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

25 Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to
them, 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and
mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even
his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his
own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of
you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost,
whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid
a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,
30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 Or
what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down
first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him
who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the
other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of
peace. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that
he has cannot be my disciple. *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* Hymn *Take My Life, That I May Be* **TFF # 685**

* Apostles' Creed

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P: Let us confess together the faith into which we were baptized.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Gene Medeke, Demetrio Velazco, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy and Pat McCluskey.

Prayers of Intercession *ELW page 206*

L: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace *ELW page 206*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Setting the Table

Responses *ELW page 206*

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *ELW page 207*

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ…
be all honor and glory now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 208*

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Lamb of God *ELW page 208*

C: O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.

Communion

All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing

Post-Communion *ELW page 208*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Blessing *ELW page 209*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* **ELW # 789**

* Dismissal *ELW page 209*

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Karen Niemeier

Hannah Circle Meeting

Today after worship service.

Chime and Choir Practice

Begins TODAY

Chimes at 10:45am.

Choir at 11:15am.

Friendship Club

Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, September 11th at 12:30pm for potluck.

Entertainment will be provided by Deb Leininger.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, September 11th at 6:30pm

September 21st, *Rally Day*, kick off for Sunday School.

Sunday School begins on September 28th.

Attendance August 24th

In-person - 26, on-line - 69