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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



God Give Us Life - Ray Makeever Liturgy
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

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 *The Church's One Foundation* ELW # 654

* Greeting

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.

* Invocation / Make a Joyful Noise

A: In the name of God the Creator of the world,
in the name of Christ the Son,
in the name of the Holy Spirit,.

C: Amen. Amen.

Refrain: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord.**
Enter in with singing.
Join the festival of Love.
Alleluias ringing.

A: Born of the water we recall
Death defeated, Life for all.
In the body of the risen Son
Welcome everyone.

C: *Refrain:* **Make a joyful noise to the Lord...**

* God of Love, Have Mercy

A: Let us pray to God with peace in our hearts.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all people, pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy. God of love have mercy.

A: For the people of God and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to our God.

C: God of Love, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious God.

C: Amen.

* Glory to God

*Refrain: (***Women): Glory to God**
(Men): Glory to God
(All): Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory to God above.
Glory to God in the highest:
Glory, glory, glory to the God of Love.

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength and honor
and blessing and glory are God's.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

A: Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing and honor, glory and praise
be to God and the Lamb forever and ever.

Refrain: **Glory to God…**

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord .

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 51:1-6*

L: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

51 “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
2 Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
3 For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
4 “Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
5 My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

[6] Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *138*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 138.

[1] I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

[2] **I bow down toward your holy temple**
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

[3] On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

[4] **All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,**
for they have heard the words of your mouth,

[5] and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

[6] **For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,**
but the haughty he knows from afar.

[7] Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.

[8] **The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;**
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands. *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-8*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

[3] For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4] For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, [5] so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. [6] Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; [7] if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; [8] the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel: *Matthew 16:13-20*

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

[13] Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” [14] And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” [15] He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” [16] Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” [17] And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. [18] And I tell you, you are Peter (the Rock), and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” [20] Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. *[ESV, modified]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **From the fullness of God**
have we all received grace upon grace,
peace upon peace.

Reflection

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

*** Hymn** ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*** **ELW # 596**

*** Nicene Creed**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
through whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Prayers of Intercession

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Freitag, Sherry Freitag, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D.,Jim DeMontigny Jr., Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Amy, Leta Toelke and Pr. Paul Carlson.

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us :

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.

Blessing

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 *Built on a Rock* **ELW # 652**

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

Attendance - August 9th

In-person 32, Online - not available

Men's Group

Saturday August 29th at 4:30pm

Hannah Circle

September 6th 2026

After Worship Service, Sheila Keene will be Bible Study Leader.

Friendship Club

September 10th

12:30pm Potluck, 1:00pm Entertainment provided by Delta II.

Previously announced as Deb Leininger, she is unavailable for September's club meeting.

Please keep the Pastor Paul Carlson in your prayers.

It is with deep sadness that we have been informed Pastor Carlson is battling an ongoing illness. His wife, Sandy and sons are able to care for him at this time.

Get-well cards will be appreciated and will surely help the Carlson Family feel lifted up. Send warm thoughts, prayers and lots of hugs to:

Pastor Paul Carlson

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