

**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

O Savior,  
pour upon  
me thy Spirit  
of meekness  
and love,  
Annihilate  
the selfhood  
in me, be  
thou all my  
life.

~ *William  
Blake  
English poet,  
painter, and  
printmaker*



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## **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 30, 2020 + 9:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** Jesus shows His disciples the way He is going. He is going to be put to shame; to suffer and die. This makes the disciples none to happy. It's not the way they would prefer for the One they just acknowledged as "the Christ, Son of the Living God." The cross still remains a stumbling block to us today. For our pride and personal plans in this world it spells death. Just so we cannot stop listening there. A voice cries out from this darkness, from the depth of the tomb. Amidst the death of this world it calls you: "Rise!" What hidden glories our Lord prepares for those who love Him.



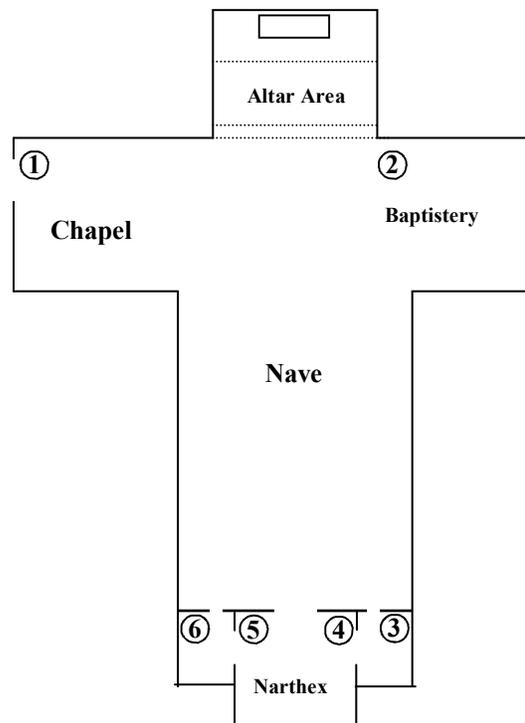
## Sharing God's Blessings Today

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## To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in **Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church.** Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance.

This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God's gifts and offerings to us.





## PRELUDE

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

... Partita by Robert J. Powell and Variation by Charles W. Ore

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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.

*Please kneel. Silence for reflection.*

*The windows  
of his room  
looked out  
into the gar-  
den, and our  
garden was a  
shady one,  
with old trees  
in it which  
were coming  
into bud. The  
first birds of  
spring were  
flitting in the  
branches,  
chirruping  
and singing  
at the win-  
dows. And  
looking at  
them and ad-  
miring them,  
he began sud-  
denly begging  
their forgive-  
ness, too,  
“Birds of  
heaven,  
happy birds,  
forgive me,  
for I have  
sinned  
against you  
too . . . .”*

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... None of  
us could un-  
derstand that  
at the time,  
but he shed  
tears of joy.  
"Yes," he  
said, "there  
was such a  
glory of God  
all about me;  
birds, trees,  
meadows,  
sky, only I  
lived in  
shame and  
dishonored it  
all and did  
not notice the  
beauty and  
glory."

"You take too  
many sins on  
yourself,"  
mother used  
to say, weep-  
ing ...

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

*Please stand.*

### ENTRANCE HYMN "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly.  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry. You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the

lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You: But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y. "Give as I have giv'n to you?"  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

... "Mother,  
 my joy, it's  
 for joy, not  
 for grief I am  
 crying.  
 Though I  
 can't explain  
 it to you, I  
 like to humble  
 myself before  
 them, for I  
 don't know  
 how to love  
 them enough.  
 If I have  
 sinned  
 against every-  
 one, yet all  
 forgive me,  
 too, and  
 that's heaven.  
 Am I not in  
 heaven  
 now?"

~ Fyodor  
 Dostoevsky.  
The Brothers Karama-  
 zov

## APOSTOLIC GREETING and COLLECT

**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.**

**P:** Let us pray . . . Almighty God, your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

*I will run the  
course set out  
in thy com-  
mandments,  
for they glad-  
den my heart.  
~ Psalm  
119:32*

**OLD TESTAMENT** Jeremiah 15:15-21

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 26**

L: Give judgment for me O LORD for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**C: Test me O LORD and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

L: For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

**C: I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

L: I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

**C: I will wash my hands in innocence O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

L: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**C: LORD I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

L: Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

**C: whose hands are full of evil plots, and their right hand full of bribes.**

L: As for me I will live with integrity; redeem me O LORD and have pity on me.

**C: My foot stands on level ground; in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.**

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen**

*I was blinded  
by the devil*

*Born already  
ruined*

*Stone-cold  
dead*

*As I stepped  
out of the  
womb*

*By His grace I  
have been  
touched*

*By His Word I  
have been  
healed*

*By His hand  
I've been deliv-  
ered*

*By His Spirit  
I've been  
sealed.*

*~ Bob Dylan,  
"Saved"*

*A Christian should always remember that the value of his good works is not based on their number and excellence, but on the love of God which prompts him to do these things.  
~ St. John of the Cross, 1500s A.D.*

## **EPISTLE** Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **VERSE**

**L:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Whoever would save his life will 'lose it,\*

but whoever loses his life for my sake will 'find it.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

<sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,**

*The test of life is love; the test of love is the great sacrifice of life; the test of the great sacrifice is our willingness for lesser sacrifice. If we live, we love; if we love, we lay down our life; if we lay down life, we lay down things of lesser cost. We may not have to sacrifice by dying, but we are bound to be living sacrifices until we die.*

*~ Pr. Fred H. Lindemann, American Lutheran theologian*

and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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  $\times$  resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*Please be seated.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"



1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word;  
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
3. O Com - fort - er of price - less worth,



Curb those who by de - ceit or sword  
For you are Lord of lords a - lone;  
Send peace and u - ni - ty on earth;



Would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
De - fend your ho - ly Church, that we  
Sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



And bring to nought all he has done.  
May sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.  
And lead us out of death to life.

## SERMON

“The Riser”

*Please kneel.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P: . . . Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERTORY

*As the pastors prepare the altar for the Holy Supper, vocal or instrumental music provides a time for worshipers to prepare for the Holy Supper, offering thanks to God and asking for the blessing of His Holy Spirit. When the Offertory ends, please stand.*

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *(printed on the next page)*

*A sense of the beauty of Christ is the beginning of a true saving faith in the life of a true convert. This is quite different from any vague feeling that Christ loves him or died for him. These sort of fuzzy feelings can cause a sort of love and joy, because the person feels a gratitude for escaping the punishment of their sin. In actual fact, these feelings are based on self-love, and not on a love for Christ at all. It is a sad thing that so many people are deluded by this false faith . . . .*

**Vocalists:**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
 And with fear and trembling stand;  
 Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
 For with blessing in His hand  
 Christ our God to earth descending  
 Comes our homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary,  
 As of old on earth He stood,  
 Lord of lords in human vesture,  
 In the body and the blood,  
 He will give to all the faithful  
 His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
 Spreads its vanguard on the way  
 As the Light of Light, descending  
 From the realms of endless day,  
 Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
 As the darkness clears away.

**Congregation:**

4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence  
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



Please stand.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,

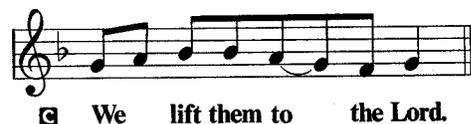
C: **we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



. . . . On the other hand, a glimpse of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ causes in the heart a supreme genuine love for God. This is because the divine light shows the excellent loveliness of God's nature. A love based on this is far, far above anything coming from self-love, which demons can have as well as men. The true love of God which comes from this sight of His beauty causes a spiritual and holy joy in the soul; a joy in God, and exulting in Him.

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*There is not rejoicing in ourselves, but rather in God alone. The sight of beauty in divine things will cause true desires after the things of God. These desires are different from the longings of demons, which happen because the demons know their doom awaits them, and they wish it could somehow be otherwise . . .*

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS ("Holy")

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

## ACCLAMATION

P: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. The pastor will hand you the holy Body. Please take a cup of the holy Blood as directed. Those who do not commune may cross their arms over their chest as they come forward to ask for a blessing.*

*... The desires that come from this sight of Christ's beauty are natural free desires, like a baby desiring milk.*

*~ Jonathan Edwards, American preacher and president of Princeton University, from a sermon titled "True Grace Distinguished from the Experience of Devils," 1752 A.D.*

*In this bread,  
receive that  
which was  
hung on the  
cross; in this  
cup, receive  
that which  
was poured  
out from the  
side of Christ.  
~ Lutheran  
Pastor  
Martin  
Chemnitz,  
around  
1580 A.D.,  
quoting the  
Venerable  
Bede*

*Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

*The vocalists will sing the hymns.*

*The texts are printed for prayerful meditation.*

### **“Your Table I Approach”**

Your table I approach;

Dear Savior, hear my prayer.

Let not an unrepentant heart

Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins

And mourn their wretched bands;

A contrite heart is sure to find

Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,

Once slain and shed for me,

Are taken at Your table, Lord,

In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,

This wondrous mystery;

God can accomplish vastly more

Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

**“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”**

O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

**Prayer as  
You Go**

Grant to us,  
Lord, we  
beseech  
Thee, the  
Spirit to  
think and do  
always such  
things as are  
right, that  
we, who  
cannot do  
anything  
that is good  
without  
Thee, may  
by Thee be  
enabled to  
live accord-  
ing to Thy  
will. Amen.  
~ Fred H.  
Lindemann

**BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee" ... Robert A. Hobby

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**

*To God alone be glory*

**Serving at Worship**

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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