



*The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*St. John's Lutheran Church*  
 Red Bud, Illinois  
 September 7-8, 2019



**PRELUDE:** "Prelude in D Minor" *by J.S. Bach*  
**THE RINGING OF THE BELL** calls us to holy worship.  
**OPENING HYMN:** 687 "Thine Forever, God of Love"

(8 a.m.) Holy Baptism, page 268 ff.

*Divine Service Four, page 203ff. (please stand if you are able)*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** page 203

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

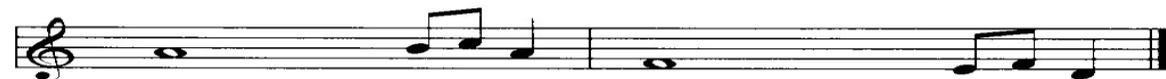
P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, (and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar), let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

*We Share God's Peace With and Greet One Another*

**INTROIT: Psalm 119**



Make me understand Your   precepts,	and I will meditate on Your   wondrous works.
My soul melts away for   sorrow;	strengthen me according   to Your word!
Put false ways   far from me	and graciously teach   me Your law!
I have chosen the way of   faithfulness;	I set Your just decrees be-   fore me.
I cling to Your testimonies,   O LORD;	let me not be   put to shame!
I will run in the way of Your com-   mandments	when You en-   large my heart!
Glory be to the Father and   to the Son	and to the Holy   Spirit;
as it was in the be-   ginning,	is now, and will be forever.   Amen.
Make me understand Your   precepts,	and I will meditate on Your   wondrous works.

**KYRIE:** page 204 (*sung*) "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy."

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:** page 204

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

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

P: Let us pray. **C: O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (please be seated)**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Deuteronomy 30:15–20**

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 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. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 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.

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, 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." P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL:**

P: Fear the Lord, you His saints,

**C: for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C: but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

**THE EPISTLE READING:**

**Philemon 1–21**

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, 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. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but *now he is indeed useful to you and to me.*) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart.

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, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was

parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, 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. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand if you are able)* **ALLELUIA and VERSE:** page 205

*(sung)* **Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. These things are written that you may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**Luke 14:25-35**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Now great crowds accompanied Jesus, and He turned and said to them, “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. Whoever does not *bear his own cross and come after Me* cannot be My disciple. 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? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’

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? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.

Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: Creed**

*(5 p.m. & 10:30 a.m.)* **The Nicene Creed: page 206**     *(8 a.m.)* **The Apostles’ Creed: page 207**

*(please be seated)*

*(8 a.m.)* **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE SONG: LSB 685**

Let us ev-er walk with Je-sus, Fol-low His ex-am-ple pure,  
Through a world that would de-ceive us And to sin our spir-its lure.  
On-ward in His foot-steps tread-ing, Pil-grims here, our home a-bove,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Fa-ther’s bid-ding  
Faith-ful Lord, with me a-bide; I shall fol-low where You guide.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 707 “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”**

**SERMON:** “God Guides Former Slaves as Useful Followers” Deut. 30:16; Philemon 11; Luke 14:27

*(please stand if you are able)* **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”)*

**HEALING AND COMFORT:** Olivia Schmitz, Geri Koester, C. John Prigge, Ed Luttmann, Arlou Papenberg, Clifford Stellhorn, Curtis Hartmann, Larry Ebers, Jane Donjon, Julie Ratz, Wayne Liefer, Susie Harms, Lori Rees; *Family and Friends of St. John’s Members:* Lori Voges, Brenda Manning, Derrick DeWilde, Henry Hunter, Harlow Leedle, Brett Montroy, Chas Walster, Renee Reed, Bob Schilling, Margarette Schrader. *Help us keep this list current!*

**MILITARY:** *(Please call with names.)* **Army-** Nathan Koen, Jonathan Koen, Casey Vallett, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Dustin Krack, Austin Scheibe, Trevor Buckner, Jessica DeMarco, Jeremiah Brandt, Benjamin Boeder, Tanner Valleroy; **Navy-** Brad Koester, Carl Muehler; **Air Force-** Brian Hubbard, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich, Tanner Hackstadt, Chaplain George Kahl, Gage Baldwin; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Tailor Neuhaus, Josh Butterworth, Brent Knop, Keenan Turnure

+those suffering from Hurricane Dorian on the southeast coast of the United States

+the wedding of Karly Cartwright and Landon Durbin here on Saturday, September 14

*(please be seated)* **OFFERING:** “We Praise You, O God”

*arranged by Healey Willan*

*The 8 a.m. service continues with the Lord’s Prayer, Closing Prayer and Benediction.*

*(5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.)* **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:** page 208ff. *(please stand)*

**PREFACE and SANCTUS:** page 208

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and LORD’S PRAYER:** page 209

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and THE PAX DOMINI:** page 209

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI:** page 210

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** *(please be seated)*

**740 “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”**

**785 “We Praise You, O God”**

**750 “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:** “Nunc Dimittis” page 211

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:** page 212

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:** page 212

**CLOSING HYMN: 918 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”**

**THE POSTLUDE:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

*arranged by Benjamin M. Culli*

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