



... loving  
the Lord your God,  
obeying  
his voice and  
holding  
fast to him...

DEUTERONOMY 30:20 ESV



✝ ***Sunday, September 7, 2025*** ✝  
✝ ***Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*** ✝  
✝ ***Praise Service – 10:30 am*** ✝

## **Welcome in Jesus' Name**

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration form in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert.

## **Holy Communion**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the 10:30am service. We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

## **To Our Guests**

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

## **Restrooms**

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

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*Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God  
By Luis and Irma Quiroz in honor of Teo Andres' first birthday.*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Song - Jesus, Name Above All

*LSB #970*

Jesus, name above all names  
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord  
Immanuel, God is with us  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, Lord God Almighty  
Wonderful Counselor, Light of the world  
The Prince of Peace, Hope of Glory  
Man of sorrow, Lamb of God

Jesus, name above all names  
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord  
Immanuel, God is with us  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

*Please stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Responsive Reading

*Psalm 1*

**P** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
**C** but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

**P** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

**C** In all that he does, he prospers. Not so the wicked.

- P** They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
- C** **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**
- P** for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.
- P** To avoid being part of the wicked, we know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Holy and gracious God,
- C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may walk in peace.**
- P** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We go forth in His peace and celebrate, living in this act of grace and mercy to serve Him.
- C** **Amen.**

### **Song of Praise - Joyful, Joyful**

*LSB #803 st. 3*

△ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
 Ever blessing, ever blest,  
 Wellspring of the joy of living,  
 Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 Fountainhead of love divine:  
 Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
 Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

**A** We often miss it, but here Moses records the words, "Therefore, choose life..." These words follow guidance by God to walk in His ways, which means there is life in and through the law. Therefore, we need to keep it. The Old Testament is from Deuteronomy chapter 30:

<sup>15</sup>"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>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 rules, 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. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>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."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Philemon 1-21*

- A** Paul pleads for forgiveness to reign. Listen to these words and think about how Christ pleads for you and me. The Epistle is from the book of Philemon:

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and  
Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

<sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 14:25–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“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. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>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? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>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? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>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.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**P** Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed...

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

*Please be seated*



## **Song of the Day - I am Trusting Thee**

*LSB #729*

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.
- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.
- 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead,  
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.
- 5 I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever And for all.

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## **Sermon**

## **Offering**

*Please stand*

## **Offertory**

*Be Glorified*

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!  
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!  
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** let my cry come to You.
- P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** for You answer me.
- P** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** and blot out all my iniquities.
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** my lips will praise You.
- P** For You have been my help,  
**C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** unite my heart to fear Your name.
- P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** and I will glorify Your name forever.
- P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”
- P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** listen to my plea for grace.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. You have granted us great privilege and mercy, O Lord, that we should be called Your people. Work in us by Your Spirit, that we may love what is good and obey Your command cheerfully. Keep us from an easy faith that costs us nothing, and preserve us so that we may be the salt of the earth and light in the darkness of a world that does not know You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, bless this congregation and all congregations of our Synod; be with and guide our Synod president; district presidents; and all servants of the Church, that they would be strengthened to cherish each member of Christ's Body as dearly beloved brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You are our life and length of days, and You set before us Your gift of life in Your Holy Word for us and for our children. Preserve Your institutions of marriage and family. Guard husbands and wives, parents and children, both from despising and from idolizing one another. Instead, let every relationship in the home exemplify Your unconditional love for us in Christ, and grant that all might follow Him in their service to one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give Your aid, O Lord, to all elected and appointed public officials, especially our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor, the legislature of this state and all who serve us in Your name in government. Grant peace to the nations, and prosper to the benefit of all people the cause of justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** God, our King, You promise blessing to those who follow in Your way, yet You also call them to carry their crosses. Grant Your peace to those who suffer among us [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Guide them by Your Word to follow Your way through the pains of this world to the glories of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious God, protect our military and first responders as they serve with courage and sacrifice. Give them strength, wisdom, and safety in every duty. Guide their steps, calm their fears, and bring them home in peace. Bless their service and uphold their families. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful servants of every time and place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, until He comes again in power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**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.**

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*

**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.

**C** **Amen.**

## Closing Song - Stand Up for Jesus

LSB #660



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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## The Dismissal

- P** As we depart, let us remember that we are now entering the mission field.
- C** To build bright futures, anchored in Christ.
- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord
- C** Thanks be to God.

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**Carry the cross**  **and follow me.**  
Luke 14:27, NRSV

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