
∞ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ∞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • AUGUST 27, 2023 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

✠ OPENING HYMN

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH
LBW #561

✠ INVOCATION

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

All: **Amen.**

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Let us confess our sins to God, who gave us the gifts of beauty, wonder, and joy, and the greatest gift of a Savior.

a time of silence for reflection

WL: God of all creation,

All: **We come before you in awe and wonder,
grateful for the beautiful gifts you have given.
We confess that we have not treasured all your gifts.
We have not cared for your world.
We have not cared for each other.
We are in trouble, God, and our world is in trouble.
We come to you seeking your help and your forgiveness.
Hear us as we call to you. Hear us, turn us, and heal us.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts.
We have not loved our neighbors as our ourselves.
Sometimes we have tried and fallen short.
Sometimes we have not tried at all.
Forgive us, cleanse us and renew us,
that we may walk in your way, and love as you love,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

WL: Brothers, sisters and siblings, the Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives all our sins. Nothing can separate us from the love of God for us in Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

ALLELUIA!
(to the tune "God Is so Good")

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Cantor: 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 his.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Cantor: Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Cantor: For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia!
For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Let us pray: Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin. Grant that we who are reborn to new life in him may live in righteousness and holiness all our days, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

PSALM 27:7-10

R: Our First Lesson for this Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 27th Psalm, verses 7-10.

Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.
My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I will seek.
Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior.
Though my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me.

WL: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-12, 16-18

R: Our Second Lesson is from the fourth chapter of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

WL: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ VERSE

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE
LBW #526, STANZAS 1 & 4

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 16:28-33

WL: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

All: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

[Jesus said,] "I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

"Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

WL: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You O Christ!**

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER
LBW #346, STANZAS 1-3 WITH REFRAIN

- 1 **When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
when sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Refrain **It is well (it is well)
 with my soul, (with my soul,)
 it is well, it is well with my soul.**

- 2 **Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain***

- 3 **He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain***

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: With God's people throughout the ages, let us boldly confess our faith, using
 the words of the Apostles' Creed:

All: **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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **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.**

✠ PAX DOMINI

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

All: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. God of abundance, in this feast you have fed us and strengthened us. Send us now in peace to share your love with all the world, that we may joyfully worship you in all that we say, and in all that we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

✠ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN

WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER
LBW #346, STANZA 4 WITH REFRAIN

**O Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.**

Refrain **It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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