



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 27, 2023 ✠ 9:00 AM

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- * Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- * The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- * We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- * If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

The Church Jesus Wants

Jesus Christ bought the Church with his blood. It is His Church and we want to know what kind of church God wants. What are its priorities? What does it all do?

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Church That Really Knows Jesus

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Church That Takes Up Its Crosses

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Church Willing to Say Hard Things

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – A Church That's Quick to Forgive



Who do they say I am?

"Who do you say I am?" Jesus asks a simple but exceedingly important question today. Everyone must eventually answer and the answer one gives is called a confession and that answer is so important that it means the difference between heaven and hell.

A personal prayer before worship

Lord Jesus, this morning I rejoice that together with my spiritual brothers and sisters, I am able to receive Your Word of life and Your body and blood in Your Supper. My soul longs for You and the gifts of Your Word and Your holy altar. You are my Shepherd; therefore, I shall lack nothing. I know I am unworthy to come under Your roof, but by Your grace cause Your precious Word and meal to revive me, forgive me and sustain my soul. May your grace be on me that I may continually trust in You. Through Your gracious presence here today, preserve my spirit, my life, my walk with You and provide whatever else I need for this life and the next. I ask this in Your gracious name. Amen.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**.*
Hymns not printed in this service folder are found in the blue hymnals in each pew. 

Hymn | 918 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Invocation

Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able

In the name of the Father and of the Son **✝** and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Matthew 28:19

Confession and Absolution

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:9

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **✝** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
 4 You are King of glo - ry, Christ, Son of
 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly

all, we bow be - fore you. All on
 God, yet born of Mar - y, for us
 Spir - it, three we name you, though in

earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
 sin - ners sac - ri - ficed, on the cross our
 es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed

bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -
 sins did car - ry; first to break the bars of
 God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the

main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 death, you have o - pened heav'n to faith.
 kree while we own the mys - ter - y.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Exodus 34:5-9

As the Lord set the Israelites apart as His own and gave them commands to follow at Mt Sinai, He also proclaimed His name to them that they would know Him. He is the God of free and faithful love who shows love to thousands.

Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. "Lord," he said, "if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Psalm 138

Refrain



Tone



I will / praise you, LORD,
 with / all my heart;
 I will bow down toward your holy temple and will / praise your name
 for your unfailing love and your / faithfulness.

When I called, you / answered me;
 you greatly em- / boldened me.
 Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the / lowly;
 though lofty, he sees them / from afar. *Refrain*

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- / serve my life;
 with your right hand you / save me.
 The LORD will vindi- / cate me;
 your love, LORD, endures for- / ever.

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. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-13

As we'll hear in the Gospel lesson, we know Jesus Christ as Savior when the Father reveals Him to us. By the gift of faith, He empowers us to believe and profess that Jesus is our Savior and in His name we are saved.

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,

you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

The truth upon which God builds his Church is this: Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"
They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by

flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day | 510 In Christ Alone

Sermon Romans 10:5-13 The God who draws near

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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.**

Be seated.

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God
and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, from You and through You
and to You are all things. You have built
Your Church on the confession of the
Gospel and have promised that the gates of
hell will not overcome it. To Your Church
throughout the world grant the faith and
courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.

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

Lord God Almighty, You transform Your
Church by the Holy Spirit so that she does
not conform to the world. Draw forth from
Your people their proclamation of
thanksgiving, that they may tell of all Your
wondrous deeds.

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

O Lord, guard the ministry of the Gospel
among us, in order that we may confess our
sin and be absolved in the name of Christ.
As You have so graciously forgiven us,
grant that we may extend this grace by
forgiving others.

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

Heavenly Father, care for all families,
children, single adults and youth, that they
might steadfastly walk in the way that leads
to life eternal. Grant an increase in wisdom
and grace to all who teach and learn.

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

Lord God, grant that all nations and leaders
might act for peace; promote godliness; and
protect all who live under violence,
oppression, injustice and fear, that all
people might extol You.

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

Heavenly Father, care for all victims of
disaster, for those stricken by illness or
infirmity, for the aged and infirm, for the
grieving and for those near death.

Especially show Your steadfast love to

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

From You and through You and to You are
all things! To You, O Father, with the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be glory now and
forever.

Amen.

Offering



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

To donate online, either scan the QR code on the left or text **princeofpeace** (no spaces) to (833) 693-7056. You'll receive a link in response. Follow the link to the Prince of Peace secure giving page.

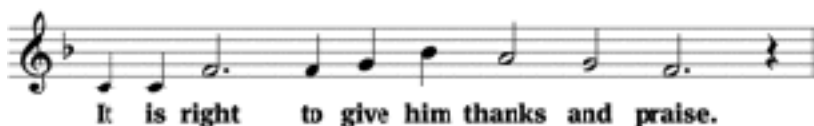
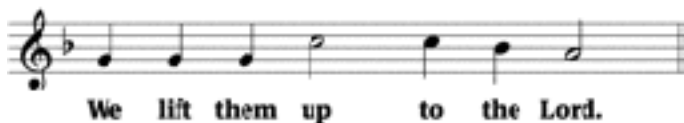
THE SACRAMENT

Stand



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Remember us in Your kingdom as we pray...

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.

The Words of Our Lord Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, Lamb of God'. It consists of seven staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' This phrase is repeated twice. The final line of the score is 'A - men. A - men.' with a double bar line at the end.

Be seated

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how.

*Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!***

Hymn | 559 If Your Beloved Son, O God

Hymn | 797 I Know My Faith Is Founded

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Your ✝ sins are forgiven.

Amen.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn | 582 Not Unto Us



We thank our Lord for Amy Sehloff and her gifts used to accompany God's Service with music this morning!

<p>Our Week with the Lord</p> <p>August 20-27</p>	Sunday:	Divine Service	9:00 am
		Family Bible Hour/BIC	10:20 am
	Monday:		
	Thursday:	Worship	6:30 pm
	Sunday:	Divine Service	9:00 am
	Family Bible Hour	10:20 am	



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