

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Dale Wood

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Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

ELW 557 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

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| 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run; shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice. | 4 Direct, control, suggest, this day, all I design or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with all their might, in thy sole glory may unite. |
| 5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. | |

(Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.; Music: Francois H. Barthelemon, 1741-1808)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses

Psalm 34:15-22

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God's ears are open to their cry.

**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

**God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to

me unless it is granted by the Father.”Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

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| <p>1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"</p> <p>3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"</p> <p>5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.</p> | <p>2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"</p> <p>4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"</p> |
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(Text: John L. Bell; Music: Scottish traditional; Text © 1987 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC
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He Leadeth Me

arr. Jason D. Payne

*An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.
Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW 686 (vv. 1, 2)

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| 1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the
gift may be; all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee. | 2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true
receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give. |
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(Text: William W. How, 1832-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

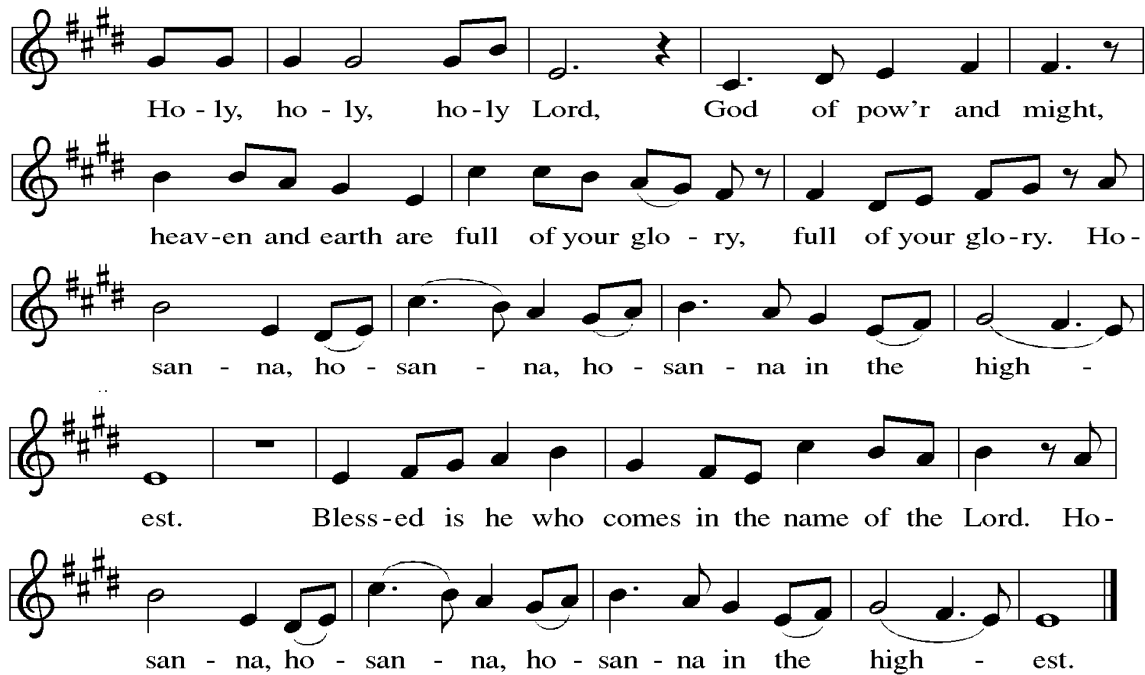
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

The body and Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Here Is Bread

ELW 483

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| 1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
he is with us, Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here. | Refrain
In this bread there is healing, in this cup is
life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here. |
| 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
feast on Jesus here. Refrain | 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with
us, he is with us. We'll proclaim till he
comes Jesus crucified. Refrain |

(Text: Brian A. Wren; music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company)

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ELW 620 (vv. 1, 6, 7)

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| 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a
believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals
our wounds, and drives away all fear. | 6 How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my
warmest thought; but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought. |
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7 Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath; and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death!

(Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.: Music: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877)

Announcements

August Worship Schedule – 10 am - In-person & live streamed worship



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Julie Hastings' birthday with love from her family.

The remaining dates available for altar flowers are: September 26th, October 10th, November 7th, December 24th.



Save the Date! "God's work. Our Hands" Sunday is September 12th. We're excited for you to join St. John's and its ministry teams for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, an annual day of service united in celebration with other ELCA church communities. Additional detailed information coming soon!

The Busy Bees are in need of “filler” for our quilts. Flannel sheets are a great filler and make our quilts nice and warm for those in need. Usually we have all year to work on the quilts and our goal is to make 100! This year we couldn't get started until June so we are working hard to get as many done as possible. If you have any large cotton or cotton blend pieces for the quilt backing, we would appreciate having them. Check your closet for any material you bought but just never got around to using. Many thanks! Your support continues to make St. John's a vital part of the community.



We are excited to announce the tentative return of our Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9 am – 2 pm. Mark your calendar. We are hopeful that the conditions will remain stable to allow us to proceed with the event. We will keep you updated in the coming months. If you would like to have a spot in the Crafter's Room, spaces are \$15 each or \$25 for a space with a table rental. Tables are limited, so please respond early. Past participants can expect a mailing the 1st week of September. If interested in a space contact Bonnie Spellman through the church office by phone at 410-665-1234 or email office@stjohnsparkville.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation.



Don't forget to support Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John's. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and instant mashed potatoes.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude

Francois Couperin, arr. Todd Kendall

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Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Cam Houston, Mary Gude, Chris Cappucci, Donna McDonough, Marion McDonough, Mike McDonough, Julie Hastings, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Philip Kramer, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Betty Hedgespeth, Robert Scott, Patty Schwab, Ardi Scarborough and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Ralph Clark, Jackson Clark, Helen Marcomin, Mary Macreadie, Janet Hedgespeth, Rosemay Balmos, Roberta Wiessner, Helen & Don Bender, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

For the military and their families: Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal

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