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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST September 4, 2022

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it in the offering plates also.*

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: A disciple of Jesus Christ will “*bear his own cross*” (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with “*all that he has*” (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows “*his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life*” (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as “*life and good, death and evil*” (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to “*choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him*” (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, “*that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord*” (Philemon 14).

Order of Worship
Matins *LSB 219*

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Ringing of the Bell

♪ **Opening Hymn: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.**
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.**
- 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!**
- 6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!**

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Stand

Opening Versicles (Matins)

LSB 219

☐ **O Lord, open my lips.**

♪ **☐ And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

☐ **Make haste, O God, to deliver me;**

♪ **☐ make haste to help me, O Lord.**

✪C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

✪C O come, let us worship Him.

✪Venite

LSB 220

C O come, let us sing |to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of |our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanks|giving,
let us make a joyful noise to |Him with songs of praise.
For the Lord is a |great God
and a great |king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are |in His hand;
the strength of the hills is |His also.
The sea is His, for He |made it,
and His hand |formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and |bow down,
let us kneel before the |Lord, our maker.
For He |is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the |sheep of His hand.
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 for|ever. Amen.

P Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

✪C O come, let us worship Him.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

Sit

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

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

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and 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. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I 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, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no 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. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything,

charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident 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.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

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

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

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“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. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or 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? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It 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.**

Sit

Children’s Message

♪ **Sermon Hymn: “Praise to You and Adoration”**

LSB 692

**1 Praise to You and adoration, Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation, Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Your steps are leading.**

- 2 **Hold me ever in Your keeping; Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You, And my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion, In Your death and resurrection.**

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Sermon "Faith and Following"

Pastor Buchhorn

Stand

♪ **Te Deum Hymn: "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"**

LSB 941

- 1 **We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"**
- 2 **The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
"O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!"**
- 3 **You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.**
- 4 **You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**

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♫ Kyrie

LSB 227

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Collects

P O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 228

P Let us bless the Lord.

♫ **C** Thanks be to God.

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

♫ **C** Amen.

Sit

♪Closing Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LSB 686

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom’d soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Amelia Stabler, Amanda Stabler, Stephanie Henderson, Courtney Roeber, Mark Heithold, Cole Zach, Karen Schardt, Korrina Niemann, Darlene Johnson, Emilia Bose, Sarah Hansen, Emily Ramold, Brooks Blohm, Galen Wisser, Maggie Schmoll, Marty Schmoll, Eric Hefti & Rose McKeown

ANNIVERSARIES: Ryan & Theresa Lubberstedt, Josh & Jill Lubke, Mike & Marta Victor, Jim & Janice Mitchell, Kurt & Colleen Janke and Ferris & Marjorie Meyer

LAST SUNDAY our offerings were \$5,885.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Today we begin a new series on the Sermon on the Mount. If we seek to be Jesus' followers, we need to know what He said. Join us in the basement at 9:15 a.m. for our in depth look at Jesus' instructions to His disciples.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING: Someone has graciously agreed to take over the aluminum can recycle project here at Grace. Any proceeds will still go to youth and children's ministry. You can resume bringing cans and putting them in the tan storage building between the church and Fishers of Kids. Cans need to be in a plastic garbage bag.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Have you ever felt ready to give up? Then you will be able to relate to Elijah In our study of 1 Kings. Come and see how God met him in his need and restored him for important work in his kingdom. The class meets at 9 a.m. in upstairs large meeting room.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Lost and Found" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Today, we will study "The Fall and a Promise." The slithery serpent caused Eve to doubt God's Word with one simple question: "Did God actually say . . .?" (Genesis 3:1). Seeking to gain wisdom, Eve and Adam rebel against their Creator. Suddenly aware of their condition before God, they vainly attempt to hide their sinful exposure. With sin comes punishment that is just; yet our heavenly Father does not leave humankind without hope. Instead, He promises One who will come to rescue His people from the jaws of death and Satan. As a family, discuss the importance of God's promise of the Savior.

HANDBELLS: There are openings on the handbell choir for the new season. No experience required. High school & college students also welcome. Practices are on Wednesdays from 5-6 pm starting September 7. We usually perform once a month with an occasional mid-week performance during Advent and/or Lent. Questions? Speak with one of the current bell choir members or contact Valerie Knight at vaknigh1@gmail.com or 402-369-0216.

ADULT CHOIR: We look forward to beginning Adult Choir rehearsals for the fall on September 12 at 6 p.m. Mark your calendars. New voices are most welcome.

SENIOR DINNER: On September 18th at noon in the church basement the Mission Council would like to invite the members of our congregation age 65 and over to this year's Senior Dinner. This special event is a time to thank and honor our older members for their years of service to our Savior and congregation. It is a time to let them know they are appreciated. Those who are part of this generation which have carried (and in many cases still carry) the weight and responsibility of leading our congregation. This is an opportunity to stop and enjoy a meal, enjoy some entertainment provided by Jackie Owens, and be refreshed. We also hope to acknowledge some significant life milestones. We do hope that many of you will plan on attending. It would help the meal planning if you could RSVP to the church office 402-375 - 1905 or kwiser@gracewayne.com by September 12th.

YOUTH SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 18th: Open to all High School Youth, their Parents, and any other adults who may want to join us! This is a one-time Bible study from 9:15am to 10:15am Sunday morning in the church fellowship hall in September 18th. We will be joining churches from all around the United States in God's word! Beyond the lesson Pastor Erik will teach, we will also have opportunities to... Win awesome Youth Gathering swag... Join a large gathering with Zach Zehnder, Naomi Guerra, and CARL... AND we will get paired with another youth group who will be our ministry and prayer partners for the year! Please make every effort to join us and we are going to have lots and lots of fun!

JR. HIGH DISTRICT GATHERING: The District Gathering is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade youth! We would love to be able to take a group to Kearney, NE November 12th through 13th. There will be amazing speakers, awesome games, tons of fun, and loads of great fellowship opportunities! The cost is \$105 for registration plus lodging. We are in need of some parents to help as chaperones. It will depend upon how many youth we have sign up, but at the very least we hope to take 1 male and 1 female chaperone plus Pastor Erik. Please talk with him today to get your family signed up.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMMITTEE: On Tuesday, Sept 6 at 7 p.m. we will have an organizational meeting for our upcoming Pictorial Directory Project. If you would like to assist in making this project designed to unify and inform our congregation a success, please contact Pastor Buchhorn or come on Tuesday night.

COLLEGE SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS at 7:30PM at CUP OF GRACE:

The Schedule for Dinners is almost full! Thank you to everyone who has agreed to help prepare a meal. We have been blessed this year to have 18 youth participating and we are hoping for more. So, if you have signed up to cook. If you could prepare something for about 20 people that is fantastic. Students, please invite your friends and come hungry. We are very blessed to spend time with all of you and we know you won't go away hungry! See you at 7:30pm at Cup of Grace, and don't forget you can join our Bible study by coming at 6:30 as well!

COLLEGE ICE CREAM SOCIAL: September 12th, our College Leadership Board is hosting an ice cream social at 7pm in the Student Activity Center. We are hoping to have the Elkhorn room which is right across from the entrance to the main cafeteria upstairs. If we don't get access to that room, it will be in that general vicinity though. Come for the sweets, stay for the fun! Be sure to invite your friends!

YOUTH GROUP SEPTEMBER WORKDAY: Do you have jobs around the house you can't get too? Are you in need of some strong young men and women to come help out? Well now is the time to speak with Pastor Erik and submit your work request for our youth. We would love to come to your house in the later part of September or early part of October and rake leaves, trim bushes, do any type of yard work or maintenance that you would like for our group to do. It's a simple way we can say thank you for all the time and support each of you has offered to our group.

DID YOU KNOW: Suicide is among the leading causes of death for teens in the Midwest. In at least 90 percent of cases, depression, mental illness, or substance abuse are significant contributing factors. Young people don't have the life experience to know that periods of depression or relationship problems don't last forever, leading to an overwhelming sense of hopelessness. Adolescents are also prone to acting impulsively. In combination, these things create the perfect storm for a young person in trouble, increasing the risk that they would attempt suicide. If you are concerned about a teenager in your life, contact an LFS counselor for information about how to help, or to begin counseling to change their path. For immediate help, dial the new nation-wide suicide and crisis lifeline: 988. **Lutheran Family Service** - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

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ACOLYTES: Dreu Jensen & Graycen Trautman (8:00)

Chase Rethwisch & Colston Starzl (10:30)

LAY READER: Irene Mock (8:00) Brian Kesting (10:30)

GREETERS: LeRoy & Carol Robbert (8:00)

Eldon & Ellen Heinemann (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Sara Ruwe – 402.369.2661

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Al & Betty Wittig in honor of Parker Bolte's birthday.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner
MONDAY		Church Office Closed
TUESDAY	7:00 pm.	Directory Committee Mtg
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	5:00 pm.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
	7:30 pm.	High School Study
SATURDAY	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner