

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29 & 30, 2020



<https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fpixabay.com%2Fphotos%2Fcross-stone-earth-cemetery-ground-1202168%2F&psig=ACVvaw2N-1xV89PLOq3FDqyz7eg&ust=1597768845913000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAIQRxFwoTCPicrOIdpesCFQAAAAAAdAAAAABA8>

AS WE GATHER

In the quiet refuge of this sanctuary, it may be easy to forget that we live in a world that has been marred by sin, cursed by death, and filled with wickedness. Although we confront it every day, this very present evil will not overcome us. God's desire is for us to be saved and delivered by His Son, Jesus, so that we are enabled to love, to live, and to overcome evil with good. In our worship service today, we receive the same Jesus who once overcame evil by carrying His cross to suffer for our salvation. Touncing over all the evil we will ever face, our risen Savior lives to love, to bless, and to deliver us as His people.

+ PREPARATION +

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Minuet" (Handel); "Bist du Bei Mir/If Thou Be Near" (Bach)

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness! *Lamentations 3:22-23*

809 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. **Refrain**

Refrain Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8-9

P 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.**

P Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

Silent prayer for personal confession

P Gracious Lord,

C **we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ WORD +

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 26

P Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,

C **and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.**

P Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

C **For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.**

P I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

C **I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.**

P I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O Lord,

C **proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.**

P O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

C **Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,**

P in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.
 C **But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.**
 P My foot stands on level ground;
 C **in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.**
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.

EPISTLE

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
 C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

756 WHY SHOULD CROSS AND TRIAL GRIEVE ME



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
 2 When life’s trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will
 4 From God’s joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am
 5 Now in Christ, death can - not slay me, Though it might,



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.
 May be great, They will not de - feat me.
 Trust Him still When He sends me sad - ness.
 His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.
 Day and night, Trou - ble and dis - may me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son
 God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows
 God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,
 I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood
 Christ has made my death a por - tal From the strife



For me won When His life was giv - en?
 All my woes Knows how best to end them.
 Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
 For my good, By His death to save me.
 Of this life To His joy im - mor - tal!

Tune and text: Public domain

Text (sts. 4-5): © 2004 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005575

SERMON “Payback Time” Matthew 16:21-28

NICENE CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P let us pray to the Lord,

C **Lord have mercy.**

At the end of the prayer:

C **Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the rescuing work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who overcame evil by the goodness of His death and resurrection. Abiding in His goodness and love, we take up our cross and follow our Savior, receiving from Him the blessing of forgiveness. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

C **1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

637 DRAW NEAR AND TAKE THE BODY OF THE LORD

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

425 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gracious gift of Your Son's body and blood. Now that we have received His goodness in His Word and Spirit, help us to take up our cross daily and follow our Savior, who leads us with the only love that overcomes evil with good; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Romans 12:21; Numbers 6:24–26

- P Do not be overcome by evil,
C **but overcome evil with good.**
- P Go forth with the blessing of your good and gracious God:
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 T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

924 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

POSTLUDE "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" (arr. Ritter)

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 3. Copyright © 2020 Concordia Publishing House.
All rights reserved. Used by permission.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.
Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House.

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son T, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday: 1 Kings 12:20-13:5,33-34; 2 Corinthians 8:1-24
Monday: 1 Kings 16;29-17:24; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Tuesday: 1 Kings 18:1-19; Ephesians 1:1-23
Wednesday: 1 Kings 18:20-40; Ephesians 2:1-22
Thursday: 1 Kings 19:1-21; Ephesians 3:1-21
Friday: 2 Kings 2:1-18; Ephesians 4:1-24
Saturday: 2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7; Ephesians 4:25-5:14

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Roger, health issues	Al, health issues
Skip, recovering	Ken, recovering
Larry, heart issues	Marilyn, recovering
Becky, back pain	Jean, health issues
Camilla, 6-year-old with brain cancer	Rottier family, death of a brother
Jack, ongoing health issues	Denise, addictions
Beth, health issues	Linda, brain cancer
Eunice, Health Issues	Jackie's mother
Kathy's mother	Jim, Alzheimer's
Roger, recovering	Vonna's mother
Lois, recovering	Bill, recovery
Terry, dealing with lymes disease	Sharron's father
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinkes with medical issues	

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

Our Savior Families: Fritz, Madison, Ina Lee, Aiden, Lauren, Bill & Carol, Richard & Ruth, Gerald & Margaret

Hymn of the Week "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?" LSB 756

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction