



BLESSED TO SHARE THE BLESSING IN THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9/13



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WHETHER WE  
**LIVE**

OR

**DIE**

WE BELONG  
TO THE

*Lord.*

ROMANS 14:8, NIV

## Hymn of Invocation

### 818 In Thee Is Gladness LSB 818

- 1 In Thee is gladness  
Amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given  
The gifts of heaven,  
Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest,  
Our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely  
Has built securely;  
He stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining  
To see Thy shining,  
Dying or living  
To Thee are cleaving;  
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!
  
- 2 Since He is ours,  
We fear no powers,  
Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses  
In worst distresses;  
He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story  
Tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices;  
All heav'n rejoices  
In Him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness,  
Triumph o'er sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him  
And still shall raise Him  
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

#### Introit *Responsively Read*

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

**Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\***

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

**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.**

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

♫ **Kyrie** (*Lord*)

**C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**833 Listen, God Is Calling**

LSB 833

*Refrain*  
Leader All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,

Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

That He came to save us \_\_\_\_\_ And set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.  
Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, \_\_\_\_\_ Led by Your Word.

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 103:1-12 *Responsively Read*

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me,  
bless his | holy name!

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and forget not all his | benefits,**  
who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*  
who heals all your dis- | eases,  
**who redeems your life | from the pit,\*  
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,**  
who satisfies | you with good\*  
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.

**The LORD works | righteousness\*  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

He made known his ways to | Moses,\*  
his acts to the people of | Israel.

**The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

He will not | always chide,\*  
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.

**He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\*  
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.**

For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;  
**as far as the east is | from the west,\*  
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.**

## **Epistle          Romans 14:1-12**

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **♪ Alleluia and Verse**

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

## Hymn of the Day

### 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus      LSB 606

- 1 I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.
- 2 I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.

- 3 I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

## Sermon

## Pre-communion Litany

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## Prayer of the Church

**Offering (Please place your offering in the white box as you enter or depart)**  
*(As we sing the offertory pastor raises the offering plate as a wave offering for all of our tithes and offerings given in person or by mail or via the internet)*

♪ **Offertory** *(Sing as the offering is brought forward)*

### 955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## Service of the 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.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ..... evermore praising You and saying:

♪ **Sanctus** *(Hoby)*

**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.

## Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Our Lord

### **Pax Domini** (*Peace of the Lord*)

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

**C** Amen.

### ♪ **Agnus Dei** (*Lamb of God*)

**C** 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.  
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

### ♪ **Post Communion Canticle: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee 632**

1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be, Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.	2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day! My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!
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## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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 and Benediction** (*We Bless & Blessing*)

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

### **685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.
  
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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