

# *S.* LUCAS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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## **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 3 & 4, 2022

### **The Season**

During the Pentecost Season we give our attention to the teachings of Christ... to the Son of God's words. We gather each week to let the Holy Spirit do the work Jesus promised he would do in the way Jesus promised he would do it—through his Word.

### **The Series**

With a sense of extreme urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even if we do not want to hear them. As Jesus teaches hard truth, he challenges conventional wisdom. He reverses the normal and natural order of things. This should not surprise us, considering this Teacher's life and work are the opposite of what one would expect. Listen! Take to heart what Jesus says! For his Word, though it contains hard truth, gives eternal life.

August 13 & 14	We Want Peace, but God's Word Divides
August 20 & 21	The First will be Last; the Last will be First
August 27 & 28	The Humble will be Exalted; the Exalted will be Humbled
<b>September 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Put Down what You Love; Pick up what You Loathe</b>
September 10 & 11	The Found are Left; the Lost are Found

### **The Sunday**

It is an unavoidable hard truth. Our relationship with Jesus will put us in situations where we must decide where love for him ranks compared to love for other people and things. When we perceive the infinite blessings we find in Christ, the decisions we must make, while difficult, will be clear. Following Jesus will lead us to let go of things we love and embrace things we would naturally loath. Whatever is lost as we follow Jesus pales in comparison to what we gain.

### **Prayer before Worship**

"I rejoiced with those said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith. Amen.

# The Service

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

CW 703

Stand for stanza 3



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

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.**

# Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!  
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;  
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

**Amen.**

Be seated

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

*The LORD sets two paths: one leading to life, the other to death.  
Life is listening to God's voice.*

<sup>15</sup>See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup>For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

<sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

<sup>19</sup>This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup>and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1

Sung responsively with the minister

## Refrain

Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are  
they who hope in the LORD.

## Tone

Blessed is the one who / does not walk  
**in step with the / wicked**  
or stand in the way that / sinners take  
**or sit in the company of / mockers,**  
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,  
**and who meditates on his law / day and night.**  
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,  
**which yields its fruit in / season**  
and whose leaf does not / wither—  
**whatever they do / prospers. Refrain**

Not so the / wicked!  
**They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.**  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,  
**nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. Refrain**

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.**  
**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

*Philemon 1,7–21*

*Paul encourages Philemon to free Onesimus and embrace him as a brother.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—

<sup>7</sup>Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup>yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup>I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup>I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup>But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup>I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

*Jesus teaches that following him will come at a cost.*

<sup>25</sup>Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup>“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup>For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup>“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? <sup>35</sup>It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

# Hymn of the Day: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CW 694



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and  
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my  
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,  
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de-spised, for - sak - en, you on  
Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are  
scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your  
winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,  
not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,  
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;  
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is  
God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and  
you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and  
swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!  
friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.  
clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.  
heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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## Sermon

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

*The Lord is Your Life*

*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**

Creator God, we give thanks for all the work you give us to do:  
for work that sustains and work that fulfills,  
for work which, however tiring, also satisfies and resonates with your work in creation.  
**Lord, we give you thanks.**

As we give thanks to you we also pray for those  
who have no work, who have too much or too little work,  
who work at jobs that demean or destroy,  
work that profits the few at the expense of the many.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Extend your guidance and grace in the many and varied places of our work:  
in factory or field,  
in sheltered office or under open sky,  
using technical knowledge or physical strength,  
working with machines or with people or with the earth itself.  
**Lord, direct us with your love.**

Lead us, O Lord,  
to bring the full weight of our intelligence and strength to our work and  
to make our place of work a place of safety and respect for all with whom we labor.  
**Lord, make us faithful and helpful in all we do.**

Keep us from engaging in work that harms others,  
that promotes injustice or violence,  
that damages the earth or otherwise  
betrays the common good.  
**Lord, forgive us when we fall into sin.**

Protect us from greed that elevates our work above that of others,  
from discontent when we see the successes of others, and  
from pride when we view the disappointment of others.  
**Lord, give hearts that are pure and alive in your love.**

Give us faith to use the wages we gain as gifts of your grace,  
for supporting of our families,  
for helping those less fortunate,  
for sustaining good government, and  
for promoting the ministry of the gospel in our city and world.  
**Lord, make us faithful stewards of all your gifts.**

Provide healing and health to those who have been injured at work,  
those who have been hurt by the negligence of others,  
those who have been harmed by unfair practices,  
and all who are enduring pain in body or mind.  
Protect all people at work or at play.  
**Lord, fill us with compassion for all your people.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

In our labor and in our laughter, O Lord, in our work and in our rest, pour out on us the  
blessings of your Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

CW 831



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 Since I know God nev - er fails me, in his voice



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.  
I'll re - joice when grim death as - sails me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en that God's Son  
God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sees 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  
Trust - ing in my Sav - ior's mer - it, safe at last,



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.  
trou - bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, abr.; (sts. 1–3): tr. Christian Worship, 1993; (st. 4): tr. Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955; (st. 5): tr. Harlyn J. Kuschel, b. 1945

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Stand

## **Prayer**

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

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.**

# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

CW 93 329



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For the gos - pel's  
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en Us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
call a - way, Borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us,  
In our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,  
Glad the sum - mons to o - bey, May we ev - er,



oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er Reign with Christ in end - less day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

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## Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Organist: Laura Schulz

Ushers: David Butzke (6 pm), Kevin Kempf & Jonathan Koch (9 am)

Special Prayer: Roger and Cordell Strack on their 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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## Announcements

**Fall Worship Schedule** begins September 10 and 11. Saturday service will continue to be at 6:00 pm. The Sunday services will be at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Sunday School and Family Bible Hour will be held 9:15-10:15 am.

**Sunday School and Family Bible Hour begin September 11.** We could use one or more new teachers for Sunday School. More teachers will make it possible to alternate weeks so that one teacher is not obligated for every week. Volunteer helpers are welcome as well. If you would like to serve the Lord and our children as a teacher or helper, please contact Pastor Henning.

**The topic for Sunday Bible Hour** will be *Bible Parables and Word Pictures*. This Bible study clarifies many of the metaphors and analogies that are an integral part of God's Word. The first weeks of the study focus on parables and their relationships to the kingdom of God and applying principles for interpreting parables. Later weeks explore words God uses to paint pictures of major scriptural truths.

**Midweek Bible Studies** will begin September 13 (6:30 pm) and September 15 (10:00 am) and will discuss *10 Lies about God*. We will discuss how these inaccurate beliefs distort relationships with God and loving, Bible-based corrections that participants can use in response. The study includes ten lessons to help participants respond to false teachings about God and defend what the Bible teaches.

**Public School Catechism Class** will start Wednesday, September 7, at 3:30 pm. All students attending public schools in grades 6-8 are encouraged to attend. This class includes instruction in Luther's Small Catechism and prepares the young people for confirmation at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Class run 3:30 – 5:00 pm each Wednesday from September through April. Contact Pastor Henning if you have questions.

**Fuel for Moms** meets in the school meeting room on Thursdays at 7:15 am, beginning September 8. Enjoy a weekly opportunity to refuel with conversation, Bible journaling/study, and coffee with other moms.

**Altar Guild and Usher schedules** are available in the church entrance to the south of the front door.

## Celebrating God's Blessings

### Birthdays:

Donald Zimmel 5  
Barbara Knorr 6  
Abby Shambeau 7  
Lilly Shambeau 7  
Alec Nagel 9  
Eden Reindl 9  
Kathy Wesenberg 9

### Anniversaries:

Roger & Cordell Strack 4  
Thomas & Susan Olewinski 8

## Calendar

### September 3-9

*Suggested Readings for the week*

Saturday:	1 Kings 19:1-21 1 Kings 20:1-22-53 Worship 6 pm	Usher: Butzke
Sunday:	2 Kings 2:1-18 Ephesians 4:1-24 Worship 9 am	Usher: Kempf & Koch
Monday:	2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7 Ephesians 4:25-5:14	
Tuesday:	2 Kings 4:8-22,32-37 Ephesians 5:15-33	
Wednesday:	2 Kings 4:38-5:8 Ephesians 6:1-24 Public School Catechism 3:30-5:00 pm	
Thursday:	2 Kings 5:9-27 Philippians 1:1-20	
Friday:	2 Kings 6:1-23 2 Kings 6:24-8:29 Philippians 1:21-2:11 School Chapel Service 7:45 am	
Saturday:	2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29 2 Kings 13:1-18:8 Philippians 2:12-30 Worship 6 pm w/Communion	Usher: Peters
Sunday:	2 Chronicles 29:1-24 Philippians 3:1-21 Worship 8 & 10:30 am w/Communion	Ushers: Stoltz 8 am Wolter 10:30 am

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