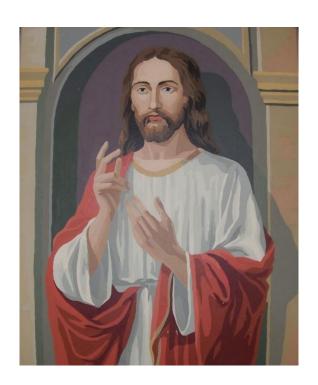
The 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday – August 21, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship Sunday – August 22, 2021 – 9:30 am. Worship & Live-Streamed 10:30 am. Voters' Meeting



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† Call to Worship †





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Word

- 2. Jesus, loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.
- 3. Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords, The way, the Truth, and the Life, Mighty creator, My Savior and Friend

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 151

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. \mathbf{P}
- C Amen.

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Exhortation LSB 290

- I will go to the altar of God,
- to God my exceeding joy.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Confession of Sins LSB 254

- **L** Holy and gracious God,
- I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

- 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.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

LSB 970

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 146

- Praise the LORD!
- Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- ²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
- I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- P ³Put not your trust in princes,
- in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- ⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
- on that very day his plans perish.
- P ⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
- whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- **P** ⁶who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

- who keeps faith forever;
- ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,
- who gives food to the hungry.
- **P** The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- 8the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
- **P** The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- **C** the LORD loves the righteous.
- P The LORD watches over the sojourners;

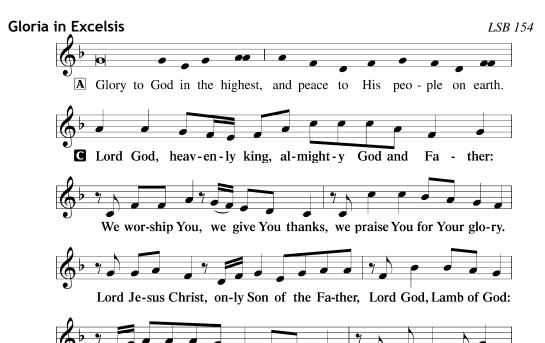
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

- **C** but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- P 10The LORD will reign forever,
- your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!
- ALL 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.



have mer-cy

You take a - way the sin of the world;





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 29:11-19

¹¹And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "*Read this*," he says, "*I cannot, for it is sealed*." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "*Read this*," he says, "*I cannot read*."

¹³And the Lord said:

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"Because this people draw near with their mouth
 and honor me with their lips,
  while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,
<sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will again
 do wonderful things with this people,
  with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
 and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."
<sup>15</sup>Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
  whose deeds are in the dark,
  and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"
<sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
  "He did not make me";
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
  "He has no understanding"?
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17 Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?
18 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.
19 The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

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

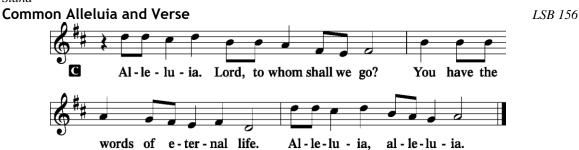
Epistle: Ephesians 5:22-33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



¹ When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)

⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

⁶And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

⁹And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'

¹¹But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Hymn # 528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



- 4 He speaks and listening to His voice New life the dead receive The mournful, broken hearts rejoice The humble poor believe.
- Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise proclaim
 Your hearts and hands employ.
 Ye blind, behold your Savior come,
 And leap, ye lame, for joy.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.

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⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

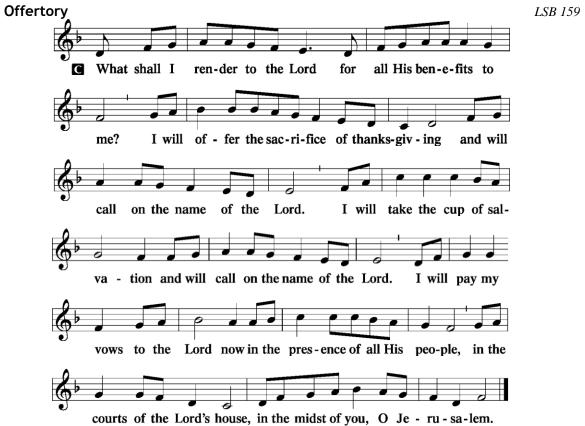
Apostles' Creed

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.

Sit



Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead and reigning together with You and the Holy Spirit, now and into all eternity.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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,

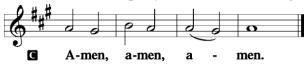
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

[FOG 67]

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2. Perfect submission Christ on the cross, For my salvation He suffered loss, Gave up His life and gave up His throne, Purchased and won me, made me His own. Chorus
- 3. Knowing forgiveness, now I'm at rest,
 I in my Savior am happy and blest;
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with His goodness, trusting His love. Chorus
- 4. Vict'ry o'er Satan, death, and the grave, O what a joy to know that I'm saved! Claiming no merit, works of my own, All glory, praise, be to God alone! Chorus

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