# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2025

# → Preparation →

#### Welcome and Connection Cards

Opening Hymn - "Oh, That the LORD Would Guide My Ways"

Stand

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

- In the Name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

- 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.

Stand

## → SERVICE OF THE WORD →

#### Introit

Psalm 119: 28 – 32; antiphon: v. 27

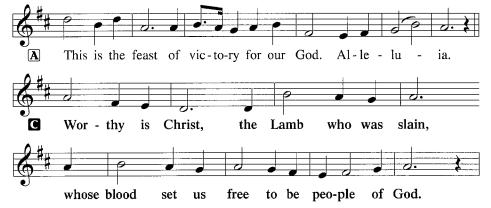
Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word! Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law! I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your just decrees before me. I cling to your testimonies, O LORD; let me not be put to shame! I will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge my heart!

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.

Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

- **A** In peace let us pray to the LORD.
- C LORD, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.
- C LORD, have mercy.
- A 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.
- C LORD, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
- C LORD, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.
- C Amen.

#### This Is the Feast





# Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

# **P** 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.



Sit

#### Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20

After the reading:

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

#### Psalm

Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; <sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous.

#### **Epistle**

Philemon 1-21

After the reading:

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

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#### Alleluia and Verse





## **Holy Gospel**

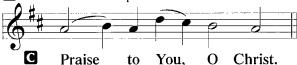
Luke 14: 25 - 35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



After the reading:

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



Sit

Hymn of the Day "Bind Us Together"

Sermon: "Onesimus" Philemon 1

MEMORY VERSE: "I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ." Philemon 1: 6

Stand

Apostles' Creed

All: 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.

### Prayer of the Church

#### Pax Domini

**A** The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

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## Offering

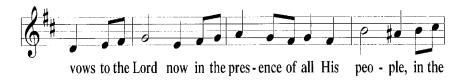


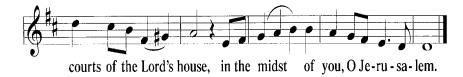
What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to











Benediction LSB 183 A

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.

Sit

#### **Announcements**

Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments

Closing Hymn - "May We Your Precepts LORD Fulfill"