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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

The Order of the Holy Communion

+ Prelude

+ Hymn of Invocation –#374

“Grace! ‘Tis a Charming Sound”

+ The Invocation – pg. 15 (*stand*)

+ The Corporate Confession of Sins and Absolution pg. 15-16

+ INTROIT *Ps. 119:28–32; antiphon: Ps. 119:27*

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

- + **The Gloria Patri – pg. 16ff**
- + **The Kyrie – pg. 17**
- + **The Gloria in Excelsis – pg. 17-19**
- + **The Salutation – pg. 19**

+ The Collect for the Day

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.

+ The Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

+ The Epistle – Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

+ The Triple Hallelujah, pg. 20

+ The Gospel Versus, pg. 20-21

+ The Holy Gospel – Luke 14:25-35 (stand)

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against

him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22

+ Sermon Hymn – #421

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

+ Sermon – “Do We Have Enough to Be Jesus’ Disciples?”

Luke 14:28

- I. The costs of discipleship are too much for us.
- II. Jesus paid the cost of discipleship for us.

+ The Offertory, pg. 22-23 (*stand*)

+ Offerings

+ The Prayer of The Church

+ The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei – pp. 24-28

+ Distribution Hymns

#423 - “Jesus I My Cross have Taken”

#410 - “Jesus, Lead Thou On”

#400 - “Take My Life and Let It Be”

+ The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29

+ The Thanksgiving –pg. 30

+ Post-Communion Collect – pg. 31

+ The Salutation & The Benedicamus pg. 31

+ The Benediction – pg. 31

+ Closing Hymn – #410 (*7:00 p.m.*)

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS: September 4: 2 Kings 2:1–18; Eph. 4:1–24; 5: 2 Kings 2:19–25; 4:1–7; Eph. 4:25–5:14; 6: 2 Kings 4:8–22, 32–37; Eph. 5:15–33; 7: 2 Kings 4:38–5:8; Eph. 6:1–24; 8: 2 Kings 5:9–27; Phil. 1:1–20; 9: 2 Kings 6:1–23; Phil. 1:21–2:11; 10: 2 Kings 9:1–13; 10:18–29; Phil. 2:12–30.

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