The Divine Service

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 22, 2021

AS WE GATHER

"In his devotional classic, <u>My Utmost for His Highest</u>, Oswald Chambers wrote this: 'If you are hard and vindictive, insistent on your own way, certain that the other person is more likely to be in the wrong than you are, it is an indication that there are whole tracts of your nature that have never been transformed by His grace.' Who of us does not find some truth there? God's Law Shows Us Our Sin. God's Gospel Shows Us Our Savior. Our spiritual health requires both. Alleluia!"

CALL TO WORSHIP/CHECK IN

WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY

Invocation

Pastor:

In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People:

Amen.

Pastor: **People:**

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.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People:

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.

Pastor:

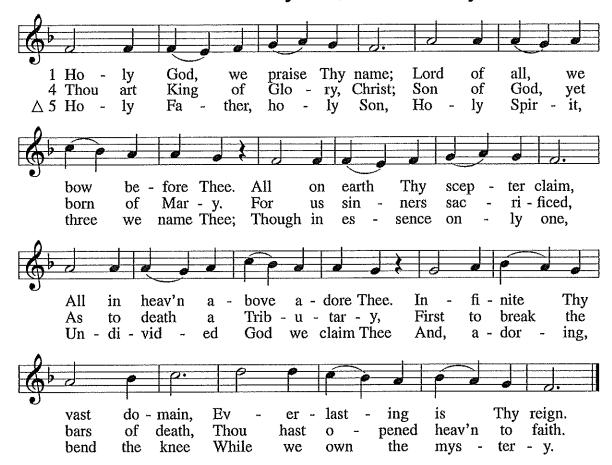
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of

the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940, verses 1,4,5



KYRIE

Pastor:

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People:

Lord, have mercy.

Pastor:

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People:

Lord, have mercy.

Pastor:

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.

People:

Lord, have mercy.

Pastor:

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let

us pray to the Lord.

People:

Lord, have mercy.

Pastor:

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People:

Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST



GREETING

Pastor:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:

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.

People: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 29:11-19

Reader:

¹¹The 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." 12 And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³And the Lord said: "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, ¹⁴therefore, 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." ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" 16 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"? ¹⁷Is 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. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:22-33

Reader:

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, ²/so 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." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8;14-15;21-23

Pastor:

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

People:

Glory to you O Lord.

¹When 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.' 8 You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." ¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: 15 There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

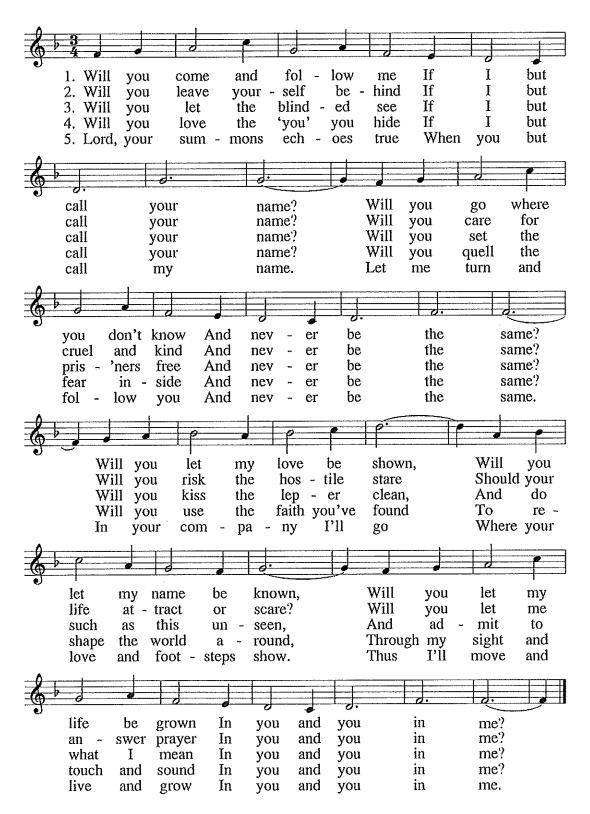
Pastor:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Summons"



SERMON

"Out There? In Here!"

Pastor Tim Hartner

APOSTLES' CREED

People:

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

Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"

GATHERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor:

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People:

Amen.

A word about Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand as you are able.

PREFACE

Pastor:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Pastor:

Lift up your hearts.

People:

We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: **People:**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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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!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor:

Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People:

And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"We are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light"

Adult Choir, 8:30 AM

"The Church's One Foundation"

LSB 644



- 1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth; 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion And tu mult of her war
- 5 Yet she on earth has u nion With God, the Three in One,



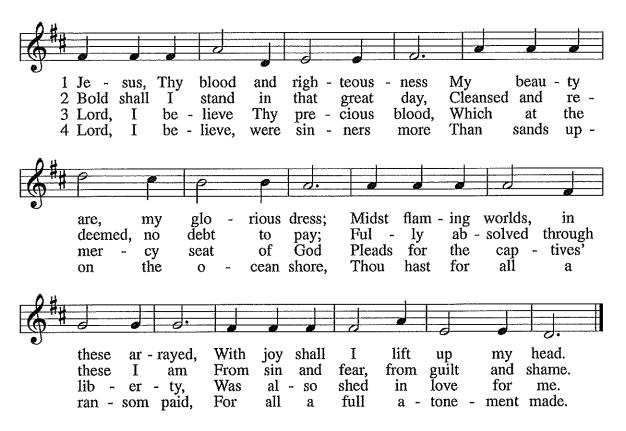
She is His new cre - a - tion Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: By schisms rent a - sun - der, She waits the con - sum - ma - tion And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion By wa - ter and the Word. One Lord, one faith, one birth. By her - e - sies dis-tressed, Of peace for - ev - er - more With those whose rest is won.



To His ho - ly From heav'n He came and sought her be bride: name she bless - es, food, ho - ly Par - takes one ho - ly One saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" Yet vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest, Till cho - rus! Lord, save by Your grace bless - ed heav'n-ly us



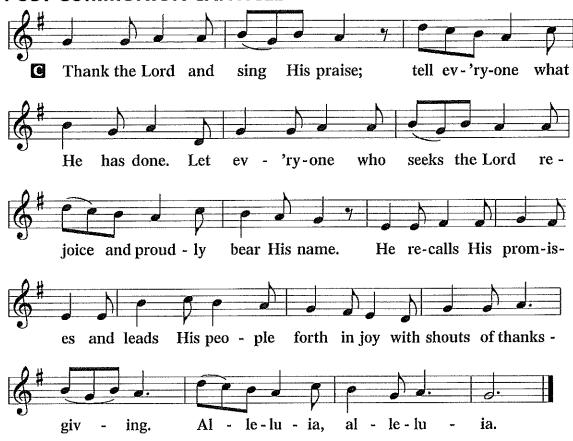
life He died. With His own blood He bought her, And for her And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued. And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest. That we, like saints be - fore May see You face face. us,



- When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea:

 Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

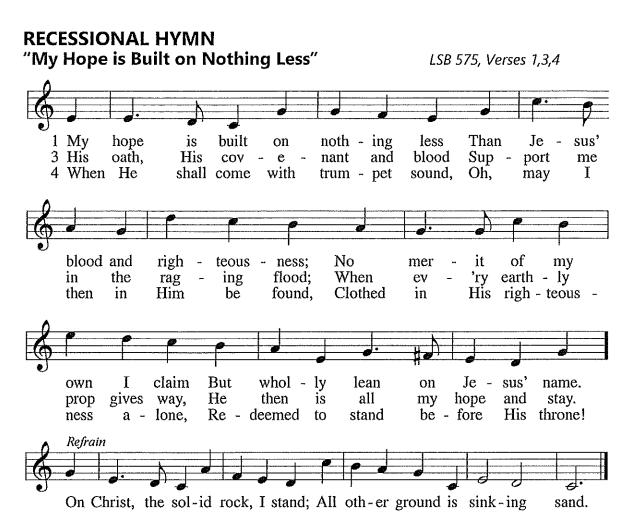


POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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 in 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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION



DISMISSAL

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

People: Disciples making disciples.

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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