



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 Sunday, August 27, 2023



As you enter the nave—our worship space—we ask that you remember this room is holy: Set apart for prayer and praise. Please enter this space with reverence and keep silence, so that you may quiet your mind and be prepared for worship.

H82 is the shorter hymnal which says “The Hymnal 1982” on the front and spine.
 ELW is the slightly taller hymnal which says “Worship” on the spine.

PRELUDE

All stand as the bell is tolled.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN **“Put Forth, O God, Thy Spirit’s Might”** **H82 #521**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *in front section of H82 #S 280*

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All **Amen**

All are seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended

Reader

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be God.**

PSALM 138

Said by all in unison

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
 before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple
 and praise your Name, *
 because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name *
 and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *
 you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
 when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
 that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
 he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
 your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
 O Lord, your love endures for ever;
 do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be God.**

— *All stand.*

GRADUAL HYMN *“The Church’s One Foundation”* **H82 #525**

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *All are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

SERMON **Can you Keep a Secret?** Lamont Brand
from [Sermons That Work](#), written by Charles Hoffacker

— *A moment of silence and reflection is observed. All stand with the Presider.*

NICENE CREED

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

— *All stand or kneel.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

After each petition:

Intercessor Hear us, O God,

All **Your mercy is great.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect. All respond ‘Amen’.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All **Amen**

— *All stand.*

PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Alms basins will be passed during the Offertory. If you don't carry cash or a check, you can give online at our website, or by texting "give" to 229.384.0050. Thank you for your generosity!

— *All stand.*

OFFERTORY CANTICLE *"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"* *Old Hundreth*
All **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *"Faith of our Fathers!"* **H82 #558**

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall next door following the worship service.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECW | Ladies, please mark your calendar for the resuming of ECW meetings on Monday 11 Sept. 2023 at 6 PM in the Parish Hall. Please bring an appetizer to share.

NURSERY | Beginning Sept. 3rd the nursery will be available during the Sunday morning service on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Sundays of each month.

FLOWER GUILD | Do you like to arrange flowers, or would you like to learn how? Become a part of the Flower Guild! No experience necessary! If interested, talk with Celie Hogue or Trish Moreschi.

GIRL SCOUTS | Troop 40276 will begin another year on September 16th. They will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 12 noon until 2pm in the Parish Hall. They also have a camp-out planned for Nov. 3-4.

SUPPLY PRIEST SCHEDULING | Below are the dates we have been able to secure a supply priest and who they are. If a date is not listed below, we are yet unable to schedule someone. Our Senior Warden will continue to look for supply for the open Sundays, and will also work with the available clergy to schedule 2024 within the next two months.

September 3, 10 & 24, Fr. Jim | September 17, Mtr. Tar
October 15, Fr. Jim | October 29, Mtr. Tar
November 5, 12 & 19, Fr. Jim | December 3, 10, 17 & 31, Fr. Jim

CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Every Sunday at 10a during the first half of our worship service children are invited to Sunday School in the Children's Classroom of the Parish Hall building. Here they will learn and do activities related to the lessons for that Sunday, and then they will return to worship with us beginning at the Offertory!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED | Items needed: Cereal, Toilet Paper, Canned Soup.

PARISH SCHEDULE

August 28	St. Clare's Kitchen 10:00 AM
Sept. 3	14 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM First Sunday Brunch - 11:00 AM
Sept. 10	15 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM
Sept. 11	ECW 6:00 PM
Sept. 17	16 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM
Sept. 18	Men's Steak Night 6:00 PM
Sept. 24	17 Pent. – Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM
Sept 25	St. Clare's Kitchen 10:00 AM

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY:

1st – Carolyn Brunson, Michael Brunson Jr., Hermine Holt 11th – Celie Hogue 30th – Jo Cerrone, Janet Ranew

BIRTHDAY:

August 27th - Jane Swanson 30th – Tony Moreschi

September 2nd – Doris Alley 4th – Michael Northrop, Myra Walker 8th – Billy Youngblood 11th – Anne Gibson 13th – Evelyn Clements 19th – Grant Combs, Orva Voth 22nd – Autumn Hart, Emily McPeters 23rd – Ellie Driggers 25th – Danyelle Barber 26th – Barbara Cumbee 27th – Kennedy Hackett 28th – Mindy Northrop 29th – Hermine Holt

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

11th – Jimmy & Carole Clements 24th – Sergio & Jo Cerrone, Steve & Joanne Tanner

KEEP IN PRAYER

Bonnie Hough and Family, Donna Timmons and Family, Frank Acosta, Jan Ranew, Mara Owens, Angel Kraus, Dante Walker, Doris Alley, Cheryl Girtman, Susan Cochran, Lana Blackwell, Bill Nordstrom, Hugh Waters, Loring Gray, Carmel Taylor, Christopher Bevington, Sue Jerina, Julie Bravo, Missy Simmons, Myra Hundley, Jeff Williamson, Michael Brunson, Stephen J., Butch Tiell, Elsbeth Hebert, the Wingo Family, Stacey Fleming-Weeks, Vivian Fleming, M. Johnson, David Hogue, Shavonya Wade, Steve Williams, Gary Shafer, Sue Young, Jessie, Ann Young, Jackie Powell, Steve & Nancy Jackson, Michael Price, Steve Tanner, Jessica Thompson, Micki Hundley Addleman, Donna Prescott, Maxx Bourgeault, Savannah Esway, Jay Howard & Family, Jim Howard, Al Seely-Wilson, and Evie Tsasis.

SERVING IN WORSHIP	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
COFFEE HOUR:	Fran and Jim Kempf	<i>First Sunday Brunch</i>
ALTAR GUILD:	Marian White, Joyce Bridges-Judkins, Elaine White	Jane Braun, Adia and Donna Sakura-Lemessy
GREETERS:	Marian White	Nancy and John Griffin
USHERS:	Sam and Tracy Stringer	Brian and Loretta Williamson
A/V TEAM:	Lucas Wingard	Lucas Wingard
READERS:	Carol Wilch	Lindsey Stewart
ACOLYTES:	Bob Baranko, Kennedy Hackett	Bob Baranko
PRESIDER:	Lamon Brand	VERGER: Carolyn Brunson

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