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*The Thirteenth Sunday
After Pentecost*



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9:30 am

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10:45 am
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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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✠ PREPARATION ✠

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper... *The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood 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 words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE

"A Cheerful Trumpet" P. Harris
"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" setting: P. Bouman

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

LSB 688



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 124:8; Isaiah 2:3, 5

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

P Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD,

C that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Since God graciously calls all people to come to Him to receive His love and life through repentance of sin and faith in His gift of forgiveness, let us confess our sin, take refuge in His mercy, and seek His grace for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Most merciful God, we come before You at Your gracious invitation. We repent of our sins in thought, word, and deed, both what we have done

against Your Law and what we have failed to do in faithfulness to Your Law. We have not loved You with our whole being. We have failed to love our neighbors. We plead through the deliverance of Your Son's suffering and death, forgive us our sins, and give us the will to choose life in His name. Amen.

P "The word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it." In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Ps. 119:28-32

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

P My soul melts away for sorrow;
C strengthen me according to your word!

P Put false ways far from me
C and graciously teach me your law!

P I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
C I set your just decrees before me.

P I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
C let me not be put to shame!

P I will run in the way of your commandments
C 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.**

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

- C** Lord, have mercy;
C Christ, have mercy;
C Lord, have mercy.

HYMN

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685



I Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also 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.
- C** Amen.

The Word is read...

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM, **I** Font Side **II** Pulpit Side

Psalm 1

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

I *Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.*

II *Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!*

C **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.**

I *For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.*

II *Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.*

C **Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

I *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!*

II *Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!*

C **Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."**

I *Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!*

II *Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth.*

P He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness. 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.

EPISTLE

Philemon 1–21

The Word is read...

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

Stand

VERSE

- P** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C** ***Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.***
- P** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25–35

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read...

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN

“From God Can Nothing Move Me”

LSB 713



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch-es out His hand In eve-ning and in morn-ing,
He res-cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
So let me then be still: My bod-y, soul, and spir-it
He ev-'ry gift im-parts. The bread of earth and heav-en



My life with grace a-dorn-ing Wher-ever I may stand.
I leave death's fear be-hind me; His peace I have with-in.
His ten-der care in-her-it Ac-cord-ing to His will.
Are by His kind-ness giv-en. Praise Him with thank-ful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation
And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation
Responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past;
But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing
That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer
The world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher
And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
Forever shall be mine.

△ **7** For thus the Father willed it,
Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,
To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

SERMON

INSTALLATION OF A LAY DEACON INTERN, *Jonathon Moore*

The diaconate is a group of people committed to service in and for the Church, a group which has its roots in the New Testament [see Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:8-13; Acts 6:1-6]. As the Church has grown, so too, the diaconate has had a history of development and usage.

In historical Lutheranism, deaconesses have long served as the chief model of the diaconate serving in ministerial mercy work. Within The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, Wilhelm Loehe was the earliest founder of the diaconate establishing the Association of Deaconesses in 1854. This diaconal service has been described and embodied as those trained by the church in works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching the faith. In this way Lutherans have long seen the diaconate as service within the Kingdom of God, guiding people toward Word and Sacrament ministry provided by local pastors.

Deacons in the Lutheran context, understanding, and history do not fill the role of a pastor, and yet care for people physically and spiritually serving within Lutheran congregations and institutions. The diaconate within a Lutheran context has had a variety of definitions over time, and has included a broad range of people, privileges, and responsibilities all dealing with a focus on sharing the Word of God and service in the Lord's kingdom.

The intern is presented before the altar

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

2 Cor. 6:1-4a

A ¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

"In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,

1 Peter 4:10-11

P ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Rom. 12:3-8

A ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

The pastor addresses the intern:

P Jonathon, are you prepared to serve as an intern in this congregation under the supervision of the pastor, undertaking your assignments as one who seeks training for the Office of the Holy Ministry? If so, then answer: I am, with the help of God.

R *I am, with the help of God.*

P Jonathon, I install you as Lay Deacon Intern at Grace Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

P Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, You send laborers into Your harvest. Grant Your blessing to Jonathon, who now begins his training in our congregation, so that Your Word may bear much fruit for the growth of Your Church; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and

most merciful God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P All praise, honor, and worship be to You, O God our Father, for by Your Law You have revealed to the world Your salvation from all sin and death and given to all new hearts and renewed minds through the repentance of our sins and faith in Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Help us to follow in His way to joyfully choose His life by means of His truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant that Your glorious Word and will of divine Law and Gospel be preached to the conversion, life, and joy of all throughout the world. Give all who preach, minister, and serve in Your Holy Church boldness and clarity of mind and spirit to rightfully proclaim Your whole Law and Your glorious Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P By Your Word and Spirit cause all who hear to have true repentance of their sins and true faith to grow in love toward You and their neighbors, and to purposely choose Your way of life daily in all their ways and deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Guide our nation and our elected leaders in the ways of justice, peace, and the promotion of lives pleasing to You. Preserve and bless all who serve in the armed forces of our nation as well as those who work to preserve peace, safety, and health in our community. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Comfort and bring healing to all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [especially . . .]. Give strength and the will to persevere to all who suffer any persecution for the faith. Help all to whom death draws near with the peace of a confident faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A With reverence and affection we remember before You, O Lord, all who have gone before us with the sign of faith. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"If With All Your Hearts Ye Truly Seek Me"

arr. L. Leatherman

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 783 vs. 1 & 4



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

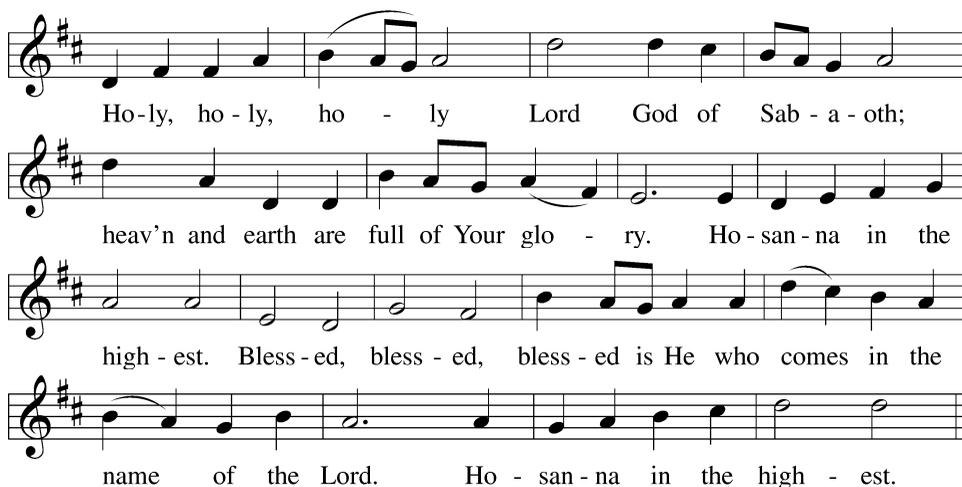
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus

Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 961



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 434 sts. 1,3



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
 3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
 Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
 All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer-cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!
 Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

LSB 853



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find
 3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,



When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures
 In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or



to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind
 put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name
 ven-tures new, May we not cease to look to You,



That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
 Its tan-gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
 And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

VOLUNTARY

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"
 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Setting: M. Machemer
 arr. G. Young

*Stand***NUNC DIMITTIS**

"Lord, Let Your Servants Go in Peace"

1 Lord, let Your ser - vants go in peace; Your cov - e -
 2 For all the na - tions He is light, For Is - rael,
 nant shall nev - er cease. The prom - ised Sav - ior
 glo - ry in plain sight. To Fa - ther, Son, and
 here we see; His blood and bod - y set us free.
 Spir - it sing— Three per - sons, yet for - ev - er one.

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

*Sit***ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Unto All the World"

C. Neal

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