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September 4, 2022- THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM – Communion Service/ ELW Setting 10

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Prelude - Tallis Theme - Thomas Tallis

Welcome - Announcements

Introduction to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

(Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection)

Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn - ELW #660 - "Lift High the Cross" vs.1,4

Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie ELW Page 203

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray . . . Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

L: The First Reading from Deuteronomy, the 30th chapter.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

L: A reading from Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 205

The Holy Gospel - Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW #667 - "Take Up Your Cross" vs. 1,4

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers and Intercessions:

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Music - On Eagle's Wings - Tom Gaun

Offertory Song - ELW 884

Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)

P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (page 206)

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 OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface for Pentecost (spoken by Pastor)

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (sung) ELW pg. 207

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

“Lamb of God” (sung) ELW pg. 208

Hymn during Distribution- ELW# 798 - “Will You Come and Follow Me” vs. 1 thru 4

Communion Table Blessing (said by Pastor after all have communed)

Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: ELW#808 - "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" vs. 1,2

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- TBD
Altar Guild	- Nancy Moskella and Val McGinn
Lector	- Scott Gaun
Greeters	- Scott Gaun
Communion Usher	- TBD
Council Counting Team	- TBD
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, Sunday, September 4th- 13th Sunday after Pentecost
- Next Sunday, September 11th- 14th Sunday after Pentecost
- Next Sunday, September 11th- We will be participating with the Palisades Church in a collection as a part of God's Work, Our Hands. Supplies collection.
- Next Sunday, September 11th- FALL WORSHIP BEGINS- **10:30 AM**
- Sunday school resumes Sept. 11 at 9:15am
- Tuesday, September 13 – Opening Day of Care-a-lot. Keep them in your prayers.
- The Adult Bible study will resume on **Wednesday** Sept 14th from 1-3pm at the home of Kathy Hlavaty and Don Seip.
- **Sunday, September 18th** – Dedication of Playground and Congregational Picnic
- On **Sunday Sept. 25th** after church, Becky Prasner will share some of her experiences serving in the Foreign Service with her husband. We will provide breakfast refreshments prior to her presentation.

- SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS- SEPTEMBER 5th – Bruce Crouse and Brielle Reiman; SEPTEMBER 7th – Jim Miller; SEPTEMBER 9th- Joanne Ziegenfuss
- SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS- SEPTEMBER 10th- Ben F. Naska and Annabel Williams
- Congratulations to Bethany and Joshua Michl on the birth of their daughter Julia Ann Michl on August 22, 2022; Grandparents Barbara & Ben Naska and Barbara & Daniel Foster.
- Our Outreach envelopes for September have been designated for Lutheran World Relief.
- There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Barbara Naska; Bethany Naska; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Aiden Benoure; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Becky; Naska; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Lisa Pezzino; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Jeffrey Tapler; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.