

Order of Worship + August 30, 2020
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: 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.

Please take a few moments for silent reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage 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**

Announcement of God's Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister

of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Song: "I Bind Unto Myself Today"

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¹ I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.

² I bind this day to me forever,
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation,
his baptism in the Jordan river,
his death on cross for my salvation,
his bursting from the spiced tomb,
his riding up the heavenly way,
his coming at the day of doom,
I bind unto myself today.

³ I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the starlit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.

⁴ Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

⁵ I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three,
of whom all nature has creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;
salvation is of Christ the Lord!

Salutation

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.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Holy God, strengthen us to follow your commands in humble
obedience along life's journey. Show us the way of sacrificial
love for the sake of your world as we lose our old lives and find
true life in Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ Lord, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me
on my persecutors.

You are long-suffering - do not take me away; think of how I suffer
reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were
my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty.

I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them;
I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with
indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and
incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails.

Therefore this is what the Lord says: “If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them.

I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the Lord.

“I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 26

L: Vindicate me, Lord, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

C: **Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;**

L: for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.

C: **I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites.**

L: I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.

C: **I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, Lord,**

L: proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.

C: **Lord, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.**

L: Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with those who are bloodthirsty,

C: **in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes.**

L: I lead a blameless life; deliver me and be merciful to me.

C: **My feet stand on level ground; in the great congregation I will praise the Lord.**

⁹Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

¹²Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: The Word of the Lord.

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Gospel Announcement**Matthew 16:21-28**

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

Angie Schatz

Sermon

Pastor Ken Nelson

Sermon Song

“How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place”

¹How lovely is thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs
within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.

²Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee
and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim's quest.

³Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me.

And in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore,
my dwelling place shall be.

Apostles Creed

A: Let us profess the faith of the Church with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 of the Church

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

A: Holy Father, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power and wisdom, govern her by your grace. Bless our bishop Dan, and all pastors, that they would faithfully and humbly participate in the work of shepherding your people.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We thank you Father for the good work of Opportunity International that gives people hope both spiritually and materially, and thank you for using us to share in your mission around the world. Bless their efforts, encourage their staff and increase their outreach for the sake of your kingdom.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious God, you have planted your holy church in places where persecution and oppression abound. Protect those faithful ones who are yours, that they would always know your light and love, and that they would fear not in the face of evil.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Loving Lord, your love is beyond our comprehension. Grant that we would have the same spirit of love and mercy toward others that you have toward us. Teach us to forgive for Christ's sake even when we are tempted to hold on to grievances. Help us to work for reconciliation in our families, church, and the world.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Healing Lord, your power is made perfect in our weakness. Pour out your healing Spirit on all those who are suffering this day. Give them peace in the face of trials and comfort in their loneliness and uncertainty.

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

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**

Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Music “When Pain of the World Surrounds Us” ELW #704 (vss. 1-3)

¹When pain of the world surrounds us
With darkness and despair
When searching just confounds us
With false hope's everywhere
When lives are starved for meaning
And destiny is bare

We are called to follow Jesus and let
God's healing flow through us

²We see with fear and trembling
Our aching world in need
Confessing to each other
Our wastefulness and greed
May we with steadfast caring
The hungry children feed
We are called to follow Jesus and let
God's justice flow through us

³The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill
To nourish all its people God's purpose to fulfill
May we with humble courage be open to God's will
We are called to follow Jesus and let
God's spirit flow through us

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Children's Sermon: Angie Schatz