

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 24 & 27, 2023

**The Season** After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, our God, and the Christian life.

**The Sunday** This week we begin five weeks of focus on the Church. Today we see: *The Church is meant for all people.* The Prayer of the Day reminds us that it is only by God's gift of grace that we come into his presence to offer true and faithful service. Today's lessons teach that the gift of grace given to Israel, God also intended to give *through* Israel to the world. The Church is meant for all people: a display of God's mercy and a result of the living and active Word of God.

### Hymn

*In Christ There Is No East or West* CW 539



1 In Christ there is no east or west, In  
2 With God there is no tribe or race; In  
3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise his name Who  
4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What -  
5 In Christ now meet both east and west; In



him no south or north, But one great fel - low -  
him we all are one. He loves us as his  
died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,  
e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
chil - dren through Our faith in his dear Son.  
hate, and blame, From spite and en - mi - ty!  
as his child Is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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Tune: McKEE (CM) African-American spiritual, adapt.

### Stand

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

### Confession

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

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Our mission is to

**Glorify God**

as we

**Gather**

around the Gospel  
to help people

**Grow**

in the **Gospel**  
and

**Go**

with the **Gospel**

**Welcome!** We  
thank God that you  
have joined us at  
worship today.

Restrooms are  
located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
Large Print Hymnals  
are available from an  
usher.

If your children  
need to leave worship,  
please take them to  
the basement. A TV  
broadcasts the  
service in the  
basement.

Today we gather  
together in the  
presence of God. He  
is present among us  
in a special way  
through his Word and  
Sacrament. We  
acknowledge our sin  
and rejoice in the  
good news of  
forgiveness through  
the life and death of  
Christ. This is the  
focus of our worship.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins, Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**Absolution** (pronouncement of forgiveness)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy** *Kyrie*

*Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

**Glory Be To God** *Gloria in Excelsis* (sung)

*Luke 2:14*

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| 1. All glory be to God on high!<br>Your name, O Lord, we glorify;<br>We praise you for your peace and grace,<br>Your favor toward our fallen race.          | 3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.<br>You take all human sin away.<br>Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;<br>From God's right hand, your mercy share. |
| 2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,<br>For your great glory, heav'nly King,<br>For all, O Father, you have done<br>Through Jesus Christ, your only Son. | 4. You Christ, are holy—Lord alone;<br>The Father's glory you made known.<br>We by your Spirit sing again:<br>"All glory be to God!" Amen.             |

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## THE WORD

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M: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated*

### First Lesson:

**Joshua 2:8-21**

It is reasonable that spies would hide themselves in a house of prostitution. It is reasonable, too, that this prostitute Rahab tried to cut a deal to preserve her life in the face of the Israelite onslaught that the whole city knew was coming. But what reason is there that she did it out of faith in the LORD? What reason did she find to have faith in the God of free and faithful love? There is no reason for that but the unreasonable gift of God worked in her heart by the living and active Word of God. Clearly, God meant his Church to be for all people. But he didn't stop there! What reason could there be that this foreign woman, this prostitute from a godless country, that hers would be the womb through which line of the Blessed Seed would descend? There is no reason for that at all. That can only be grace. Grace meant for all people.

<sup>8</sup> Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof <sup>9</sup> and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. <sup>10</sup> We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. <sup>11</sup> When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

<sup>12</sup> "Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign <sup>13</sup> that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death."

<sup>14</sup> "Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. "If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land."

<sup>15</sup> So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. <sup>16</sup> She said to them, "Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way."

<sup>17</sup> Now the men had said to her, "This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us <sup>18</sup> unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. <sup>19</sup> If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in

the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them. <sup>20</sup> But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.”

<sup>21</sup> “Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.”

So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.  
(NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 133-134 CW



How good and pleasant it is\*  
when brothers live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,\*  
even life forevermore.

### *Refrain*

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD \*  
who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary\*  
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,\*  
bless you from Zion.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginn<sup>ing</sup>,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### *Refrain*

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## Second Lesson

## Romans 11:13-15,28-32

On this day celebrating faith for the Gentiles, St. Paul warns his Gentile readers against any pride on their part or prejudice against the Jews.

<sup>13</sup> I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry <sup>14</sup> in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

<sup>28</sup> As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, <sup>29</sup> for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. <sup>32</sup> For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all. (NIV)

### **Verse of the Day**

M: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12)

*Stand*

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 15.

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

### **Gospel:**

### **Matthew 15:21-28**

The chosen people of God to whom belonged the patriarchs, the promises, the covenant and the temple, could see nothing in Christ but a breaker of man-made traditions. Jesus' words to them could not be harsher. They were the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy: their outward rites and rituals belied an inward spiritual emptiness. The very people who should have been closest to Christ were most distant. So Jesus distances himself from them and goes to the Gentile land of ancient paganism, Tyre and Sidon. After leaving the land of God's chosen people, Jesus finds a woman—a Canaanite woman—who received the Word of God and trusted in God's promises in a way that shamed every one of the religious teachers.

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

<sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

<sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

<sup>27</sup> "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

When in the Hour of Utmost Need CW 413



1 When in the hour of ut - most need We know not  
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may  
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil-dren's  
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our  
5 So that with all our hearts we may To you our



where to look for aid, When days and nights of  
meet be - fore your throne; To you, O faith - ful  
cries in time of need Through him whose name a -  
woes be - fore you lay. Be with us in our  
glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought Nor help nor coun - sel yet have brought,  
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,  
to your Word And now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511-69, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-c. 1561.

## Sermon

Romans 11:13-15,28-32

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

*Be Seated*

## **Offering**

*Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

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### **THE SACRAMENT**

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#### **Preface**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

#### **Holy, Holy, Holy** (sung)

1. O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

2. Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**



Lamb of God *Agnes Dei*

*John 1:29*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men." The key signature changes from one flat (B-flat) to one sharp (F#) and then to two sharps (F# and C#).

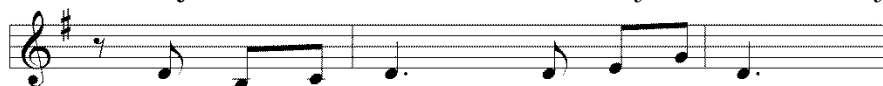
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you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated*

**Communion** Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

## Distribution Hymn

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* CWS 756



1 We walk by faith and not by sight;  
2 We may not touch his hands and side  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief,  
4 For you, O res - sur - rec - ted Lord,  
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,



No gra - cious words we hear  
Nor fol - low where he trod,  
And may our faith a - bound  
Are found in means di - vine:  
In realms of clear - er light,



From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But in his prom - ise we re - joice  
To call on you when you are near  
Be - neath the wa - ter and the Word,  
We may be - hold you as you are



But we be - lieve him near.  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
And seek where you are found.  
Be - neath the bread and wine.  
With full and end - less sight.

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*Stand*

### **Song of Simeon** *Nunc Dimittis* (sung)

*Luke 2:29-32*

- 1 O Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!
- 2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

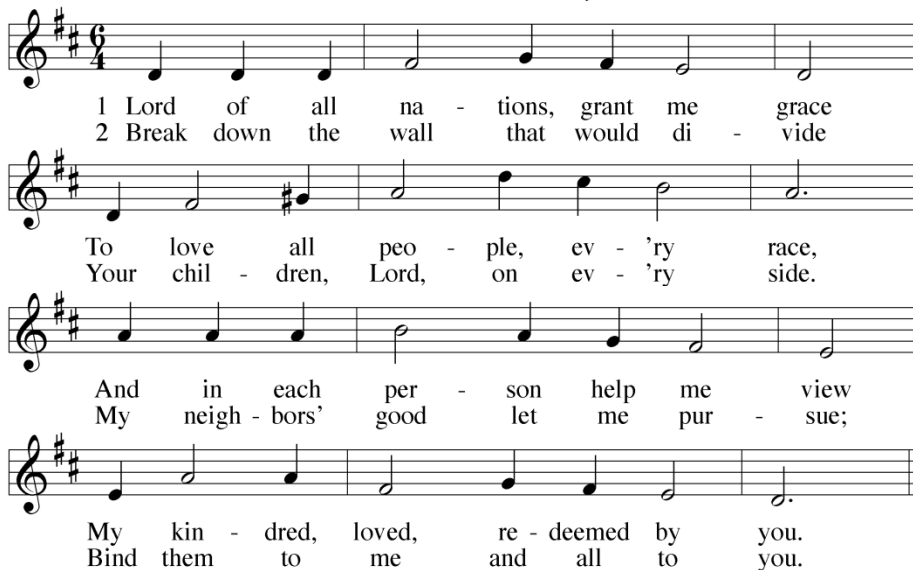
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Be seated*

### Hymn

*Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace* CW 521:1-2



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace  
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide  
To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race,  
Your chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.  
And in each per - son help me view  
My neigh - bors' good let me pur - sue;  
My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by you.  
Bind them to me and all to you.

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Tune: BEATUS VIR (LM) attr. Matthias Kunwaldsky, 1442–1500.