

Sunday, September 4, 2022  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



So begins PICK A HYMN MONTH!

**Thought:** Run the race with perseverance, so says Hebrews!

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,<sup>[a]</sup> and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of<sup>[b]</sup> the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Races take training, races take endurance and races take a commitment to the belief - you can do this. How fully do you and I believe to run whatever race is set before us in faith? Many in Jesus day, were not. With the large crowds, many fell away from Jesus teachings. They said: “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” Jesus turned to his 12 and said, “do you also wish to go away?”

Peter responded, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.” When life is difficult can we make this same profession?

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Call to Worship**

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**Gathering Hymn** - “My Lord What a Morning” ELW 438

<https://youtu.be/TbQ-sZXG5PY>

My Lord What a Morning - Wkchoirs

**Invocation**

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

C: Amen.

## Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of mercy, we acknowledge before you and before one another the ways we have failed to live as you would have us live.

*A time of silence for reflection*

Today, this we confess:

**C: We confess our insensitivity to others, the ways we have hurt one another even in our church, and the ways we have excluded others, intentionally or unintentionally. Confident in your forgiveness, we release all our sins from the hidden gloom of our guilty souls into the light of your mercy.**

P: Receive our confession, we humbly pray, and restore us to a right relationship with you and with one another. In Jesus name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

Practice makes Progress - 1 John 4:7-12  
(responsively)

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

<sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

<sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

<sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

<sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. Amen.

Hymn of Praise - "Jesus, the Very Thought of You" ELW 754

<https://youtu.be/62J434N0w1c>

Jesus, the Very Thought of You - BYU combined choirs

### Prayer of the Day

A: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help:

C: 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. Amen.

### The Word

Old Testament reading - Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*Walk in the way of life and hold fast to God*

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 1

*They are life trees planted by streams of water*

<sup>1</sup>Happy 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!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law <sup>1</sup> of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

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

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

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

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

### Epistle reading - Philemon 1-21

*Paul says: Receive Onesimus as a coworker*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>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; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel - Luke 14:25-33**  
<https://youtu.be/gJQ25pqO82k>

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

*Do you have enough to finish?*

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“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. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>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? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>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? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

**Children’s Time**  
<https://youtu.be/NdZXi7N61IQ>

**Homily - “Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?”**  
[https://youtu.be/Hv\\_qegP2wGQ](https://youtu.be/Hv_qegP2wGQ)

<https://youtu.be/tXQpDDcrN-w>

How Great Thou Art - Home Free

**Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult,

and for all in this community who need your care (*especially*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors (*especially Peter Claver, priest and missionary*). Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### Offering/Offertory Prayer

A: Almighty Father, you speak to us of counting the cost.

**C: Yet you have given all things to us.**

A: Teach us by your example to count the cost...

**C: and then to give...with reckless abandon.**

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

**P:** O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C:** Come, Holy Spirit.

Communion Hymn - "Here Is Bread" ELW 483

<https://youtu.be/GgysV3EZKas>

Here Is Bread - Chet Valley Churches

## Words of Institution

### The 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.

### Distribution

#### Post Communion Blessing - Pastor

#### Post Communion Prayer

- A: Lord Jesus Christ, the price you paid for our salvation is evident in this meal...
- C: your body is broken for our nourishment. Your blood is poured for our sustenance.

A: Embolden us through this heavenly food to spend of ourselves -

C: Even as you were spent for our sakes.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction - from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn - "What Wondrous Love Is This" ELW 666

<https://youtu.be/n-UmemwpAvA>

What Wondrous Love Is This - Fernando Ortega

Dismissal

A: Counting the cost we share the Words of Life!

C: In thanks, we go to serve.

Postlude

