

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 30, 2020**

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Introit: Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4**

Delight yourself in the LORD,  
**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD;  
**trust in him, and he will act.**

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
**and your justice as the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;  
**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**

**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.**

Delight yourself in the LORD,  
**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**Kyrie**

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15:15–21**

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual: Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.**

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**Epistle Reading: Romans 12:9–21**

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**

**C** Alleluia.  
**Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21–28**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Psalm 26

<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O LORD,

**for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**

<sup>2</sup>Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

**test my heart and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is before my eyes,

**and I walk in your faithfulness.**

<sup>4</sup>I do not sit with men of falsehood,

**nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

<sup>5</sup>I hate the assembly of evildoers,

**and I will not sit with the wicked.**

<sup>6</sup>I wash my hands in innocence

**and go around your altar, O LORD,**

<sup>7</sup>proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,

**and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

<sup>8</sup>O LORD, I love the habitation of your house

**and the place where your glory dwells.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,

**nor my life with bloodthirsty men,**

<sup>10</sup>in whose hands are evil devices,

**and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

<sup>11</sup>But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;

**redeem me, and be gracious to me.**

<sup>12</sup>My foot stands on level ground;

**in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

## Sermon "Following Jesus" Matthew 16:21-28

### Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\text{†}$  everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

**P**...Lord, in your mercy:

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P**...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### 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.**

### 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

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