

## **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



## **Count the Cost of Discipleship**



# "I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."" Psalm 122:1



## Lord of Love Lutheran Church

**September 4, 2022** 

### THE COMMON SERVICE

#### **OPENING HYMN** (CW 240)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, abr., alt. Tune: ST. DENIO (11 11 11 11) Welsh folk tune, alt.

#### STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

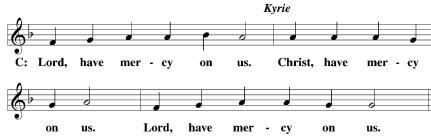




**CONFESSION OF SINS** 

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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



M: Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the LORD, and not a God far away?
<sup>24</sup> Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD.
Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

<sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets who prophesy lies in my name have said. They say, "I have had a dream! I have had a dream!" <sup>26</sup> How long will this be in the hearts of these lying prophets? These prophets proclaim the fantasies of their own hearts. <sup>27</sup> They think they can make my people forget my name with the dreams each one tells his neighbor, the

way their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream. But let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has chaff to do with grain? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like a fire? declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

#### SECOND LESSON

Philemon 1:1, 10-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon, our dear friend and coworker...<sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains.<sup>11</sup> There was a time when he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I have sent him (who is my very heart) back to you. Welcome him. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might serve me in your place while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your kindness would not be the result of compulsion, but of willingness. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a while: so that you would have him back forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but as more than a slave, as a dear brother. He certainly is dear to me, but he is even more of a dear brother 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> And if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me.<sup>19</sup> I, Paul, have written this with my own hand: I will repay it—not to mention that you owe me your very self.<sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, I am asking for a favor from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

STAND

#### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 14:25-35

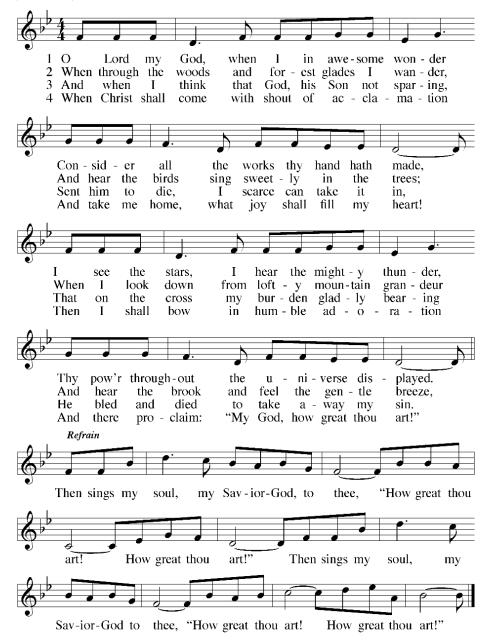
<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build, but was not able

to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if he is not able, he sends out a delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is still far away. <sup>33</sup> So then, any one of you who does not say farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup> Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? <sup>35</sup> It is not fit for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear."

#### 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 worshiped 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.

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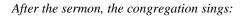
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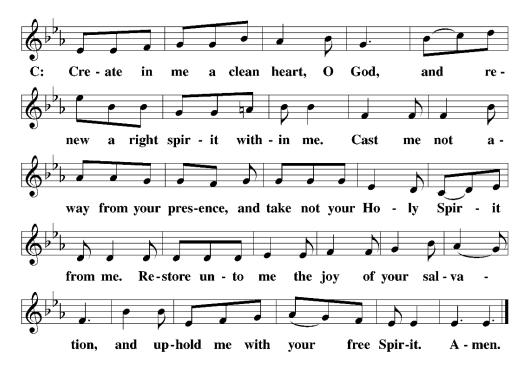
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#### **SERMON**

#### Don't Expect God to Stay in a Box

#### STAND





#### **OFFERING BROUGHT FORWARD & OFFERING PRAYER**

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For hearts that trust in the cross of Jesus and the price he paid for our salvation, that we would boldly follow in his way through death and into eternal life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For your institutions of marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children would be preserved both from despising and from idolizing one another; and that every relationship in the home would exemplify your unconditional love for us in Christ, so all might follow him in their service to one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord**, **have mercy**.

For all who bear office in our land, that they would be a blessing to those they serve; for the callings you have given us, that we might render service to you in our works of love toward our neighbor; and for those in need of honest labor and daily bread, that they would earn gainful employment according to your good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For the strength of the Spirit upon all who are suffering or in any kind of need, especially those we have been asked to remember, *[including \_\_\_\_\_\_,]* that they may all be given the courage and will to take up their crosses and follow the Savior through suffering into the joys of life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

For all who receive the Sacrament of your Son's body and blood today, that they would do so with prepared and penitent hearts, rejoicing in your gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation for the sake of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.** 

Preserve us, O Lord, from all temptation and grant us faith, that we may rest all our prayers and the desires of our hearts in your merciful arms, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.



#### THE SACRAMENT

#### PREFACE

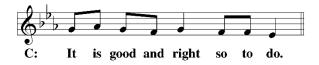
**M:** The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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



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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### 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."

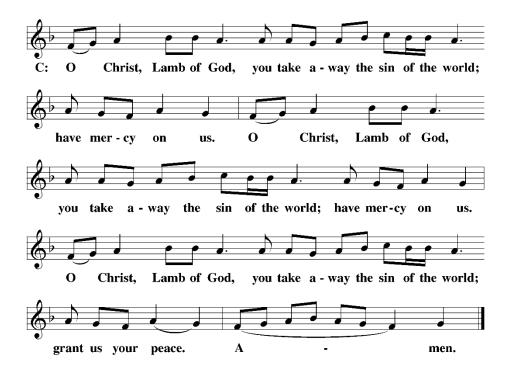
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



Sanctus

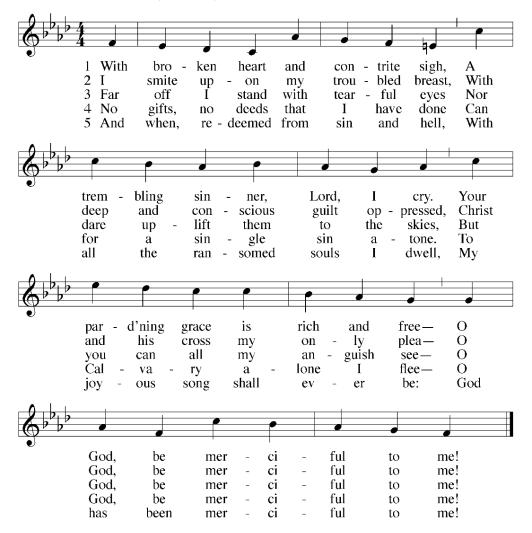
#### **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**



#### DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future. **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 303)

With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh



Text: Cornelius Elven, 1791-1873, alt.

Tune: ST. LUKE (LM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674-1707.

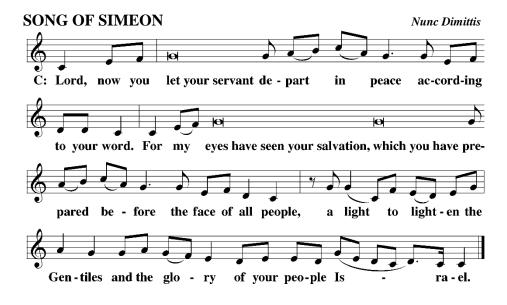
#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 399)



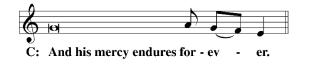
Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915, alt.

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (11 11 11 11 with Refrain) William H. Doane, 1832-1915.

#### THANKSGIVING



**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.





#### **CLOSING HYMN** (CW 330) Now, the Hour of Worship O'er 1 Now, the hour of wor - ship o'er, Teach - ing, hear - ing, 2 Now the bless - ing cheers our heart, By his grace to 3 Bless our Bless go ing out, we pray; our en - trance Let God pray - ing, sing - ing, glad - ly dore. us a ex - tend - ed. Let us joy - ful \_ ly de part; us Bless our in like mea - sure. bread, 0 Lord, each day; For his Word prais - es For the rich our bring - ing; re -Be souls God com-mend - ed. May his Spir - it our to Bless our toil, our rest, our plea - sure. Bless us when we Praise the Lord, who deigned to past he gave us save us. guide And with all good gifts pro - vide us us. ev er reach death's por - tal; Bless us then with life im - mor - tal.

Text: Hartmann Schenck, 1634–81; tr. composite, st. 1-2; Oscar M. Kaiser, 1865–1960, st. 3. Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt. The Common Service © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted by permission. The Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version<sup>®</sup> (EHV<sup>®</sup>) © 2017 The Wartburg Project. All rights reserved. <u>www.wartburgproject.org</u> Bulletin artwork by Ian M. Welch. Copyright 2015 Ian M. Welch. All Rights Reserved. paramentics.com Hymns: Printed under One License #A-716390. Personal Prayers for Worship © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved.



### **Personal Prayers for Worship**

#### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

#### After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

## Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am
10 Lies About God, Sanctuary (Special presentation on 9/4)

**Tuesday 9:00 am** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians, *Downstairs* 

Wednesday 6:30 pm 2 Corinthians, *Downstairs* 

**Friday 6:00 am** (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45) **Romans,** *DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)* 

### Sunday School and Teen Group begin next Sunday

Children ages 4 years through  $8^{\text{th}}$  grade are invited to join us for Sunday school starting September 11. Students  $9 - 12^{\text{th}}$  grade are invited to the Teen group. Classes meet between services each Sunday from 9:15—10:15 am during the school year. Music is included during the hour.

Fill out a registration form located at church or on our website: <u>https://www.lordoflovelutheran.org/education/sunday-school/</u>





## PAUL COUNSELS THE CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION

A Study of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians

The congregation was well established and things were going well. In fact, the founding pastor viewed it as a model for other congregations! But the question remained "What Now?" How do we face the world around us? When should we expect the Lord Jesus to return? How should we live until then? What role does our pastor play in all this? In this study of these letters to the Thessalonians, Paul answers all these questions as he counsels us, a Christian congregation! Join us on **Tuesday mornings at 9:00**!

### **Thoroughly Lutheran Bible Class Series**

We hear a lot of things called "Christian" in American society, but some of them sound a little fishy. How can lay Christians know whether what they are being told is really what it claims to be? Rev. Jonathan Fisk has written a book with the marvelous title *Broken:* 7 "*Christian" Rules that Every Christian Ought to Break as Often as Possible* that can be of help in sorting out the live trout from the dead carp. To explore this book, Dr. Arthur Eggert will lead a **9-week class at 6:30 pm on Thursday evenings beginning September 15**. The live sessions will be held at **Peace Lutheran in Sun Prairie** and will be 90 minutes long. If you cannot attend in person, you can join the class online or view the recorded sessions later. All the necessary information for registering and attending is available on the Online Classes page of the In Terra Pax website <u>www.interrapaxlp.com</u>. Necessary information, class notes, and session videos

#### Sunday September 4: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Special Presentation, *sanctuary*

- Pastor Phil Merten
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Joe Hornbeck (8:00 am) and Andy Holzman (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold A/V & Rec
  - A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

#### Sunday September 11: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/elder: Mike Wilson (8:00) and Steve Kalscheuer (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Sef Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Mike Wilson
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Vie Miller (9/4), Rich Bauer (9/5), Joe Hornbeck (9/5), Alyssa Timler (9/5), Lauren Wedel (9/6), Sherry Pribbenow (9/6), Kelly Anderson (9/9), Keith Minnameier (9/9) and Deb Reinhardt (9/9) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Sharon & Tom Wightman (9/6), Kim & Mark Braatz (9/7), Nikki & William Crary (9/7), Dale & Tami Essmann (9/7) and Jay & Sue Vinson (9/8) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Marilyn Richardson and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

#### Offerings August 21 – 27:

- General Fund: \$7,212
- Building Expansion Fund: \$325
- Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$10

### **Offerings August 28 – 31** (*partial week*):

- General Fund: \$5,569
- Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$10

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$7,997

General Fund MTD shortage/surplus Aug. 1 - 31: + \$279

**Electronic Giving:** You can give contributions to the church electronically through the Vanco Mobile app. Download the free app today in the **Google Play store** or the **Apple App store**. Find the church by searching for Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest, or by its invite code, D4K54K.

(August 21 - 31, 2022: In the totals listed above, \$3,941 was given through Vanco to the general fund and \$25 to the building expansion fund.)

