



**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Southern Pines, North Carolina**

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**August 27, 2023**

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.***

*Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of (+) Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

## **GATHERING SONG - God is Here - ELW #526**

## **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*Pastor:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **TEMPLE TALK**

### **THE FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 33:1-3, 10-13, 15-25**

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; he reigned for fifty-five years in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to the abominable practices of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel. For he rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had pulled down, and erected altars to the Baals, made sacred poles, worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

The Lord spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they gave no heed. Therefore the Lord brought against them the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria,

who took Manasseh captive in manacles, bound him with fetters, and brought him to Babylon. While he was in distress he entreated the favour of the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his ancestors. He prayed to him, and God received his entreaty, heard his plea, and restored him again to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord indeed was God. He took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built on the mountain of the house of the Lord and in Jerusalem, and he threw them out of the city. He also restored the altar of the Lord and offered on it sacrifices of well-being and of thanksgiving; and he commanded Judah to serve the Lord the God of Israel. The people, however, still sacrificed at the high places, but only to the Lord their God.

Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the Lord God of Israel, these are in the Annals of the Kings of Israel. His prayer, and how God received his entreaty, all his sin and his faithlessness, the sites on which he built high places and set up the sacred poles and the images, before he humbled himself, these are written in the records of the seers. So Manasseh slept with his ancestors, and they buried him in his house. His son Amon succeeded him.

Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign; he reigned for two years in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh had done. Amon sacrificed to all the images that his father Manasseh had made, and served them. He did not humble himself before the Lord, as his father Manasseh had humbled himself, but this Amon incurred more and more guilt. His servants conspired against him and killed him in his house. But the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against King Amon; and the people of the land made his son Josiah king to succeed him.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM: 138** (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
**before the gods I sing your praise;**

I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to  
your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;  
**for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me,  
**you increased my strength of soul.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
**for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
**for great is the glory of the Lord.**

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;  
**but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

**you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.**

The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;  
**your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

### **THE SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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### **THE CHILDREN'S SERMON - Heather Lussier**

## **THE GOSPEL AdCLAMATION – *God's Word is Our Great Heritage ELW 509***

*God's Word is our great heritage, And shall be ours forever; To spread its light from age to age, Shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay. Lord, grant while time shall last, Your church may hold it fast, Throughout all generations.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SERMON:** Summer of the Kings: Explorations in 1 and 2 Chronicles  
The Power of a Contrite Heart  
Pastor Frank Waugh

## **THE HYMN OF THE DAY - Just As I Am - ELW #592**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

### **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **THE PEACE**

## **THE OFFERING**

## **THE OFFERING RESPONSE**

## **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** - ELW p. 144

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## **THE PREFACE** (*Sung by Pastor*)

## **THE SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Spoken)

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All baptized children of God are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good. The table is now ready.

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE BLESSING**

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed (+) bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

## **THE SENDING SONG - O God of Mercy, God of Light - ELW #714**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**