



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

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**13th Sunday after Pentecost – September 4, 2022**

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God,  
Who forgives all our sin,  
Whose mercy endures forever.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
Let us remember the gift of baptism and forgiveness of sin.

God of mercy,

**We confess that we have sinned against you,  
Against one another,  
And against the creation entrusted to our care.  
We're worried and distracted by many things,  
And we fail to love you above all else.  
We look after ourselves  
And turn our back on those unlike us.  
We participate in separating ourselves from others  
Creating distinctions that divide us  
We create hostility where you desire peace.  
Forgive us, that we may live in the unifying freedom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

When we were laid low by sin and guilt,  
God made us alive together with Christ,  
Forgiving us (+) all our trespasses  
By taking our sins to the cross.  
For freedom Christ has set us free,  
But this freedom is not for selfish consumption,  
We are freed from sin to be free for service.  
Rejoice in this good news!

**THE GATHERING SONG** - *Earth and All Stars* - ELW 731

## **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 HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW p. 139**

*Pastor:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

*People:* **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, 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 FIRST READING: Esther 10**

1 King Ahasuerus laid tribute on the land and on the islands of the sea. 2 All the acts of his power and might, and the full account of the high honor of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the annals of the kings of Media and Persia? 3 For Mordecai the Jew was next in rank to King Ahasuerus, and he was powerful among the Jews and popular with his many kindred, for he sought the good of his people and interceded for the welfare of all his descendants.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 1 (Read responsively by half verse.)**

1 Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
**or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**  
2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
**and on his law they meditate day and night.**  
3 They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
**which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.**  
**In all that they do, they prosper.**  
4 The wicked are not so,  
**but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**  
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
**nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**THE SECOND READING:** *Philemon 1:21*

21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – *How Firm a Foundation, verse 1 – ELW 796*

**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? Amen.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** *Luke 14:25-33*

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26 "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. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 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? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

31 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? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

**THE SERMON:** *For Just Such a Time as This: Lest We Forget*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY** – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past – ELW 632*

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED - ELW p. 104**

*People:* **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**

### **OFFERING MUSIC- Video**

### **THE OFFERING HYMN – *The Doxology***

### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,  
For the greening earth given for all,  
For the talents are given to share,  
And for this bread and wine.  
Transform us to be the body of Christ,  
That, feasting on this food and drink,  
Our lives may reflect your generosity,  
Through Christ our 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.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC INVITATION**

**COMMUNION SONGS:**

*Lamb of God / Now We Join in Celebration - ELW 462*

**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**

O God, in this holy communion  
You have welcomed us into your presence,  
Nourished us with words of mercy,  
And fed us at your table.  
Amid the cares of this life,

Strengthen us to love you with all our heart,  
Serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,  
And honor the earth you have made,  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE BLESSING**

*Pastor:* Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity (+) one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

*People:* **Amen**

**THE SENDING SONG** – *Now Thank We All Our God* – ELW 839

**THE DISMISSAL/ POSTLUDE**