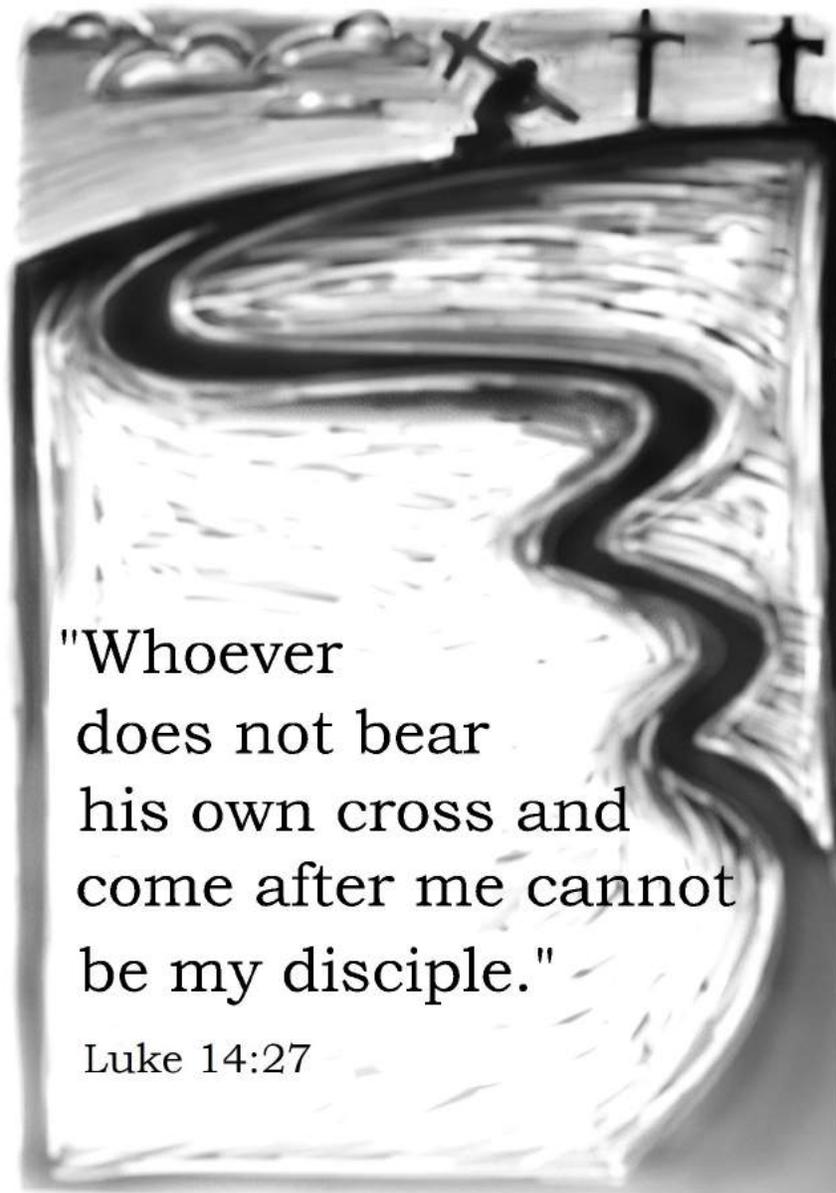


St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8, 2019

11:00 AM



"Whoever
does not bear
his own cross and
come after me cannot
be my disciple."

Luke 14:27

OUR MISSION

As a Lutheran community of faith, we continue our history of proclaiming Christ crucified through Word and Sacrament in joyful service to God and our neighbor.

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome all who worship with us today. We gather as the Body of Christ to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to God. Ushers are available to answer any of your questions. The church is equipped with a hearing impaired system. If you need a listening device, it may be obtained from an usher. In the minutes prior to the beginning of each service, the doors to the nave are closed, and quiet is encouraged. Music is offered which prepares worshippers to receive God's gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Everyone is asked to sign the Attendance Record found at the end of each pew or row of chairs. Please sign this record and pass it down to those beside you during the announcements. As it is returned, please note who is worshipping with you. The Attendance Record helps worshippers to put names and faces together. We make new friends in this way and grow in care for each other.

Celebrating Holy Communion: We believe, teach, and confess Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians, who share this belief, are invited to receive Jesus as He comes in the Holy Communion to forgive the sins of the penitent. Children and others who are not yet receiving the sacrament, or who choose not to commune with us, are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest. After receiving the host in your outstretched hands, please eat the host if you wish to drink from the first cup, the metal chalice. Please hold the host if you wish to dip your host in the second cup, the ceramic chalice. Those unable to drink wine are urged simply to touch their host to the outside of the cup prior to eating.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by Beth Hales in honor of Craig Hales' birthday, and by Terry and Sue Miller remembering those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on 9-11-01 and to honor the emergency responders who died or continue to suffer as a result of that day. May God continue to bless and comfort their loved ones.

Sunday School is sponsored by the Zumwalt family in honor of Carol Comeskey's birthday.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS! On this 13th Sunday after Pentecost, the Lord Jesus makes clear the cost of discipleship. He gave everything for us on the cross. We are joined to His crucifixion and resurrection in Holy Baptism, and so we give everything, too. This week's "un" adverb in our preaching series on Following Jesus is "unreservedly." So, our Lord Jesus teaches us to follow not that way (with reservations) but this way (with complete abandon). Which of the Lord Jesus' demands raises your ire, causes you to start explaining them away, pushes you to try to soften His words, or tempts you to ignore them with the platitudes of cheap grace? There each of us discovers our deepest reservations. There each of us must die completely to him or herself. Good Lord, deliver us!

I will strive to **Pray daily**
Worship weekly
Read the Bible
Serve at and beyond St. Matthew's
Be in Relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others
Give of my time, talents and resources

Those Serving in Worship

Assisting Minister

Marti Felter

Lector

Jon Lindsay

Ushers

Dave Davis

Communion Assistants

Gina Martuscelli, Gina Schiess,
Joel and Cindi Peterson

Greeters

Ana Maria Jackson, Erika Braje

Acolyte

Stuart Shaver

Crucifer

Raymond Shaver

Altar Guild

Margaret Ballantine, Judy Daniels



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(*Please stand as you are able.)

Silence for Meditation

PRELUDE

Allegretto

Janet Linker

TEMPLE TALK

Christkindlmarkt

Linda Riesz

WELCOME

*** THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

Congregation: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*** OPENING HYMN**

Lift High the Cross

LBW 377

*** THE GREETING**

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

Congregation: And also with you.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Ⓐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Ⓑ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

* THE SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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

PSALM 1

Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel / of the wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the / seat of scoffers;

but his delight is in the law / of the Lord,*

and on his law he meditates / day and night.

He is like a tree

planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf / does not wither.*

In all that he / does, he prospers.

The wicked / are not so,*

but are like chaff that the wind / drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand / in the judgment,*

nor sinners in the congregation / of the righteous;

for the Lord knows the way / of the righteous,*

but the way of the wick- / ed will perish.

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit;

as it was in the begin- / ning, is now,* and will be forev- / er. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Philemon 1-25

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²² At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you. ²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴ and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. ²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

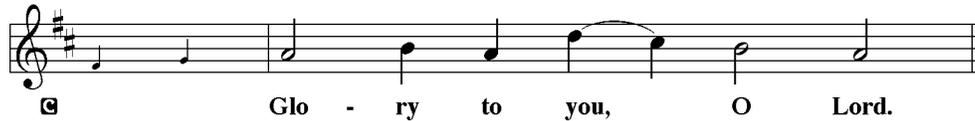
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* THE ALLELUIA VERSE



*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

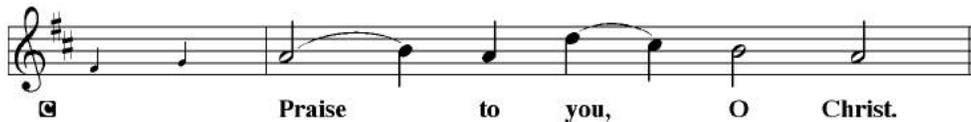
Pastor: The HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-35

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, 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 begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

*** THE GOSPEL RESPONSE**



THE SERMON

Following Jesus: Unreservedly

Pr. Zumwalt

*** THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find
 3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,

When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures
 In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or

to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind
 put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name
 ven - tures new. Mav we not cease to look to You.

That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
 And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

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*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

*** PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

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

Congregation: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Come Follow Me Forever

Liebergen

Adult Choir

*** THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

*** THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Almighty Father,

Congregation: with autumn's golden seeds you soothe our loss of summer's green. And thus you change our fear of death into the hope that we will live again. Ripen as well the faith by which we bring these offerings so as to gather from us a harvest of good works. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

* THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: You are indeed holy...now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now boldly pray:

* 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please be seated. An usher will direct you to the altar rail.)

☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

LBW 213

O Jesus, I Have Promised

LBW 503

*** THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: May this the body and this the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

*** THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

☐ 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, just as this bread and wine was gathered into one from scattered plants and vines, so you have by this food drawn us into one in you. Gather thus your Church from everywhere to be your blessed kingdom without end. You are the Lord forevermore.

Congregation: Amen.

Congregation: I will strive to pray daily, worship weekly, read the Bible, serve at and beyond St. Matthew's, be in relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others, and give of my time, talents, and resources.

*** THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

The Son of God Goes Forth to War

LBW 183

At this time anyone desiring prayer for healing is invited to approach the altar rail.

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Janet Linker

LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:

Ezekiel 34:11-24; Psalm 119:169-176; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

