

## The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠ August 30, 2020

***WELCOME!** In our Old Testament reading today, the prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. In the Gospel reading, Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering. So Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is also described in the Epistle reading when Paul urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of the suffering world.*



### THE PASTORAL GREETING

#### THE OPENING HYMN – “How Great Thou Art”

LSB 801

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- 3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin;  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!”  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

## THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

## THE KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE—“Borning Cry

- 1 I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off To find where demons dwell.
- 2 When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living God, To whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time And you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme From dusk 'till rising sun.
- 3 In the middle ages of your life, Not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, Complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in, And you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been With just one more surprise.
- 4 I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.

## ✠ THE WORD ✠

### THE FIRST READING – Jeremiah 15:15-21, ESV

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### THE SECOND READING – Romans 12:9-21, ESV

*In this reading, St. Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE HYMN – "Where Charity and Love Prevail"**

**Tune: LSB 707**

- 1 Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

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### **THE HOLY GOSPEL READING – Matthew 16:21-28, ESV**

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE HYMN – “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

**LSB 575**

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne!  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

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## **THE MESSAGE**

### **✠ THE RESPONSE ✠**

## **THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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 everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition will end with the words: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Hear us Heavenly Father, as we pray the prayer that Christ gave us:

**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 BLESSING**

**P: May almighty God: Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.**

**C: Amen.**

## **THE HYMN – “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**LSB 805**

- 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✘ **May God bless you and yours.** ✘

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