

WELCOME

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. SEPTEMBER 6/SUN. SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



“COUNTING THE COST”

AS WE GATHER

Jesus is blunt about the cost of discipleship. He does not sugarcoat the life He calls us to in the baptismal waters but neither does He diminish His promises, gifts, and blessings that accompany this life of faith. Today He calls us to count the cost, knowing that the way of the Christian is constantly tested and tried by our affection for the things of this life, our vulnerability to the enemies of the faith, and the weakness of our own sinful flesh. Part of that cost is not just in what you desire but also in what you are willing to surrender for the sake of Christ and His kingdom.

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN “The Son of God Goes Forth to War”

LSB 661

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/7MliYqUX-Ko?si=99H8nCjLX0rUW2qO>

**1 The Son of God goes forth to war
A kingly crown to gain.
His blood-red banner streams afar;**

**Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below—
He follows in His train.**

**2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye
Could pierce beyond the grave,
Who saw his master in the sky
And called on Him to save.
Like Him, with pardon on His tongue
In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for those who did the wrong—
Who follows in his train?**

**3 A glorious band, the chosen few,
On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints— their hope they knew
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their necks their death to feel—
Who follows in their train?**

**4 A noble army, men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne rejoice,
In robes of light arrayed.
They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n
Through peril, toil, and pain.
O God, to us may grace be giv'n
To follow in their train!**

**Stanza 2 speaks of Stephen, the first Christian martyr.
Reginald Heber, 1783– 1826, alt.
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Service Book: Text Edition (Kindle Locations**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

+WORD+

KYRIE

<https://youtu.be/Dl2zN9JZUNQ>



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise”
(LSB 946)

https://youtu.be/4pImA-dffA4?si=g6HP9_oVIX-gLnwP

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav’nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav’nly King.**

**Glory to God, the Father’s only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world’s sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict’ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God’s right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav’nly host we glorify.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O almighty God, You have promised grace sufficient for us to hear the call of the Holy Spirit, believe in Him

who You have sent to be our Savior, and walk in the way of salvation. Give courage and strength to Your people that we may deny ourselves and follow Christ in the way of the cross; through Him who died that we might live and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 30:15–20 (I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil.)*

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If 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. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I 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. ¹⁹ I 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, ²⁰ loving 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.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Philemon 1–21 (Paul’s letter commending the slave Onesimus back to his master, not only as a slave but as a brother in the Lord.)*

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(LSB p. 205)*

<https://youtu.be/IsTHg6eL9gU>

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 14:25–35 (Jesus speaks of the cost of discipleship and calls on those who would follow Him to deny themselves and take up the cross.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”
LSB 688

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/VhWZ61Dfz-E?si=Ff9S4X3a0Iw3ppuz&t=23>

1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake,
“All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide,
Take My example for your guide.

**2 “I am the light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.**

**3 “My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call**

**4 “I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”**

**5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.**

**Johann Scheffler, 1624– 77, sts. 1– 3, 5;
Geistliche Lieder
und Lobgesänge, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W.**

Schaeffer,

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1 Peter 2: 21– 25; Matt. 16: 24; John 8: 12;
Matt. 10: 38– 39

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

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 Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is so very right and fitting that we sing forth Your praise and acknowledge Your goodness in creating all things and still sustaining them, in sending forth Your Son to be our Savior and Lord, and in manifesting to us the fruits of His redeeming work in the means of grace. With the angels and archangels who serve You in Your presence, with the saints and all the faithful who now rest in Your presence, and with all those who await Christ's appearing on earth, we join our voices in their endless song of praise, evermore singing:

SANCTUS

(LSB page 208)

Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/szytmtOZVQw?si=kRYIIISqTWw4aISs>

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;

Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(LSB page 210)

https://youtu.be/CccEG2s_VMo?si=DCa6ZK7SisHiNTT5

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*

- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol

- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

LSB 851

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/S1NR3Hu3Ek0?si=99wcDcOZRbK7gAKy>

**1.Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your life blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand.**

**2.Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
‘Tis to give than to receive.**

3.Wondrous honor You have given

To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
“You have done it all to me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
“Give as I have giv’n to you”?

4. Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your life blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

NUNC DIMITTIS

(LSB page 211)

O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

People: and His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, You were born in flesh and blood to walk with us the path of our sin and death in order that we might walk with You by Baptism and faith. Lead us in the way of the cross that we may not depart from it but follow its path to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” *LSB 918*

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/qg7Tq0dS4Pw?si=MBFpFPYW4gqmqey9>

**1. Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the
healing stream doth flow.**

**Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my
journey through.**

Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer

**Be Thou still my strength
and shield,**

**Be Thou still my strength
and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.**

**Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.**

**Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to
Thee.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

**“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
known to others”**

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 3.

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- **Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.) Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist: George Kelm**
- **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- **Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gomski**
- **A/V Team: Brian & Amanda Larie**

**Stan & Cheryl Grey,
Dawn Oswald, Josh Walton**

- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **MIDWEST CREATION FELLOWSHIP: Dr. Rob Carter will present an explanation for the different genealogies of Jesus in Matthew and Luke. This promises to be a marvelous discussion. Beautiful Savior Luth Church, Antioch, IL, tomorrow evening at 7:00pm.**
- **NEW MEMBERS DINNER: All new members who have not attended casual-dress dinner with Pastor are warmly invited and encouraged to join us Wednesday, September 10, at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall.**
- **This weekend is Monthly Mites Collection for WOH that supports our district and LWML mission grants. A monthly guide handout who to pray for that day is listed. Please take a handout if you would like one. Located by our large Mite box/WOH table area. Next Monthly Mite Collection will be October 4/5. We thank you for your support.**
- **Calling all cookie bakers, we would appreciate you making some cookies for our last Brat Fry on September 13. Please put 3-4 cookies per Ziploc bag. Label type of cookie and any alerts on the bag. We would appreciate 2-3 dozen cookies or whatever works out for you. Please bring to the Brat Fry by 10:00 am at Berkot's on Saturday, September 13. Contact Mary Fragassi 847-269-0818 for any questions.**

- **UKRAINE TRAVELOGUE and luncheon:** During Sunday School on Sept 21st, 10:20-11:00, our wonderful Ukrainian family, the Burtnyks, will tell us about their home, followed by a delicious lunch of national favorites.
- **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** will kick-off on Sept 28. Bring the little ones to Jesus!
- **Women of Hope Luncheon** will be on Saturday, September 20 at 10:45 am. All Ladies at Hope, your friends, and your daughters are welcome to join us in Sister fellowship, fun and a delicious luncheon. Please contact Tabra Gomski 847-481-9379 for further information or if you need a ride. You don't need to bring anything we are blessed to have you join us.
- **3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF:** All are welcome to Tami and Pete's house on Saturday September 27th at noon. Enter the chili contest, or just come and enjoy some good food and fellowship. Prize basket will be awarded to the chili cookoff winner. Hot dogs, baked potatoes and all the toppings will be provided. Iced tea, lemonade, and beer will also be served. Please sign up if planning to attend so we know how many to plan for. 27222 31st St, Salem, WI 53168
- **CONFIRMATION:** Any parents who have children that you would like to see catechized and go through the Rite of Confirmation, please contact Pastor Tim. If any members have family or friends who might be interested in this even though they are not members, Pastor Tim would gladly reach out to them; just let him know and pass their contact info on to him.

- **VOTERS' MEETING:** A quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held next Sunday immediately following our worship service.
- Hope will need a new **TREASURER** when the current term expires in 2026. Please talk to Pastor if the **LORD** might be moving your heart to serve in this important role.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: George Kelm
Communion: Paul Schneider
Acolyte: Lexi Johnson
Ushers: Joe & Trina Metz
Fellowship: Rita Estes
Altar Guild: Paul & Carol Trettin

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Andy Kammer
Communion: Paul Schneider
Acolyte: Adeline Wachholder
Ushers: Gary Estes & Gary Schaetten
Fellowship: Tami Voigt
Altar Guild: Paul & Carol Trettin

BIRTHDAYS

9/9 Melissa Walton
9/11 Maddie Herrera
9/12 Amanda Dalessandro

Calendar of Events This Week

9/8/25 – 9/14/25

Monday: 6:00pm Council Meeting
7:00pm Midwest Creation Fellowship

Wednesday: 5:30pm New Members Dinner

Thursday: 6:00pm AA Meeting

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service
10-2pm Brat Fry at Berkot's

Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Worship Service
10:20am VOTERS MEETING
7:00pm AA Meeting