

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Sunday of the Good Samaritan
August 30, 2026



He who showed mercy was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves.

Theme of Today's Liturgy

Today's liturgy focuses on this question: "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (*Gospel*) The answer is based first in what our Lord gives in His faithful and everlasting Testament (*Epistle*). That Testament (covenant) is what we beg God to honor and remember by lifting us out of the oppression our sin lays on our backs (*Introit, Gradual*). From Him flows the increase of faith, hope and charity that He gives through His Son (*Collect*). It is this doing of our Lord that makes us to love what He has commanded (*Collect*).

Guests

Welcome to the Divine Service! We are delighted to have you with us. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please note your attendance with us on the card in your pew and pass it towards the center aisle during the offering. You are welcome to join us in the social hall downstairs after the service for coffee and treats. We hope you will visit us again!

Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper

The daily troubles brought by the world, Satan, and our sinful nature drive us to receive the Sacrament frequently. In the gift which the Savior gives us in the Holy Communion, we find rest, refreshment, and healing for our souls as we receive the forgiveness of sins with His true body and blood. As we receive this gift today, because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune, we ask that guests who desire to commune speak with Pastor Gerike before the service.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

You and your children are welcome here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so don't feel embarrassed by it. Feel free to sit toward the front where your children can see easily. Encourage them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! And with thy spirit! Lord, have mercy! Our Father!* Sing, say, and pray your parts as best you can; your children learn by your example. If you and your child must leave for a moment, there is a children's area downstairs underneath the narthex. Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us rejoice in our Lord's words, "Let the little children come to Me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk 18:16). You and your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to smile, encourage, and help you.

Cover art: *Parable of the Good Samaritan*, Jan Wijnants (1632–1684), The Hermitage, St. Petersburg, Russia.

The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

"This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (Gen 28:17)

The Preparation

Organ Prelude

Please STAND for the Processional Hymn when the chime rings three times.

† Processional Hymn 663

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

† Confession and Absolution p. 184–85

LEFT-HAND COLUMN

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

The Service of the Word

† Introit

Psalm 74; antiphon: Psalm 74



LOOK upon the covenant, | O Lord, *

O let not the simple go a- | way ashamed.

Arise, O God, maintain | Your own cause; *

Forget not the voice of Your | enemies.

O God, why are You absent from | us so long? *

Why is Your wrath so hot against the sheep of Your | pasture?



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Look upon the covenant, | O Lord, *
O let not the simple go a- | way ashamed.
Arise, O God, maintain | Your own cause; *
Forget not the voice of Your | enemies.

† Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis *pp. 186–89*

† Salutation & Collect of the Day *SUNG responses p. 189*

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18

In those days: the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.... When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by My name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

Gradual

Psalm 77



YOU are the God who does | wonders, *
and has declared Your power among the | peoples.
You have mightily delivered Your | people, *
even the sons of Jacob and | Joseph.

Epistle

Galatians 3:15–22

To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his Offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to One, “And to your Offspring,” who is Christ. This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

† Alleluia Verse

Psalm 88

The congregation sings the threefold “Alleluia” before and after the Pastor sings the verse.



■ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

LORD God of my sal- | vation, *
I have cried day and night be | fore You.

† Holy Gospel

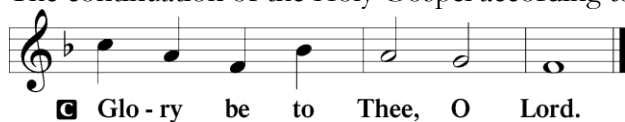
St. Luke 10:23–37

The Lord be with you.



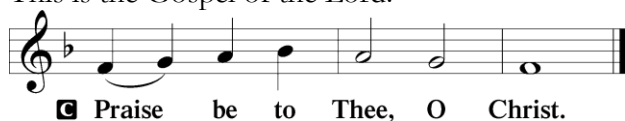
■ And with thy spir - it.

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



✠ *At that time*, [Jesus] turned to His disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it.” And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” So he answered and said, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’” And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



† **Nicene Creed** *p. 191/Inside back cover of hymnal*

Hymn of the Day 972 *I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone* (see next page)

Sermon

972 *I Trust, O Christ, In You Alone*



1 I trust, O Christ, in You a - lone; No earth - ly hope a -
 2 My sin and guilt are plagu - ing me; O grant me true con -
 3 Con - firm in us Your Gos - pel, Lord, Your prom - ise of sal -



vails me. You will not see me o - ver - thrown
 tri - tion And by Your death up - on the tree
 va - tion. And make us long to hear Your Word



When Sa - tan's host as - sails me. No hu - man strength, no
 Your par - don and re - mis - sion. Be - fore the Fa - ther's
 And fol - low our vo - ca - tion: To spend our lives in



earth - ly pow'r Can see me through the e - vil hour,
 throne a - bove Re - call Your match - less deed of love
 love for You And show Your love in all we do.



For You a - lone my strength re - new. I cry to You!
 That He may lift my dread - ful load, O Son of God!
 And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Sav - ior, come



I trust, O Lord, Your prom - ise true.
 I plead the grace Your death be - stowed.
 And bear Your loved ones safe - ly home.

Offering/Organ Voluntary

*Please note your attendance on the card in your pew and pass to the center aisle.
You may use the QR code to support the ministry of this congregation.*



† Offertory *p. 192–93*

Marriage Banns for Randy Brodner & Elizabeth Linke

† Announcements & Prayer of the Church

After each petition: ...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

The Liturgy of the Holy Communion follows on p. 194 ff.

Guests who have not previously received Holy Communion from Pastor Gerike are kindly asked to speak with him before approaching the altar for the first time.

Communicants may receive the Body of Christ either in the hand or directly in the mouth. Those who receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice are encouraged to take the bottom of the chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths.

Communicants are invited to pray the following before receiving the Sacrament:

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof;
but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Distribution Hymns

- 620 *Jesus Comes Today with Healing*
- 732 *All Depends on Our Possessing*
- 851 *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*
- 559 *Oh How Great Is Your Compassion*
- 822 *Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*

† **Dismissal**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

Amen.

† **Nunc Dimittis** *and the remainder of the service on p. 199 and following*

† **Hymn** 683 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

Organ Postlude

“Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!” (Psalm 84:4)

TODAY'S NOTICES

The **church office secretary hours** will change effective tomorrow, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Cans for Flowers: Many thanks to everyone who continue to bring pop cans in for recycling. To date, another \$80 was earned towards service flowers. Please contact Rich Marunda for any questions.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for **Adult and Children's Choir!** Adult Choir will be Thursdays at 6:30 pm beginning this Thursday. Children's Choir for ages 6-16 will be Sundays at 11:45 am beginning September 13. If you have questions, please talk to Annika Buckley.

Zion Lutheran Church invites all women to a **Women's Retreat, "Rest for Your Soul", on Saturday, September 26**, from 8:30–12:00 pm. The cost is \$5. Pick up a flyer on the narthex table for more information and for registration instructions.

The **Women's Guild** will be hosting a Fall Rally (a gathering of LWML women from other congregations) this afternoon at 1:30 pm in our Social Hall. We have the opportunity to ask for contributions to a select cause. We have chosen to ask for diapers (any size or brand) or monetary donations to LYDIA HOUSE. Lydia House helps homeless women and families. If you would to contribute in any way, please talk to Lanette Insinger.

The Board of Social Ministries is coordinating another round of **Triangle Dinners** to take place September-November. This is a great way to get to know and spend time with your church family. An informational flyer about Triangle Dinners and a sign-up sheet are on the narthex bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Mark Meyer (308-850-4059).

Prayer Requests: *Work with churches in:* Belgium, Cambodia & Belarus; *Persecuted Christians in:* Yemen; *Missions:* Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad, David & Valerie Federwitz, Lutherans For Life, the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, South Asia Lutheran Mission; *Peace in the world:* the Middle East, South Sudan, & Ukraine; *Homebound:* Char Emmanuel, Pat Helmke, Norma Kelly, Jean Schwalm; *Expectant mothers:* Jill Raak, Amanda Warner, Lydia Blank; *All others in need:* Dick Chappell, Theodore Feavel, Paul Luedeman, Amanda Jansky, Hayes Gonzalez, Nancy Goesch, Jeremy Long, Jim Bygrave, Tim Lonergan, Brock Boss, Shirley Gibbs, Jolene Whirrett, Merk Volejnik, Lanette Insinger (undergoing knee surgery on Thursday)

This Week's Calendar

Today (8/30)	THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am LWML Rally 1:30 pm
Wednesday (9/2)	Matins 10:00 am Vespers 6:30 pm Book Group 7:00 pm
Thursday (9/3)	Adult Choir 6:30 pm
Next Sunday (9/6)	THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am Divine Service 10:00 am Centennial Committee meeting after church Board of Elders meeting after church



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Service Schedule: The Divine Service with Holy Communion is offered every Sunday and on holy days as announced. Matins and Vespers are prayed on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm.

Receiving Communion: We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to Pastor Gerike before the service.

Christian Education is taught each Sunday morning at 8:45. **Adults** meet in the church basement; **Sunday School** for ages 3-12 meets in the Admin/Education building classrooms.

The Sick and Homebound are visited regularly by the pastor. Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation. **Pastoral Consultation** based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the pastor by appointment

SERVING TODAY

Organist – Annika Buckley

Altar Care – Melissa Kern & Rachel Bohnert

Counters – Franklin Harmon & Nancy Reynolds

Ushers – Josh Bohnert, Scott Andersh, Dan Bartels, Matt Meyer

Elder – Joseph Buckley

Trustee – Bob Vondrasek