

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 14, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #915: Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession of Sins

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

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.**

Introit

Psalm 74:1-2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: vv. 20a, 21a, 22a, 23a

L: Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];

C: **let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.**

L: Arise, O God, defend Your cause;

C: **do not forget the clamor of Your foes.**

L: O God, why do You cast us off forever?

C: **Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?**

L: Remember Your congregation,

C: **which You have purchased of old,**

L: which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!

C: **Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.**

L: Do not forget the life of Your poor forever.

C: **Let the poor and needy praise Your name.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Kyrie (sung)

Mark 10:47

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
L: 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.**
L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C: **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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.



L: Let us pray.

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: 2 Chronicles 28:8-15 (ESV)

The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, He gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you."

Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel." So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Galatians 3:15-22 (ESV)

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:23-37 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Statement of Faith: Nicene Creed

Hymn #852: O God of Mercy, God of Might

Sermon

Offertory (sung)

Psalm 51:10–12

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have poured out the Holy Spirit on Your church that the Body of Christ may be built up through the many and various gifts Your Spirit gives. Grant that we may receive our God given time, talents, and treasures with thanksgiving and faithfully put them to use for the good of our neighbor and the advancement of Your Kingdom, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer (8:00)

(8:00) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

(10:45) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface (sung)

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r 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.**

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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



Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

**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.**

Distribution Hymns

1. #631: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
2. #606: I Lay My Sins on Jesus
3. #609: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Thank the Lord (sung) (stand)

[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction (sung)

Numbers 6:24-26

P: 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.



■ A - men.

Hymn #850: God of Grace and God of Glory

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