

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Outline of today's Service

Our Worship Service and hymns come from Lutheran Service Book (LSB)
which is the maroon hymnal usually in the pew racks
Order of Service follows Matins LSB 219

Opening Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in your Word LSB 655

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son, And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that we, May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth; Support us in our final strife, And lead us out of death to life.

Opening Versicles

LSB 219

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

All: **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 Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.**

Psalmody

LSB 220

P: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **O come, let us worship Him.**

Venite

LSB 220

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

2 For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

The deep places of the earth are in His hand; the strength of the hills is His also.

3 The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

4 For he is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

5 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.

P: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **O come, let us worship Him.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 26

P: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

C: **Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart | and my mind.**

P: For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.

C: **I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

P: I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

C: **I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,**

P: proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

C: **O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

C: **in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

P: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

C: **My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

All: 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

Hymn of the Day: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus LSB 531

1 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, Thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame! By Thy merit we find favor: Life is given through Thy name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid; By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made. All Thy people are forgiven, Through the virtue of Thy blood; Opened is the gate of heaven, Reconciled are we with God.

3 Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, There forever to abide; All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side. There for

sinner's Thou art pleading; There Thou dost our place prepare, Ever for us interceding, Till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing, Thou art worthy to receive; Highest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise; Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

Readings:

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O 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. ¹⁶Your 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, ¹⁷I 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. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore 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. ²⁰And 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. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To 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." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From 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. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you."
²³But 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."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For 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. ²⁸Truly, 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: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Common Responsory

LSB 221

P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Gehrke

Sermon Hymn: Christ Be My Leader

LSB 861

1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life. Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain, Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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.

Kyrie

All: Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

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.

Collects

P: O Lord, hear my prayer

C: And let my cry come to You.

P Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

Additional Prayers

P: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

Collect for Grace

LSB 228

P: O Lord, our Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the

same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, You Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Blessing of the Backpacks

We have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by those gathered here. These backpacks will contain work to be done, work that's been graded, books to be studied, and notes from teachers to be sent home. These backpacks will carry notebooks, pencils, pens, protractors, compasses, crayons, rules, scissors, glue sticks and other items used for school work. Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that the student may find it difficult to walk. Other days, they will be light and nearly empty. But on each and every day, these backpacks represent work required of the students gathered here. As in every aspect of our life, we bring these before God for blessing at this time.

P: Come, children and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

C: **Teach me, O Lord, Your ways.**

P: I will bless the Lord at all time; **His** praise shall ever be in my mouth.

C: **Teach me, O Lord, Your ways.**

P: I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.

C: **Teach me, O Lord, Your ways.**

Let us Pray:

Gracious God, we commend to You today, these students. They stand here ready to start the new school year at home or at school. Shower each of them with Your blessings as they study and learn. We ask Your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of Your love and care that surrounds them each school day. May You also remind them of the love care that Your people here at Trinity have for them. We commend to You the teachers and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by Your love. Help Trinity Lutheran Church to make known to all our teachers and administrators at Trinity and throughout our community that our congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning. Just as You surround them with love and care, may we surround them with love and care as well; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Congregation: May Jesus, who calls us each by name to follow him, give you the courage and confidence to be his disciples wherever you may be, at school, at work, and at home. May the gifts God has given you especially your backpacks be a source of blessing for you.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways LSB 707

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways, To keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace, To know and do His will!

2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands— 'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands, Offend against my God.

Soli Deo Gloria

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