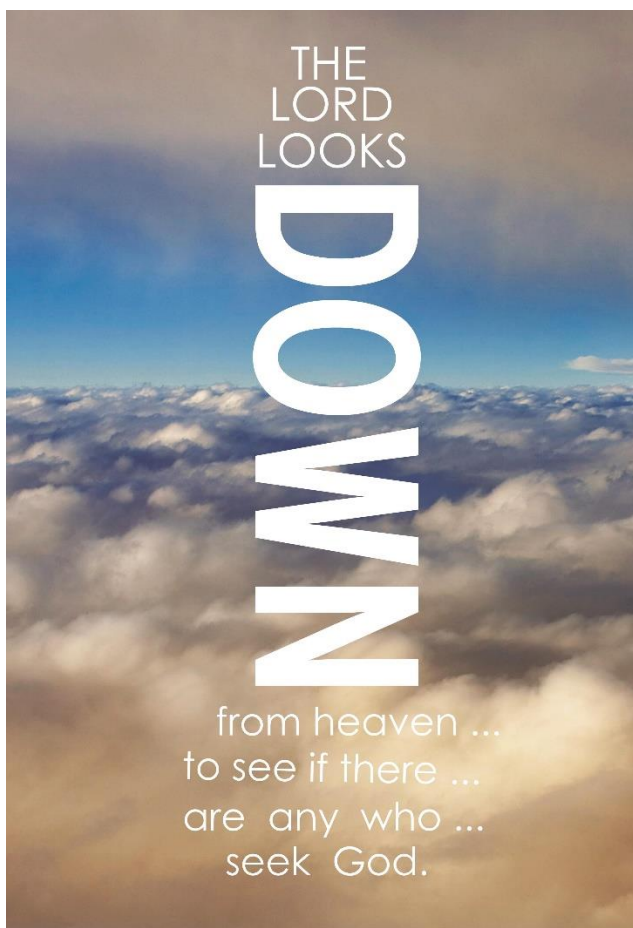




THE
LORD
LOOKS

DOWN

from heaven ...
to see if there ...
are any who ...
seek God.

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Sunday, August 22, 2021

8:15 and 10:00 am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance -- arr. Mark Hayes

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Congregation: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our
sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The assembly kneels.

L: Most merciful God,
C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

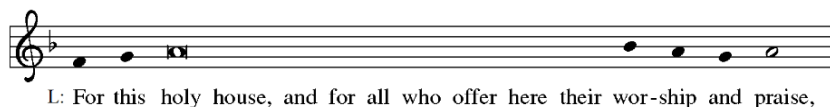
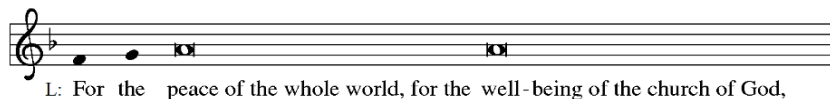
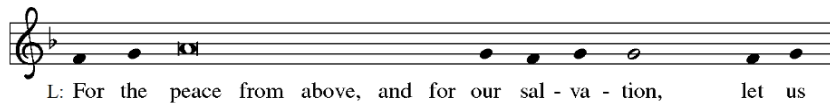
GATHERING SONG You Are the Way (ELW 758)

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 29: 11-19

L: The first reading is from Isaiah, the 29th chapter.

¹¹ For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I can't; it is sealed." ¹² Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I don't know how to read."

¹³ The Lord says:

"These people come near to me with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

Their worship of me
is based on merely human rules they have been taught.

¹⁴ Therefore once more I will astound these people
with wonder upon wonder;

the wisdom of the wise will perish,
the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."

¹⁵ Woe to those who go to great depths
to hide their plans from the LORD,
who do their work in darkness and think,
"Who sees us? Who will know?"

¹⁶ You turn things upside down,
as if the potter were thought to be like the clay!
Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it,
"You did not make me"?

Can the pot say to the potter,
"You know nothing"?

¹⁷ In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field

and the fertile field seem like a forest?

¹⁸ In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll,
and out of gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind will see.

¹⁹ Once more the humble will rejoice in the LORD;
the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 14

L: Please let us read responsively Psalm 14.

¹ The fool says in his heart,
"There is no God."

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
there is no one who does good.

**² The LORD looks down from heaven on all mankind
to see if there are any who understand,
any who seek God.**

³ All have turned away, all have become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

**⁴ Do all these evildoers know nothing?
They devour my people as though eating bread;
they never call on the LORD.**

⁵ But there they are, overwhelmed with dread,
for God is present in the company of the righteous.

**⁶ You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.**

⁷ Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores his people,
let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5: 22 -33

L: The second reading is from Ephesians, the 5th chapter.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Come to the Garden Alone

-- C. Austin Miles

Jeannine Sanford, Vocalist

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 7: 1-13

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 7th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

⁶ He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.'

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

⁹ And he continued, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!

¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.'^[e] ¹¹ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— ¹² then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)

**** 8:15 am service continue with the Apostles' Creed only ****

HOLY BAPTISM (10:00 only)

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE BAPTISM OF KYLER WILLIAM BUBB

Son of Jason and Katie

Brother of Nolan and Emery

ACCLAMATION

(After baptism)

**C: Blessed be God,
The source of all life,
The word of Salvation,
The Spirit of mercy.**

WELCOME & REJOICING WITH THE FAMILY OF GOD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: 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.**

PEACE (Peace should be offered with a smile and a wave.)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
(ELW 759)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Morning Song

-- Gordon Young, Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 119:129-136, Ephesians 6:10-20,
Mark 7:14-23

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:00 Service
ACOLYTE	Amy Amadee	Jeff Hartzell
LECTOR	Carl Smith	Liz Gordon
GREETER	Jennifer Gundlach	Gayle Gundlach
OFFERING COUNTERS	Kathy McRandal and Lil Bachman	

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The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Kyler William Bubb's baptism, by his grandparents, Gretchen and Tom Gallagher.



25-Aug Audrey Fox,
Adre Anderson,
Shannon Miller
26-Aug Barbara Wiegand
27-Aug Katy Reuning

26-Aug
Marjorie and Paul Kollinger

OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for answered prayers (for Roger Walker's last chemo treatment; for Liz Gordon's quick recovery, for Paul Kollinger's successful procedure and new heart meds; for Mark Kollinger's adjusted electrodes to help manage pain; for Jim F.'s successful surgery & contained cancer; for Neal Hay's return home) for the baptism of Kyler William Bubb

Healing, Cares & Concerns:

Sonya Winters (chemo, breast cancer)

Ann (cancer, unresponsive to chemo)

Kelly Kramich (cancer)

Nancy Daum (bacterial lung infection)

Roy (radiation)

Walter (chemo)

Connor (hip surgery recovery)

Doug Bowman (inner ear problems)

Nancy (fall, broken neck)

Harold Foertsch (leukemia)

Sydney (16, multiple personalities)

Erika Schuelke

Neal Hay (brain hemorrhage)

Ken (fall, brain bleed)

Jim F (surgery, recovery)

Brandi (cancer diagnosis)

Jeannie (foot surgery, recovery)

Marilyn (diabetes & dementia)

Rich Gustafson (recovery from heart surgery)

Ken Crail (strokes)

Donna Tasker (lung infection)

Shawn, Angela and family

Debbie Sell (COVID)

Betty McCormick (fall, concussion)

Robert McCormick (poor health) Afghanistan

Haiti

Schools: for all students, educators, and school personnel to seek your wisdom, guidance in all they do and say; that the Holy Spirit will preserve our children's faith and protect them from all harm.

Weekly NALC Church: Zion Lutheran, Letart, WV; St. Luke's ministry and mission; for the Holy Spirit's assurance to complete our call for a new pastor

Bereaved: Families of Mary Precious, Barry Huff, Dwight Dinsmore, Vicki Jo Yurga, Catherine Drescher

Monthly Mission: Freeport Meals on Wheels

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 23	10:00 am - Sewing Group 6:00 pm Community Quiet Time
Sept 6	Labor Day – Office Closed
Sept 13	6:30 pm Council Meeting
Sept 14	12:00 pm Prayer Circle Lunch 12:30 pm Prayer Circle
Sept 16	Organ Concert/Hymn Sing
Sept 19	Rally Day 2:00 pm – Orchards Service
Sept 20	10:00 am - Sewing Group Angel Article Deadline
Sept 21	12:00 pm Prayer Circle Lunch 12:30 pm Prayer Circle
Sept 26	2:00 pm Memorial Service
Sept 27	6:00 – 8:00 pm Community Quiet Time
Sept 28	12:00 pm Prayer Circle Lunch 12:30 pm Prayer Circle



The Prayer Circle will start meeting in person on September 14th and will continue to meet every Tuesday in Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch at 12:00 or just come for prayer at 12:30. Everyone is welcome to join.

Thank you to Sally Coyne, President of Freeport Meals on Wheels for sharing information on this wonderful ministry last Sunday. More information can be found on <https://freeportareamealsonwheels.weebly.com/> or call the church office (724-352-2333)