

August 22, 2021

The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Announcements

Prelude

Reverie

Claude A. Debussy

Sarah and James Bieber, Piano Duet

Ringing of the Bell

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

O Day of Rest and Gladness

ELW #521

Greeting, Kyrie

"In peace, let us pray..."

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P: 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.**

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

The Hymn of Praise pp. 148-149

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

Prayer of the Day: L: 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.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Psalm 34:15-22

L: ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God's ears are open to their cry.

**C: ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

L: ¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**C: ¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

L: ¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

**C: ²⁰God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

L: ²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**C: ²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but

against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Anthem

Give Me Jesus
Greg Hagensick, Tenor

African American Spiritual
arr. David M. Cherwien

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?..."*

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel: John 6:56-69

Glory to you, O Lord/Praise to you, O Christ.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Sermon

Pastor Bryan Robertson

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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 Offering Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW# 810

The Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church: L: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

The 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

P: The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you, Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Go in peace. Share the Good News! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

ELW #620, vss. 1-3, 7

Ringing of the Bell

Postlude

Andante from the Surprise Symphony

Josef Haydn

Sarah and James Bieber, Piano Duet

Activities this Week at St. John's

Sunday, August 22	8:30am
Wednesday, August 25	8:45-noon
Sunday, August 29	8:30am
	9:30am

August 22, 2021 to August 29, 2021

Worship
Mini Do Day
Worship
Special Congregational mtg

Scripture Reader	8:30am	Gloria Payne
Acolyte	8:30am	Ushers
Ushers	8:30am	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit
		Bill & Becky Roe
Greeters	8:30am	Ann Rademaker
		Jens & Jane Kallevang
Secretary		Rhonda Barr
Custodians		John & Sharon Roe
Organist/Director of Music		James H. Bieber
Pastor		Bryan Robertson

Radio Broadcast Ministry - Today's radio broadcast is given by a listener. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. Join us on Sunday mornings on KNEI 103.5 at 8:30am.

The Church Council is calling a Special Congregational meeting on Sunday, August 29, after the 8:30am service to discuss & decide if we should acquire a neighboring property, with new information to be presented.

Outdoor Service

St. Johns Church is going to have an outdoor church service in our beautiful city park on Sunday, Sept. 12th. It will start at 8:30 AM at the amphitheater. Please bring a lawn chair to sit on if you would prefer not to sit on the benches. We will have a potluck brunch after the service. The brunch will take place in one of the park's shelters. The church is furnishing egg bakes, coffee, juice, and milk. We will also have paper products such as plates, napkins, etc for you. We ask that you bring a dish to share. The side could be muffins, bagels, fruit, coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, etc. There will be a time for fellowship and games after the brunch. Parents of Sunday School kids are asked to bring along their child's registration form to turn in if you have it ready.

Hope for beautiful weather, but if it is rainy we will be back in the church for this service.

If anyone has a golf cart/people mover that they would be willing to bring to help move people from one place to another, that would be great!

Invite friends and neighbors to join us! It should be fun worshipping together in our park surrounded by God's beauty!