

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 4, 2022

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

PREPARATION

Pastor: In the explanation of the Small Catechism, we are taught that the Law of God serves three purposes. **First**, as a curb, the Law helps to control violent outbursts of sin and keeps order in the world. **Second**, as a mirror, the Law accuses us and shows us our sin. **Third**, as a guide, the Law teaches us Christians what we should and should not do to lead a God-pleasing life. Notice that the third use is for “us Christians,” that is, those who have been freed from the Law’s curse by faith in Christ. In that faith we discover God’s love reflected even in His Law. So the Psalm teaches us to pray, “Oh how I love Your law,” and “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:97, 105). Today we receive that light and love to follow our Lord Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life.

(Please stand)

✠ **PREPARATION** ✠

HYMN

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake” *LSB 688 vs 1 & 2*

**Come follow Me the Savior spake
All in My way abiding
Deny yourselves the world forsake
Obey My call and guiding
O bear the cross whate'er betide
Take My example for your guide
I am the light I light the way
A godly life displaying
I bid you walk as in the day
I keep your feet from straying
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below**

INVOCATION

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 124:8; Isaiah 2:3, 5*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD,

**People: that He may teach us His ways and that we
may walk in His paths.**

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the confession and
absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Deuteronomy 30:14*

Pastor: Since God graciously calls all people to come to Him to receive His love and life through repentance of sin and faith in His gift of forgiveness, let us confess our sin, take refuge in His mercy, and seek His grace for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Most merciful God, we come before You at Your gracious invitation. We repent of our sins in thought, word, and deed, both what we have done against Your Law and what we have failed to do in faithfulness to Your Law. We have not loved You with our whole being. We have failed to love our neighbors. We plead through the deliverance of Your Son's suffering and death, forgive us our sins, and give us the will to choose life in His name. Amen.

Pastor: *"The word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it."* In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are free. Choose life!

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 85:8–10, 13;*

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

People: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

Pastor: for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

People: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Pastor: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

People: righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Pastor: Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

People: and grant us Your salvation.

GLORIA PATRI *(sing)*

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE *(sing)*

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord our God, by Your Word and Spirit You create for Yourself a people after Your own heart. Impart to us a clean heart filled with Your love that we may constantly desire to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Deuteronomy 30:15–20 ESV*

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I

have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6*

**People: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

*Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel
of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor
sits in the seat of scoffers;*

**People: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on His law he meditates day and night.**

*Pastor: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that
yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not
wither. In all that he does, he prospers.*

**People: The wicked are not so, but are like the chaff
that the wind drives away.**

*Pastor: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the
judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;*

People: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. 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. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

EPISTLE *Philemon 1–21 ESV*

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been

glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Galatians 6:14*

People: Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 14:25–35 ESV*

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use

either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” *LSB 707*

**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**

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

**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**

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

++ SERMON ++

CHOOSE LIFE!

Text: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Theme: Choose well—that life may abound in, through, and around us.

Goal: That everyone listening come to see God working beautifully in his Church’s-- choosing life.

(Please stand for the offertory)

HYMN

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” *LSB 704 vs 1 & 3*

**Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what your will be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire.**

CREED

Nicene Creed

People:

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,**

very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to
judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,

who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,

**and I look for the resurrection of the
dead
and the life ✕ of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: All praise, honor, and worship be to You, O God our Father, for by Your Law You have revealed to the world Your salvation from all sin and death and given to all new hearts and renewed minds through the repentance of our sins and faith in Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Help us to follow in His way to joyfully choose His life by means of His truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant that Your glorious Word and will of divine Law and Gospel be preached to the conversion, life, and joy of all throughout the world. Give all who preach, minister, and serve in Your Holy Church boldness and clarity of mind and spirit to rightfully proclaim Your whole Law and Your glorious Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: By Your Word and Spirit cause all who hear to have true repentance of their sins and true faith to grow in love toward You and their neighbors, and to purposely choose Your way of life daily in all their ways and deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Guide our nation and our elected leaders in the ways of justice, peace, and the promotion of lives pleasing to You. Preserve and bless all who serve in the armed forces of our nation as well as those who work to preserve peace, safety, and health in our community. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Comfort and bring healing to all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, . . . Give strength and the will to persevere to all who suffer any persecution for the faith. Help all to whom death draws near with the peace of a confident faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: With reverence and affection we remember before You, O Lord, all who have gone before us with the sign of faith. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks
and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. For by His faithful fulfillment of Your Law on our behalf, He nevertheless died for us that we might receive Your gift of eternal life, being baptized into His death, and by a lively faith in His resurrection. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

Hosanna

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna,

Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. With thankful hearts and in the power of Your Spirit we gladly choose life in Him especially now by receiving His own body and blood once shed for us on the cross. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of
the world have mercy upon us**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, have mercy upon us**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee” LSB 702

**My faith looks up to Thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary
Savior divine**

**Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine**

**May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire
As Thou hast died for me
Oh may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be
A living fire**

**While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread
Be Thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day
Wipe sorrow's tears away**

**Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside**

**When ends life's transient dream
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall over me roll
Blest Savior then in love
Fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above
A ransomed soul**

HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me! This I know” *LSB 588*

**Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong**

**Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so**

**Jesus loves me He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide
He has washed away my sin
Let His little child come in**

**Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle, The Nunc Dimittis)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (SING) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people, a light to lighten the
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the author of all life, we praise and thank You that Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, chose death in our place. By the power of His resurrection, He has made us to be His own, imparting to us His holiness, righteousness, and love. Go with us to bear witness to Your gracious will and Your gift of life for the whole world; through our Lord of life, Jesus Christ, Your Son,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus” *LSB 919*

**Abide O dearest Jesus
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place**

**Abide O dear Redeemer
Among us with Your Word
And thus now and here-after
True peace and joy afford**

**Abide with heav’nly brightness
Among us precious Light
Your truth direct and keep us
From error’s gloomy night**

**Abide with richest blessings
Among us bounteous Lord
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word**

Abide with Your protection
Among us Lord our strength
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length

Abide O faithful Savior
Among us with Your love
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor
Marie Brown, Organist
Bill Switter, Elder
Jim Bumgarner, Reader
Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BINGO!

September 7th & 21st

Quilting

September 8th, 15th & 29th

All Thursday's

Wednesday Bible Study

Starting September 14th @ 10:30am

Studying the book of ACTS.

If you need a study copy, please see Ken Kosmalski

Sunday Bible Study

Starting September 11th after service

Studying Women of the Bible

Wednesday & Sunday Bible Studies

keep Ken Kosmalski & Jim Bumgarner, the bible study leaders, in your prayers that they be filled with the wisdom from on high as they make their preparation and as they conduct the classes.

Attendance

Sunday August 28th

9:30 am 34

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Michelle & Gary Yowler – September 9th

Birthdays

Mary Bigliardi – September 5th

Dave Hamilton – September 6th

Morgan Stamp- September 8th

For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

George Morton, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

Albert Glueck, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Mullen's Family, Friend of Pam Benford, COVID

Pat Bates, giving her doctors the wisdom to discover the cause of her illness and then then prescribing the treatment.

Family of Shaquindra Smith, Friend of Glenn Cairns, who was called to glory

Glenn & Sandy Cairns, COVID

Cecelia 'sis' Hamilton, for patience in the healing process

Kimberly Armstrong, for patience in the healing process

Lynn Mayfield, Daughter of Mack Mayfield, for patience in the healing process

Laraine Maynard, Friend of Pam Benford, in hospice for lung cancer

Amanda Hofnagle, Friend of Panich family, health issues

Rachel Holt, successful surgery, now Cancer Free!

Golf Outing on October 1, 2022.

Pray for the commitments of all participants by next Sunday, the 11th of September

pray for members to give of their time to help with a portion of the program they are comfortable with, knowing that they do not have to golf

pray for the opportunity to share our love for Christ our Saviour, who has sacrificed life so that all may choose life!