

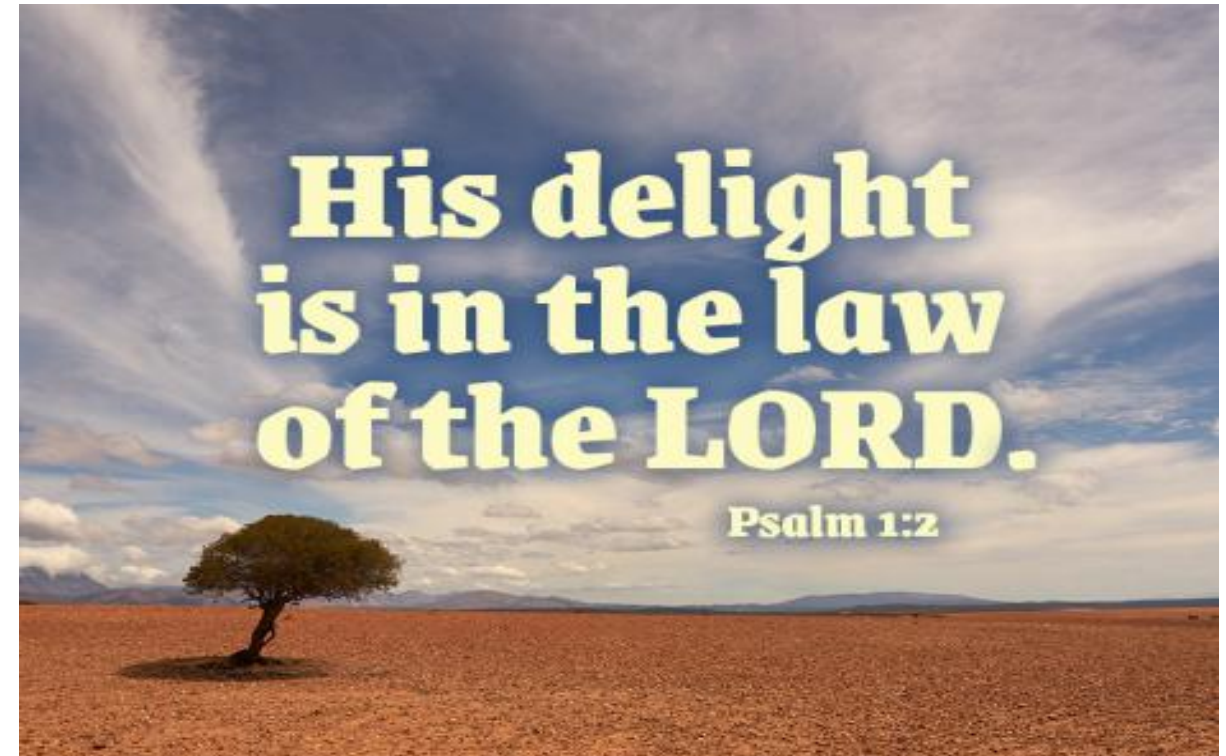
and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no 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. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it — to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

²⁵Great crowds accompanied {Jesus}, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“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. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or 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? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It 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.”

Lessons for Next Week

Ezekiel 34:11-24; Psalm 119:169-176; 1 Timothy 1:[5-11] 12-17; Luke 15:1-10



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The Order of Word and Sacrament
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 7, 2025

Prelude, Announcements (please stand when indicated by *)
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We Are Sent to Our Mission Fields

**Go in peace, serve the Lord. Thanks be to God*

Postlude

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If 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. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹I 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, ²⁰loving 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.”

Psalm 1

- ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,**
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- ⁴**It is not so with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶and 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. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man

What's Happening

Today:

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored anonymously. Thank you!
Taco Lunch after the worship service

This Week:

Wednesday 6:30-8 pm Men's Fellowship at Otium Brewery

Notes and News

- Holy Communion next Sunday with Rev. Blayne Watts, followed by a meal. Ham and scalloped potatoes will be provided—please bring side dishes and desserts if you can.
- Season 3 of “The Chosen” video series will be viewed and discussed in two weekly sessions: one Tuesdays at 6 (light supper provided), beginning September 16, and the other meeting Thursdays at 1 p.m., beginning September 18. Please let us know if you are interested. You are encouraged to watch or review Seasons 1 and 2 before our first meeting.
- **Happy Grandparents Day!**

Fall Educational Programs

Let Me Shine Preschool

Heather Notsch, Director and Teacher
Alexiss Chapmon, Aide
Lisa Kuntz, Teacher
Sierra Stevenson, Aide

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Kassy Harding, new member

Children's Church

Kacie Eayrs and Marie Wacker, Teachers

Sunday School by Mail

Mollie Phipps, Coordinator

Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th Graders

Lea Moore, Instructor

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