

**ORFORDVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.*

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 30, 2020**

**9:00 a.m.**

*Parking Lot/Lawn Chair Service*



**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

**Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

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 Jesus 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. **Amen.**

**Apostolic Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

A reading from Jeremiah:

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your 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.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And 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,  
says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

## Gradual

*Alleluia.* May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes | of our hearts,\*  
**so that we may know the hope to which | God has called us. Alleluia.** (Eph. 1:17, 18)

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

The Gospel of Matthew

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Message

**“Humm of the Day”** O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me,  
my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.

2 Oh, let me feel you near me;  
the world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer  
to shield my soul from sin.

3 Oh, let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will.  
Now speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
now speak and make me listen,  
O Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow,  
my master and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

## Offering Message

### Prayers of Intercession

As we gather separately and together in the Spirit, let us pray for the needs of the world. The people respond to each petition *muttering* the words, “In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.”

Caring for the church around the world, we pray — for a spirit of ecumenical cooperation, for the health of congregations during this difficult time, for our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. . .Hear us, God our Savior;

**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Seeing before us your good creation, we pray — for the repair of what we have harmed, for polar ice, for lands dealing with oppressive heat, for fields ravaged by storms and fires. . .Hear us, God our Creator:

**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Facing so many international problems we pray — for the strengthening of democracies, for peaceful resolutions to conflicts, for the people of Belarus, Lebanon, and Yemen, for researchers seeking a vaccine, for racial justice within our nation, for our legislators to assist the lives of the poor, for an ethical election campaign. . .Hear us, God our mighty Fortress;

**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Surrounded by people with great and hidden need we pray — for families frightened by the uncertain future, for those whose homes have burned down, for students deprived of effective education, for refugees and for prisoners. . .Hear us, God our Hope,

**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Aware of all who are sick and suffering we pray — for all who are facing the coronavirus, for those without medical care, for those we remember here before you. . .Hear us, God our Healer;

**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Confident of your love for us, we pray also for ourselves: Hear us, God our Friend;

**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Bless our sister, \_\_\_\_\_, elected by the people to be our next bishop. Strengthen and sustain her that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people. Grant that the people and congregations of the South-Central Synod of the ELCA may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord: Hear us, God of the Church:

**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

Mindful of all who have gone before us in the faith, we offer our thanks — for all the saints famous and forgotten, for medical workers who have died of the virus, for friends and family we have loved, for the promise of everlasting life with you. . Hear us, God our Homeland;

**In your steadfast love, receive our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who taught us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

### SENDING

## Announcements

### Blessing

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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***Please remember in prayer:***

- All our friends who cannot be with us today due to health, employment or other circumstances.