

13th Sunday after Pentecost

09-04-2022

Joe Lettrich, Interim Pastor
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Celebrate (Introduction)

“Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul’s request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God’s grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to ‘choose life’—to choose life in God as our own.”

Opening Hymn: [ELW 660 – Lift High the Cross](#)

Psalmody: Psalm 1

The Two Ways

1 Happy are those
 who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
 or sit in the seat of scoffers,
2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.
3 They are like trees
 planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

4 The wicked are not so
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

Anthem: [Debbie and Brad Bondhus, “I’ll Walk with God” by N. Brodsky](#)

Hymn of Praise: [ELW 807 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#)

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: [Deuteronomy 30:15-20](#)

2nd Reading: [Philemon 1-21](#)

The Gospel: [Luke 14:25-33](#)

Hymn: [ELW 712 - Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service](#)

The Message: ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

Offering*: ([On-Line giving Link](#)):

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially Eugene Ash, Pam Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, Rebecca Brennan, Judy Cosentino, Mary Goehring, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Kate Kennedy, David Kieffer, Charles Larsen, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Elise Oliver, Peter Olsen, Debra Pastor, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther and Buck Trautwein, Rhonda Williams, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters

Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,

And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.

So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: [ELW 888 - O Beautiful for Spacious Skies](#)

Announcements

- Outdoor Worship, 11 September 2022
- Fall picnic, Sunday, 25 September 2022

*Offering to be sent to
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