

# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*"Hidden Stories of the Bible" Summer Series*

**ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten**

**August 18, 2024**

**10:30 AM**



**Our Saviour Lutheran Church**

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of preparation.*

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.

**Amen.**

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

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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 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.**

*The assembly stands.*

*The service continues with gathering song.*

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing food for your children,  
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.

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### GREETING

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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

**And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

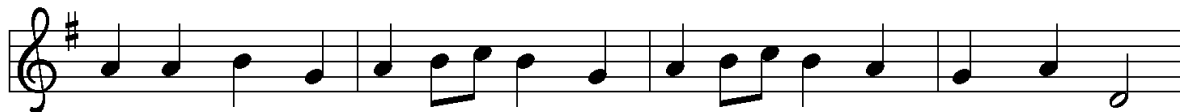
*based on the Gloria in Excelsis*



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Children come forward as we sing:*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: ACTS 12:1-17

L A reading from the book of Acts.

**Narrator:** **12** *Back in Jerusalem, hard times came to the disciples.* King Herod violently seized some who belonged to the church with the intention of mistreating them. **2** He ordered James (brother of John) to be executed by the sword, *the first of those appointed as emissaries to be martyred.* **3** This move pleased Jewish public opinion, so he decided to arrest Peter also. During the holy festival of Unleavened Bread, **4** he caught Peter and imprisoned him, assigning four squads of soldiers to guard him. He planned to bring him to trial publicly after the Passover holiday.

**5** During Peter's imprisonment, the church prayed constantly and intensely to God for his safety. **6** *Their prayers were not answered,* until the night before Peter's execution.

*Picture this event:* Peter is sound asleep between two soldiers, double-chained, with still more guards outside the prison door watching for external intruders. **7** Suddenly the cell fills with light: it is a messenger of the Lord manifesting himself. He taps Peter on the side, awakening him.

**Messenger of the Lord:** Get up, quickly.

**Narrator:** The chains fall off Peter's wrists.

**Messenger of the Lord:** **8** Come on! Put on your belt. Put on your sandals.

**Narrator:** Peter puts them on *and just stands there.*

**Messenger of the Lord:** Pull your cloak over your shoulders. *Come on!* Follow me!

**Narrator:** **9** Peter does so, but he is completely dazed. He doesn't think this is really happening—he assumes he is dreaming or having a vision. **10** They pass the first guard. They pass the second guard. They come to the iron gate that opens to the city. The gate swings open for them on its own, and they walk into a lane. Suddenly the messenger disappears.

**11** Peter finally realized all that had really happened.

**Peter:** *Amazing!* The Lord has sent His messenger to rescue me from Herod and the public spectacle *of my execution* which the Jews fully expected.

**Narrator:** **12** Peter immediately rushed over to the home of a woman named Mary. (Mary's son, John Mark, *would eventually become an important associate of the apostles.*) A large group had gathered there to pray *for Peter and his safety.* **13** He knocked at the outer gate; and a maid, Rhoda,

answered. <sup>14</sup> She recognized Peter's voice, but she was so overcome with excitement that she left him standing on the street and ran inside to tell everyone.

**Rhoda:** *Our prayers were answered! Peter is at the front gate!*

**Praying Believers:** <sup>15</sup> *Rhoda, you're crazy!*

**Rhoda:** *No! Peter's out there! I'm sure of it!*

**Praying Believers:** Well, maybe it's his *guardian angel or something.*

**Narrator:** <sup>16</sup> All this time, Peter was still out in the street, knocking on the gate. *Finally* they came and let him in. *Of course*, the disciples were stunned, *and everyone was talking at once.* <sup>17</sup> Peter motioned for them to quiet down and then told them the amazing story of how the Lord engineered his escape.

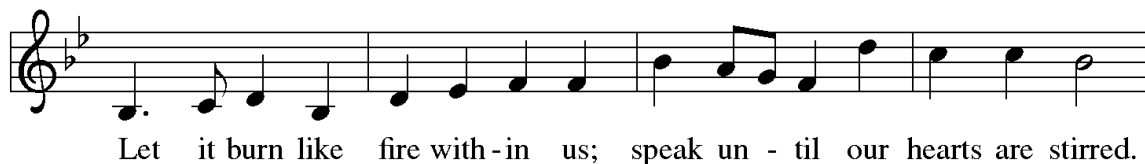
L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*based on John 6:68*

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



#### GOSPEL: Luke 22:31-34

P The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[And the Lord Jesus said to Simon Peter] “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” <sup>33</sup>And he said to

him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*      **ELW 742**

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| 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,<br>all our sins and griefs to bear!<br>What a privilege to carry<br>ev'rything to God in prayer!<br>Oh, what peace we often forfeit;<br>oh, what needless pain we bear--<br>all because we do not carry<br>ev'rything to God in prayer! | who will all our sorrows share?<br>Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--<br>take it to the Lord in prayer.  |
| 2 Have we trials and temptations?<br>Is there trouble anywhere?<br>We should never be discouraged--<br>take it to the Lord in prayer.<br>Can we find a friend so faithful   | 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,<br>cumbered with a load of care?<br>Precious Savior, still our refuge--<br>take it to the Lord in prayer.<br>Do your friends despise, forsake you?<br>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br>In his arms he'll take and shield you;<br>you will find a solace there. |

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

## CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

***An assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.***

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people in need [saying Gracious God / Answer us]

We pray for the church. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,  
**Answer us.**

We pray for our nation and for all nations. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,  
**Answer us.**

We pray for peace. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,  
**Answer us.**

We pray for mercy. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,  
**Answer us.**

We pray for healing. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,  
**Answer us.**

We pray for good weather. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,  
**Answer us.**

We pray for the harvest and those who depend upon it. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,  
**Answer us.**

We pray for the woodlands and waterways. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,  
**Answer us.**

We pray for the dying. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,  
**Answer us.**

We pray for the things we need but do not want. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,  
**Answer us.**

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and answer them for the sake of your abundant love.

**Amen.**



## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

Let us offer to God what God has first given to us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

**Amen**

*An offering is received for the work of the Church, including the care of those in need.*

## OFFERTORY SONG

*ELW 885*

*We rise to sing as the offering is brought forward.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead the following prayer.*

Let us pray together.

**God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

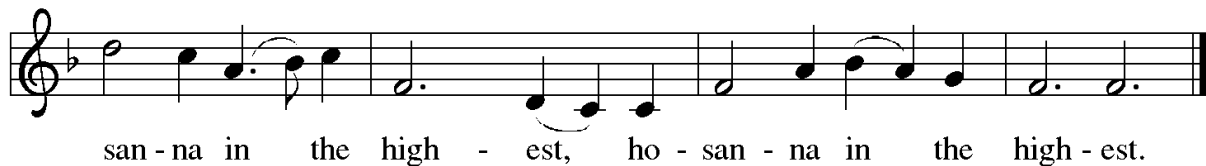
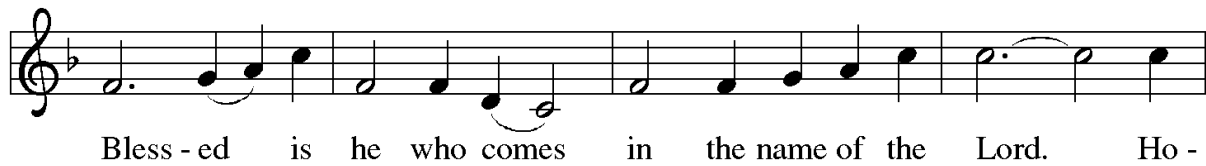
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*ISAIAH 6:6 & PSALM 118:26*



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*On behalf of the assembly, the presiding minister offers a sacrifice of praise and thanks.*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly in the words of Psalm 34.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Happy are those who take refuge in him.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**CANTICLE: LAMB OF GOD**

*based on John 1:29*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION**

*We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are invited to his table. To learn about being baptized, speak to a pastor.*

*You may eat the Body and drink the Blood from the cup, or you may dip the Body into the Blood before consuming them together. Alternatively, you may cross your arms in front of your chest to ask for a blessing instead of either or both elements. Those who refrain may do so trusting that Christ is fully present according to his promise.*

**COMMUNION SONG**

*A hymn may be sung or the organ may play quietly as the assembly comes forward to share in the Meal.*

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister blesses those who have shared in the meal.*

The true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his most precious Blood strengthen you and preserve you unto everlasting life.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assisting minister leads prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### SENDING SONG

#### *GOD BE WITH YOU TIL WE MEET AGAIN*

*ELW*

**536**

1 God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

#### *Refrain*

Till we meet, (till we meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet again,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we  
meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet,  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;  
holy wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

#### *Refrain*

3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

#### *Refrain*

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

#### DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Liturgical Elements

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