

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Susan Roegge – “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee,” arr. Gail Ann Wasson

GATHERING

**Call to Worship and Confession*

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

C: Amen

P: As we consider what it means to be a disciple, we ask ourselves the question:

C: Who am I following?

P: Everybody is following something or someone, but are we following Jesus? As we gather for worship, we are here to praise God for who God is and all that God has done. We are here to receive the grace of God in water and word, bread and wine. We are here to lift our voices in prayer and song. We are here as a community of faith that walks with one another through the joys and struggles of life.

C: Let us also be here to follow Jesus!

P: Too often, we do not follow Jesus. We follow people and ideas that make us feel good, that give us what we want, and make us feel right and that others are wrong. I invite you to take this time of silence to confess all that we follow that leads us down this dark path.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, following people, things, and ideas that lead us away from you. What we follow influences what we love, and we have not loved you with our whole hearts or 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 would follow you first, above all else, to be with Jesus, to become like Jesus, and to do as Jesus did, all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives 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... and, I invite you into a deeper journey of discipleship, of apprenticeship, that we would be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do as Jesus did. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Call to Worship – “How Firm a Foundation” ELW 796*

(organ)

- 1 **How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
- 2 **"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**
- 3 **"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**
- 4 **"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

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

C: **And also with you.**

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise – “O Master, Let Me Walk with You” ELW 818 (organ)

- 1 **O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 2 **Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**
- 3 **Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,**
- 4 **In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.**

WORD

Please stand

**Gospel Reading:* John 13:1-5, 12-15

Reader: Carol VanderKloot

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

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

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you?’ ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

R: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Goal #3: Do as Jesus Did

Song of the Day – “Carry the Light”

(piano)

**1. In this world of darkness we are given light,
Hope for all the dying. How will they know?**

How will they know ... that Jesus loves them, And He died to save them?

Refrain: Carry the Light, carry the Light.

Go and tell the children they are precious in His sight.

Carry the Light, carry the Light. Go and preach the gospel ‘til there is no more night.

In the name of Jesus Christ, carry the Light;

(2nd time) the Light. Carry the Light.

**2. Count them by the millions, blinded slaves to sin.
Inside they are dying. How will they know?**

How will they know ... that Jesus loves them, And His heart is breaking? Refrain

**The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

~ Mission Moment on Discipleship ~
with Melissa Street

–Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew–

**Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

P: 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.

**Lord's Prayer*

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.

Communion Songs

“God’s Work, Our Hands” (ACS 1000) (organ)

- 1 **God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 2 **God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 3 **God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**
- 4 **God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.**

“Make Me an Instrument” (piano)

*Refrain: Make me an instrument of your love; let me be a channel from above;
Make me an instrument of your love, an instrument of your love.*

1. **When a friend is in need of an open heart, let me be there, oh, let me be there.
When a friend is lost with nowhere to go, let me be there. Refrain**

**2. When someone is hungry, when someone is cold,
let me be there, oh, let me be there.**

When someone needs help to carry their load, let me be there. *Refrain*

**3. If someone should wonder, is God still alive, let me be there, oh, let me be there.
If someone should wonder, does God really care, let me be there. *Refrain***

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “Go and Do”*

(piano)

**Go and do as I have done for you. Go and do as I have said!
Go and do as I have done for you. And they will know you by your love,
they will know you by your love,
they will know you by the things you go and do!**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Kay Schnitker
Greeter: Barb Fishback
Reader: Carol VanderKloot
Usher: Hallie Mayner
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Organist: Sandi Watts
Pianist: Susan Roegge
Drummer: John Demian
Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen
Financial Assistants: Kelly Hartz & Gaylon Martin
Chancel Committee: Kris Roth
Coffee Host: Kay Schnitker



Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Kelly Hartz	Kris Roth	Carol VanderKloot
Louis Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Cole Street	
Marilyn Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Melissa Street	

Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Gaylon Martin	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Patty Nelson	Kelly Street
Marilyn Dichsen			

The altar plants are given today by
Greg & Terri Kimler in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, August 18, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Discussion: "Discipleship," in the Justice Room

Wednesday, August 21, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Library

Sunday, August 25, 9:30am: Worship + Baptism: Hazel Sibert

10:45am: Discussion: "Discipleship," in the Justice Room

Wednesday, August 28, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

News Updates

Discussion after Worship – August 18 & 25 – "Discipleship"

Pastor Adam's new sermon series on discipleship will draw from the book, "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. Following worship, all are invited to the Justice Room to discuss the book, the sermon, and other aspects of discipleship in our church and lives. Copies of the book are available for \$10 under the working cross in the gathering area. Our focus will be one chapter each week, but as always, we are always open to where the Spirit leads!

Men's Prayer Group

Help us grow our group! You can meet in person at Faith on **Wednesday mornings at 7:00**, or on zoom. Contact one of the guys to let them know you are coming: Gilbert Joehl, Kevin Krohe, or Larry Kuster.

Discipleship Group

Join our monthly discussion at **10:00am on Wednesday, August 21** in the Faith Library. Spend time with others in prayer, study, and conversation. For more info, contact Kelly Hartz: 217-502-1979 or khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Music is a Great Way to Connect!

We are always looking for people to sing or play special music for a prelude or a stewardship offering. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts: jrwelch53@msn.com or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)

Sunday School – Rally Day is September 8!

We are making plans for this Fall's Sunday School program. **If you have an interest in helping**, please contact the church office or talk to Pastor Adam.

Soup Luncheon Carry-Out Style

We would like to have our annual Soup Luncheon like we did last year — carry-out meals of a soup and dessert on **Sunday, October 13** after church until 1:00pm. Please plan to purchase lunch to take home that day and consider offering to help with the preparation. This event will also be open to the public. Sign-up sheets will be available soon! We'll need donations of soup and desserts, help to package those on Saturday morning, then help with the carry out after church on Sunday.

Outdoor Worship and Potluck

Our final outdoor worship of the summer will be on September 1. To assure all can participate, there will be seating and communion stations on the east lawn, on the parking lot, and indoors (with worship visible from the Justice room windows), as well as being live streamed. Following the service, we will move indoors for a potluck meal in the Great Room. Invite a friend and join us for these wonderful times together!

Indoor Potluck on September 1

Following outdoor worship on September 1, we will move indoors for a potluck meal in the Great Room. If you can help clean up after the meal, that would be great. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy these meals together – we ran a bit short on food for the August meal. If you are able, please sign up by the Total Ministry Center to bring a dish, help set up, or help clean up.

Coming Up September 9-13: Doorbell Dinners

Help us deliver meals in the community. For more information and to sign up, visit the signup counter by the Fair-Trade coffee sales.

Exploring the Lutheran Confessions – Fall Adult Faith Formation Class

The fall Adult Faith Formation class will be "Exploring the Lutheran Confessions," led by the Rev. Chris Repp (Grace, Champaign). Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon via **Zoom on September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26, and November 16 and 30.**

Registration is open now at **[CSIS-ELCA.org/aff24fall](https://www.csis-elca.org/aff24fall)**. The cost is \$25 for a general course audit and \$50 for Synod-Authorized Ministry students. If cost is a hardship, please contact the synod office about a scholarship. The synod thanks Immanuel Lutheran Church, Colfax, for the generous donation of funds to help keep costs low

What we believe about God affects how we talk about God. How we talk about God determines whether we proclaim the gospel or some other message that is not faithful to who God is and what God is up to in Jesus Christ. This realization is what set Martin Luther and his colleagues down the path of reform 500 years ago. It is the enduring legacy of the Lutheran movement and a gift to the ecumenical church. This course is a study of the Lutheran Confessions to see how these texts continue to be vitally important to the mission of the church today.

Pastor Chris Repp received his undergraduate degree in Russian language and literature from Purdue University, an M.Div. from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and a Ph.D. in Russian history from the University of Illinois at Chicago. From 1999 to 2003 he served as an ELCA missionary in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he taught church history and systematic and confessional theology at a Russian Lutheran seminary. He then served as pastor of Epiphany Lutheran Church in Carbondale for 12 years before accepting his current call to Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign in 2015. A former member and chair of the ELCA's Global Mission Program Committee, he chaired the synod's Candidacy Committee from 2018-2023.

Sign-Up Sheets

are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea

Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange (on the counter outside of the coat closet). Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with "*coffee*" designated in the memo area.