

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Observing the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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OPENING HYMN

“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

LSB 584

**Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord,  
Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad.  
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found,  
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.**

**May the Spirit’s pow’r unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain,  
Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.  
So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.  
Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

INVOCATION

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

INTROIT

O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind. I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.** O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

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## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 29:11–19

<sup>11</sup>The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." <sup>12</sup>And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." <sup>13</sup>And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, <sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." <sup>15</sup>Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" <sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? <sup>17</sup>Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? <sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. <sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 5:22–33

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THE ALLELUIA

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

### GOSPEL: Mark 7:1–13

<sup>1</sup>When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup>and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' <sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the

commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' <sup>11</sup>But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

LSB 646

**Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.**

**God has called you out of darkness Into His most marv'ulous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.**

**Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God's heart of love;  
But He brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heav'n above.  
Let His love flow out to others, Let them feel a Father's care;  
That they too may know His welcome And His countless blessings share.**

**Church of God, elect and holy, Be the people He intends;  
Strong in faith and swift to answer Each command your Master sends:  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Gave your lives in joyful service—Sing His praise, His love declare.**

SERMON: "A Life of Love" Ephesians 4:1-7, 15-16, 22-27, 20-5:2,15-33 (See end of bulletin for full sermon text)

#### THE OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me, Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

#### OFFERING

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### THE SANCTUS

#### THE 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!**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PAX DOMINI

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

**C: Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

### DISTRIBUTION

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”

LSB 602

**The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ and cling to His strong name.**

**The gifts flow from the font where He call us His own;  
New life He gives that makes us His and His alone.  
Here He forgives our sins with water and His Word;  
The triune God Himself gives pow'r to call Him Lord.**

**The gifts of grace and peace from absolution flow;  
The pastor's words are Christ's for us to trust and know.  
Forgiveness that we need is granted to us there;  
The Lord of mercy sends us forth in His blest care.**

**The gifts are there each day the holy Word is read;  
God's children listen, hear, receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with Himself, Blest words that give them life,  
Restoring and refreshing them for this world's strife.**

**The gifts are in the feast, gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.**

**All glory to the One who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His great love by which we live!**

NUNC DIMITTIS

THE THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C: And His mercy endureth forever.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C: Amen, amen, amen!**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

LSB 924

**Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.**

SERMON TEXT - Ephesians 4:1-7, 15-16, 22-27, 29-5:2, 15-33

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. . . .<sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body,

joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. . . .<sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,<sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,<sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.<sup>25</sup> Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.<sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,<sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil. . . .<sup>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.<sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.<sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. . . .<sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. . . .<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,<sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.<sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.<sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,<sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,<sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.<sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.<sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,<sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,<sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.<sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.<sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,<sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body.<sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."<sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.<sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.