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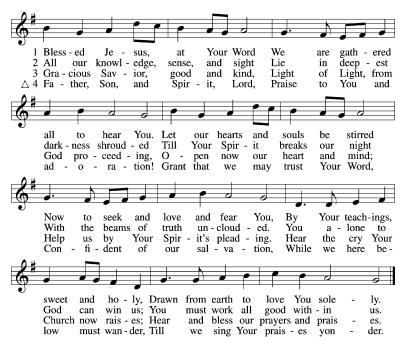
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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2022

Divine Service 4 (p. 203ff in LSB)

Preservice Music, The Call to Worship & Welcome

The Hymn of Invocation: 904 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"



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+ Invocation, Confession, and Absolution +

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- Who made heaven and earth.

- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

 Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

The Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



The Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15–20.

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by

walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

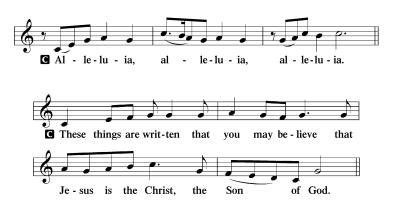
The Epistle Lesson: Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, 5because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, 9yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. 11(Formerly he

was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. 15 For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia and Verse





The Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25–35

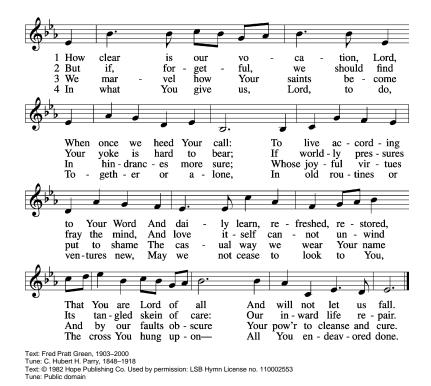
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. 34"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed (It is printed on the back inside cover of your hymnal.)

The Hymn of the Day: 853 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"



The Sermon: Philemon 1:1-21, "Forgiveness, Friendship, Freedom"

The Offering (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

The Prayer of the Church & 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.

A Song: "Here I Am to Worship"

Verse 1

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor *(Chorus)*

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (*Chorus*)

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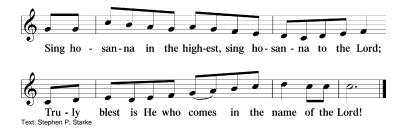
+ Service of the Sacrament +

The Preface LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus LSB 208





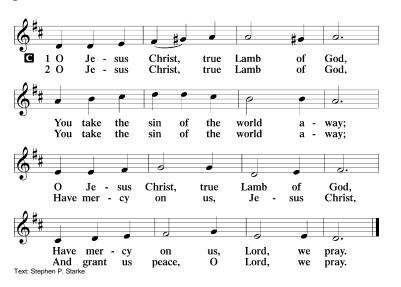
The Words of Our Lord

The Pax Domini

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

The Agnus Dei

LSB 210



The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

A Distribution Hymn: 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



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A Distribution Hymn: "His Mercy is More" (Boswell)

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness new every morn Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more (*Chorus*)

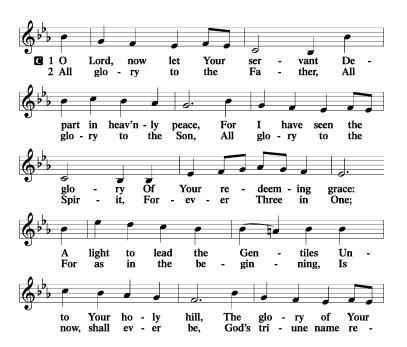
Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many His mercy is more *(Chorus)*

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The Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211





The Post-Communion Collect

The Benedicamus

LSB 212

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

- 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.
- Amen.

The Hymn to Depart: 854 "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go" (Sung to the tune of LSB 405, Winchester)

- Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
 My daily labor to pursue,
 Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
 In all I think or speak or do.
- The task Thy wisdom has assigned,
 O let me cheerfully fulfill;
 In all my works Thy presence find,
 And prove Thy good and perfect will.
- 4 Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,
 And ev'ry moment watch and pray,
 And still to things eternal look,
 And hasten to Thy glorious day.

5 For Thee delightfully employ Whate'er Thy bounteous grace has giv'n, And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with Thee to heav'n.

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Events of the Week: September 5-11, 2022

MondayWorship service is cancelledWednesday10:00 a.m. Bible study (Darrell)Thursday1:00 p.m. Dorcus Social at Russ'

Restaurant

Friday Pastor's Day off

Saturday 8:30 a.m. Men's breakfast/Bible study

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Gizmo devo on FB

9:30 a.m. Worship service 11:00 a.m. Bible study 6:00 p.m. LWML meeting

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: August 28/29, 2022

 General Fund
 3877.31

 ISJ Academy
 50.00

 TOTAL
 3927.31

Announcements

Nursery Available: Parents, we have a nursery room that you can use during the service. There is a tablet with speakers located in the nursery that livestreams our worship service. If it is not operational, ask one of the ushers to help you turn it on.

Diaper Time! During the month of September, we will be collecting diapers for the Grand Rapids Pregnancy Care

Center. All diapers are needed but especially sizes 5 and 6. Please place the diapers in the container in the coatroom. Thank you!

The September newsletter is available. It was emailed to members and paper copies are available in the foyer by the church office.

KIDZ Time is Resuming this Fall: We will be starting KIDZ Time during our Sunday morning worship services. What is KIDZ Time? Children, pre-school age (starting at 3 years of age) through grade 2, are invited to attend KIDZ Time during Pastor Schaeffer's sermon. At KIDZ Time, the children learn a Bible story (we use Sunday school material from Concordia Publishing House), do a craft, and receive a snack. When Pastor Schaeffer's sermon is done, the children return to their families for the remainder of the service. We need volunteers for KIDZ Time. We need people who will teach, and we need people who will be present and help out with the class. For safety reasons, we require two people to serve each KIDZ Time. I If you would like more information, please talk with Erin Reed or Christina Shourds

Invite a friend or family member or coworker to Sunday worship or to Bible study or to one of our groups that gather monthly.

Would you like to serve as a lector, that is, a person who reads the Old Testament and Epistle lessons on Sunday morning? If so, please see the sign-up sheet on the table by the church office and select a Sunday. There are two openings for October.

Looking to Participate in a Weekday Bible study? Darrell Pfannkuch leads a Bible study on Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. The group meets in the Gathering room. All are welcome.

The Dorcas Society invites all women to gather for lunch on Thursday, September 8 at 1 p.m. at Russ' restaurant on Plainfield Ave. Join us for good food, fellowship and sharing God's love with each other.

Join the LWML on Sunday, September 11th at 6:00 pm for a Bible Study on John 10:27. Marjie Weiss and Carol Bifulco will share highlights from their experiences as St. James' delegates to the LWML District Convention. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Together we will look ahead to the coming year's opportunities for service, enrichment, encouragement, and worship!

Choirs begin Thursday, September 22nd. If you have a love of singing or are interested in ringing, we would love to have you join us! Our adult bell choir meets on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and our singing choir meets immediately afterwards at 7:15 pm. No experience is necessary! If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Beth McKay at 616-304-5536.

Knit/Crocheted Together in Love Sponsored by LWML

- Where: St. James Lutheran Church First Floor Classroom
- When: Sunday, September 18, 2022, 10:45 am –
 1:00pm
- Who: Anyone, ages 13 and up interested in: 1.
 learning the basics of knitting/crocheting; 2.
 advancing knitting/crocheting skills; 3. sharing
 knitting/crocheting skills and patterns; 4. visiting with
 others while working on own project; 5, fun and
 Christian fellowship
- What to bring: Your own snack/lunch; Knitting needles or crochet hook if you have one. If not, we will have one for you to use. Yarn, if you have some. If not, we will have some for you.
- How to sign-up: No need to sign-up. Just come.

St. James is looking for a parttime secretary to do the Sunday bulletin, the monthly newsletter, and updating of basic records (e.g., worship and communion attendance; church roster). If interested, please speak with Pastor Schaeffer.

Portals of Prayer (October – December), regular and large print, are available on the table in the foyer by the church office.

ISJ has some Scrip cards available for sale. If you are interested, please see Carol Bifulco and she will place your order and have the cards for you next Sunday. There is a list of available cards on the bulletin board in the Gathering room. Feel free to ask Carol if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

Who do you know who might need preschool for their child or who might be looking to send their child(ren) to an elementary Christian school? A grandchild? A neighbor's child? Please tell them about our school, ISJ Academy. The school phone number is: 616-363-0505. The ISJ Academy website is: https://www.mychristianschool.com/.

Help! A Four Bedroom Rental Home is Needed! A family associated with one of the members of St. James needs to find a reasonably priced for bedroom rental home ASAP. If you know of such a home, please contact the church office.

A Life Thought in the Church Year: Conventional wisdom once equated slaves with property instead of people. The Gospel Paul proclaimed in Philemon, about God Incarnate as humankind's slave and becoming our brother, eventually ended the injustice. And will we not delight to declare it and demonstrate the same sanctity of every human life until abortion, assisted suicide, and modern-day slavery also become obsolete?

Those who serve Today:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer

Organist: Beth McKay

Deacons: Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing

Ushers: Jim and Nancy Spears, Orlin Bowman and Caleb

Butler

Video/Sound/Recording: John and Margie Weiss and

Nathan Urbanski

July Altar Guild: Marjie Weiss and Melissa Ensing

