

THE 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 8 & 9, 2019

Welcome to Worship! For more than a week, dire warnings were sounded about the approaching Hurricane Dorian. Some areas went unscathed, while others were devastated. How do you react when warnings come? God's Word today shares warnings and rescue that make a life or death impact for everyone, not just a region.

First time guests: Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

A Staffed Nursery is available at **9:00 A.M.** below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

Bible Classes and Sunday School BEGIN TODAY. All Sunday School classes start and meet UPSTAIRS. Adult Bible Classes are in the Fellowship Hall, and the Adult Class meets upstairs in 202. Everyone is welcome!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at **9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. Gluten free wafers are available. The Common Cup will be served to those who have not taken an individual cup. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray.

Large Print bulletins and Hearing devices are available from an usher.

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THE PRELUDE: "Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now" - Georg Boehm

THE OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Hymn 905

THE CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION, AND KYRIE: Pages 151-153

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast of Victory!" Page 155

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (We pray together)

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. Amen

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together)

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. Luke 16:10

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (page 172)

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If 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 just decrees 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. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I 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. I 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, loving 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE READING: Philemon 1-21 (page 1000)

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and 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. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I 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, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no 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. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

THE ALLELUIA and VERSE: Page 156

THE GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-35 (Page 874) **C: (Sing) Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and He turned and said to them, “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. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or 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? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple. Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It 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.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (Sing) Praise to You, O Christ!**

THE HYMN: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” **Hymn 851**

THE SERMON: “Life or Death?”

THE CREED: 9:00/7:00 NICENE, (page 158); **11:15 APOSTLES’** (page 159)

THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: 9:00: “Psalm 1” – Drew Hubbard
11:15 and 7:00: “Jesus Lead Thou On -Paul Manz

THE OFFERING HYMN: “We Praise You, O God” **Hymn 785**

THE PRAYERS

+++ 9:00/7:00 HOLY COMMUNION: Pages 160-166; **9:00: “Alleluia” Hymns: 611, 633, 709, 524, 632**

THE CLOSING HYMN: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” **Hymn 918**

Please take time after the closing hymn to greet and introduce yourself to those around you.

THE POSTLUDE: “Rejoice the Lord is King” – Healey Willan

A Pastor will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.

Preacher: Pastor Blumenberg **Liturgists:** Pastor Rodriguez and Pastor Bloch

Lector: Vicar Ronchetto **Organist:** Paul Scheiderer **Special Music:** Youth/Children’s Choir

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