

## THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 6, 2020

**Service Notes:**

Hymns: **Divine Service Setting One, page 151**  
 851, 683, 740, 633, 852, 866, 528, 869  
 Old Testament Reading: 2 Chronicles 28:8-15  
 Epistle: Galatians 3:15-22  
 Holy Gospel: Luke 10:23-37  
 Sermon: "The Good Samaritan" Luke 10:23-37

Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Thursday	08/27	7:00 p.m.	47
Sunday	08/30	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	70 64

**BULLETINS** are given by Don and Donna Metzfeld in celebration of their 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**FLOWERS** are given by Richard and Stephen Johnson in loving memory of Doris Johnson. Flowers are also given by Marlene Hanson in celebration of Kya Besaw's birthday.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS** resume next weekend, September 13. Late service will also move to 10:45 a.m.

**HAND SANITIZER STANDS** There are two hand sanitizer stands that are foot-activated in the back of church. The cost is \$250 per stand. The school has already ordered four of these. If anyone would like to help with the cost, that would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please contact Dave Felber at (414) 793-5193.

**HELP/RECOMMENDATION** The trees along the west driveway have dead branches that need to be cut out. Reaching out to the congregation for anyone who could help with this or knows a contractor that would do this at a reasonable rate. Please call the church office if you can help.

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	09/06	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 a.m.</b>
Monday	09/07	NO School/Labor Day	
Tuesday	09/08	Outdoor Ed	
Wednesday	09/09	Outdoor Ed	
Thursday	09/10	Outdoor Ed	
		<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday	09/13	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b>
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
		Scrip Orders Due	

**WE PRAY** for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Mike Bice (brother-in-law of Todd Pfander), Kathleen Brook, Arlene Brown, Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, LaVerne Edenfield, Ricky Feller, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Maynard Georgson, Mark Gerloff, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Michelle Johnson, Clarence Laube, Rhonda Lesniewski, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Dave Sievert.

**SCRIP** Order due date is next Sunday, **September 13**. Order forms are available in the church narthex or in the church/school office. You may drop them off in the box at the church OR in the church/school office.

**WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS** are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

**ADOPT-A-BILL PROGRAM** list includes: Gas Bill, Electric Bill, Front of Church Landscape, Health Insurance, High School Arrearage, Mortgage, Office Supplies, School Air Conditioner, School Boilers, School Storage Building, and Water Bill. Consider supporting this worthy cause. Envelopes are on the narthex bulletin board.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS**

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/19-9/3/19)	\$83,906.26
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/20-8/31/20)	\$88,970.37
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$102,790.36
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$13,819.99)

# THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 6, 2020

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

### 2 Chronicles 28:8-15 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. <sup>9</sup> But a prophet of the Lord was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the Lord, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. <sup>10</sup> And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sinned of your own against the Lord your God? <sup>11</sup> Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the Lord is upon you." <sup>12</sup> Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war <sup>13</sup> and said to them, "You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the Lord in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel." <sup>14</sup> So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. <sup>15</sup> And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE READING

### Galatians 3:15-22 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.

<sup>16</sup> Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offspring," referring to many, but referring to one, "And

to your offspring," who is Christ. <sup>17</sup> This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. <sup>18</sup> For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. <sup>19</sup> Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. <sup>20</sup> Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. <sup>21</sup> Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. <sup>22</sup> But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

### Luke 10:23-37 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!" <sup>24</sup> For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." <sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup> And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

<sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man

who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### THE PSALMODY

#### Psalm 32:1-11 (ESV)

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.
- <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- <sup>3</sup> For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*
- <sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.
- <sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*
- <sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- <sup>9</sup> Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.
- <sup>10</sup> Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

### INTROIT

Have regard for the covenant, | [O Lord];\*  
let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame.  
Arise, O God, de- | fend your cause;\*  
do not forget the clamor | of your foes.  
O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?\*

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your |  
pasture?  
Remember your congre- | gation,\*  
which you have pur- | chased of old,  
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!\*

Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.  
Do not forget the life of your poor for- | ever.\*  
Let the poor and needy | praise your name.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Have regard for the covenant, | [O Lord];\*  
let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame.  
Arise, O God, de- | fend your cause;\*  
do not forget the clamor | of your foes.

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

*“The Good Samaritan”*

September 6 through September 12, 2020

*How shall we pray? What should we pray about? These basic questions are important and are not silly. Our flesh needs a discipline and pattern to encourage prayer for our neighbor. This devotional provides a pattern for daily prayer for yourself and your neighbor. Sunday is the day to pray for the hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word of God. Here is a sample prayer on this topic: Lord God, we give thanks for the resurrection of Your Son from the dead that our bodies might be raised up to eternal life. Keep us ever faithful to Your Word that amidst the sorrow and despair of this life we may remain firm in the hope of the resurrection of the dead. Amen.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

**THE CREED**

**VERSE:** <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. **Romans 13:10 (ESV)**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:**

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**PSALMODY PRAYER:** O Lord, whose name is above every name, open my ears to hear Your voice alone amidst all the conflicting voices of this life. Your voice in Word and Sacrament is the voice of the Creator and Preserver of all life and brings peace to all Your people. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	No School
Tuesday	Leviticus 9:1-16, 22-24
Wednesday	Leviticus 10:1-7
Thursday	Leviticus 16:1-17 (18-19) 20-22, 34
Friday	Numbers 6:22-27
Saturday	Luke 17:11-19

**CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments:**

**The Seventh Commandment**

You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

**The Eighth Commandment**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

**Luther, Lectures on Genesis 3:13:** Therefore, I urge you with all diligence to consider the teaching of the Gospel a matter of the utmost importance. For we see from this passage what happens in the case of Adam and Eve when sin is present and this knowledge of the promise and of grace is lacking. The condemnation of Satan also points to the same result; for just as he lacks the promise of grace, so he cannot put an end to his transgressions, blasphemies, and hatred of God. For this reason, Adam's situation is better. He is called to account that he might acknowledge his sin and, after he is thoroughly frightened by his sin, be given courage through the promise of the remission of sins. About this a most beautiful text now follows, in which the preaching about Christ is included. However, just as the end of this affair shows the very great kindness and mercy of God toward man (inasmuch as He calls him back for the remission of his sins and for eternal life through the Seed who was to come), so also the beginnings of this affair, if we evaluate them properly, are more lenient than what Adam deserved. There is not that terrible sight as on Mt. Sinai, where trumpet blasts were mingled with flashes of lightning and peals of thunder. But God comes in a very soft breeze to indicate that the reprimand will be fatherly. He does not drive Adam away from Himself because of his sin, but He calls him and calls him back from his sin. Yet Adam does not understand or see this fatherly concern, since he is overwhelmed by his sin and terror. He does not notice that God deals far differently with the serpent. He does not call the serpent. Nor-in order in this way to call it to repentance-does he ask the serpent about the sin that has been committed. But He condemns it immediately.

This shows that even then Christ, our Deliverer, had placed Himself between God and man as a Mediator. It is a very great measure of grace that after Adam's sin God does not remain silent but speaks, and in many words indeed, in order to show signs of His fatherly disposition. With the serpent everything is done differently. And so, although the promise concerning Christ is not yet there, it is already noticeable in the thought and counsel of God.  
(*LW* 1:180-181, St. Louis: Concordia, 1958)

**PRAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**OR**

**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** *LSB* 919 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" (stanza 5)

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*September 13, 2020*

"Faith Saves"

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 839, 834, 919, 849, 619, 625, 858, 737

### READINGS

Proverbs 4:10-23  
Galatians 5:16-24  
Luke 17:11-19

What is thanksgiving? The word seems to define itself, but in many cases the definition of thanksgiving overlooks the most important part—faith. This Gospel identifies for us true thanksgiving. The nine lepers who didn't return were all very happy and thankful for what had happened. They even went to show themselves to the priests, but they did not have the eyes of faith. True thanksgiving always recognizes the Giver. This is what we learn in the meaning of the Fourth Petition when we pray that God would teach us to realize that He is the Giver of all daily bread. The highest worship of God is such faith which receives the gifts of God and confesses His name as the source of every good and perfect gift. By faith we long to do the things of the Spirit as St. Paul says; but our flesh wars against the Spirit, and we do not do the things we wish. Yet, as we hear the preached Word and receive the Blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, the Spirit keeps us in the true faith and produces His fruit. As Solomon says, we are to take firm hold of the instruction we receive in the Word of God through our parents, pastors, and teachers that we may be kept on the path of the just. Faith gives attention to the words of Christ and returns to Him in thanksgiving as we gather at His altar to receive His body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. There He raises us up and sends us on our way with the declaration of the promise, *your faith has saved you.*

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