

# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Four pg. 203 in the hymnal

**WELCOME**

**BELL CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN**

**"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"**

**#596 vs 1-4**

**BAPTISM**

**Reagan Danielle Cast**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 29:11-19 (ESV)**

*The prophet issues a stern warning to those who believe they can hide their plans from the LORD. He foretells a coming day of judgment for those who despise the LORD, but salvation for those who fear Him. These last verses of the text were fulfilled at the coming of Jesus.*

And 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." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." 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, 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." 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?" 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"? 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? 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. 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 READING**

**Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV)**

*Paul describes the beautiful mystery of a Christian marriage. As husbands and wives give themselves to one another in love, they give the world a picture of Christ's close bond with the Church.*

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 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. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 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. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 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.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

**"These Things are Written"**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 7:1-13 (ESV)**

*Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for being overly concerned with outward observances of the Law while neglecting its true meaning. The Law can be summarized as love for God and love for our neighbor.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the seventh chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, 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.) 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?" 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; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' 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)-- then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Brittany Fulcer**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**

**#461 vs 1-3,8**

SERMON  
OFFERING  
OFFERTORY  
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION  
CLOSING HYMN  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

#789 vs 1,3

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#525 vs 1,2,4

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Ben Francisco, Faith Lutheran Church & School, York

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

#### For Our Congregation and Community:

**Grayson Gierhan, son of Braylon and Samantha, hospitalized with RSV**

**Dealing with an illness:** Reyna Grantski, Taida Grantski, Ann Gardels, Mary Reeves (niece of Bobbie Luce), Sharron Owens, Pauline Bulgrin, Pat Koch, Karen Stuart (Roy Richter's mother), Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks, Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

**Recovering from surgery:** Artie Rutledge, Merle Schmieding

**Declining Health:** LaVern Stuhr

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#### *In Response to God's Love*

**August 15:** Inperson Attendance: 201    Visitors: 7    Online: 75    Communion: 148

#### VOLUNTEERS:

**TODAY(08-22-21) Acolyte:** Abbie Saunders    **Lay Reader:** Justin Slawnyk    **Organist:** Carol Erks

#### THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (08-22)	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Voters Meeting
MONDAY (08-23)	9:30 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (08-24)	-----	
WEDNESDAY (08-25)	8:30 AM	Chapel -Pastor Mau
	8:45 AM	Orphan Grain Train
	3:45 PM	Midweek classes
	6:30 PM	St Paul Lutheran School Carry In Dinner
THURSDAY (08-26)	-----	St Paul Lutheran School Picture Day
FRIDAY (08-27)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (08-28)	-----	
SUNDAY (08-29)	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	10:45 AM	Tanking Trip

As of 08-17-21	Amount received 08-15-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$5,153.00		\$386,843.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$3,880.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$19,256.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$5,153.00	\$20,440.00	\$409,979.00	\$506,637.00	-\$96,658.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$500.00	Bldg Fund**	\$7,908.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$600.00	Teacherage Fund	\$675.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$175.00		\$1,776.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$50.00	\$58.00	\$4,885.00	\$4,808.00	\$77.00

Current Operating Note: \$69,000.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) \*\*Insurance Proceeds Received

**We welcome into God's Family**

Reagan Danielle Cast  
 Daughter of Bryan and Danielle Cast  
 Sponsors are Patrick Cast, Nathan Cast and Karl Cast

Sunday Night Sundaes at the Utica Sr. Center, Sunday, Aug. 22, serving from  
 5:30 to 6:30. Everyone welcome. Free Will Offering.

***In Celebration of Florence Gruber's 98th birthday on Thursday August 26th, her family would like to honor her with a shower of cards. Cards can be sent to her at Willow Brook Assisted Living #105 2714 N Lincoln Ave York NE 68467 All birthday greetings will be appreciated!!***

*Josephine Turnbull and Girl Scout Troop 20538 are collecting items to furnish a home for a refugee family, through Lutheran Family Services. A list of supplies being collected can be found on the bulletin board and at the Welcome Center. Small items may be left in the collection box. For larger items or questions, contact Josephine or Stacie at [stacie.turnbull@gmail.com](mailto:stacie.turnbull@gmail.com) or 402-266-1529. Thank you for supporting this project!*

**Sponsor a Child through WGO**

You have the opportunity to sponsor a child in Honduras through the ministry of World Gospel Outreach! WGO is a Christian evangelical organization that provides "a safe haven and restoration to many at-risk, abandoned children". In previous years, members of St. Paul's have gone on mission trips to Honduras organized by WGO. These trips have had a remarkable faith impact on those who participated. Sponsoring a child is a great way to help needy children in impoverished countries AND involve your own family in the Great Commission. Check out the materials on the Mission bulletin board in the hallway or contact Sue Sullivan-Eliker to find out more.

### **Monday A.M. Bible Study**

*Pastor Dunbar will be resuming a study of the book of Proverbs started Monday, August 16th at 9:30am. Group meets in the Quilting Room. Class will be in-person only (no livestream available). This portion of Scripture covers many practical topics that apply to everyday life. All are welcome for conversation in God's Word!*

**Midweek Classes Beginning Soon!** Midweek instruction for public school 5-8th graders will begin on Wednesday, August 25th, 3:45-5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is a four-year program taught by Cristy Richters, Pastor Dunbar and DCE Brittany. It's designed to prepare children for confirmation as Lutheran Christians after their 8th grade year, and to receive Holy Communion. Informational letters were mailed out this past week. If you know of someone who is interested, please have them contact **Pastor Dunbar**.

**Upcoming Service of Healing** Please join us for an Interactive Service of Healing on Wednesday, September 1st @ 7 pm in the sanctuary. We are a people of a restoration savior, a healing savior and a savior who calms the storm of body and soul. Join us as we spend an evening in prayer and meditation around our loving God who makes all things new.