



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost ~ August 30, 2020

Prelude

"Invocation" – Alexander Guilmant

Dr. Steven Gray

Gathering Hymns

Blest Be the Tie That Binds - ELW 656 (1-4)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free,
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Welcome and Announcements

The Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Reconciling God,

C We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Day by Day - ELW 790 (1&3)

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessing, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

Prayer of The Day

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lesson: Romans 12: 9-21 (NTp.154)

Psalm 26:1-8 (OTp.508)

Gospel Acclamation

Change my Heart O God – ELW 801

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Gospel Matthew 16:21-28 (NTp.17)

Sermon - Pastor Jonathan Doolittle

Hymn of The Day

Will You Come and Follow Me - ELW 798 (vs 1,4&5)

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

P Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers

P Lord in your mercy. **C Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

Song of Prayer

O Lord, Hear My Prayer 751 – ELW

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, come and listen to me.

The Peace

Pastor: While we cannot share God's peace with each other we still live today and always with the assurance that the peace of the Lord is with us always.

Special Song

"How Can I Keep from Singing" - Penny Downs Tullock

Katy Lundeen

The Great Thanksgiving - Spoken

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. May God the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **C Amen.**

Dismissal

P Remain in God's great peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

Halle Halle Halle - ELW 172 (sing 3 times)

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah,

Halle, halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Postlude

"Toccata: Marching to Zion" – Gordon Young

Dr. Steven Gray

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Serving Us today

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Dr. Steven Gray, Organist & Director of Music
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Remember in prayer: Jesús & Virginia Mecina, Carol Nass, Bev Covey, Myra Brandt, Bill Reed, Sandy McCauley, Janet Wood, Evelyn Salvog, Merle Flattum, Ken Doolittle, Len Partyka, Beverly Partyka, Howard & Joan Knop, and Roz Battson.

Please continue to pray for all who are affected by the Corona virus, and those that serve the public in times of crisis. Please also pray for the peaceful protesters across the nation, and world, who are standing up for racial justice.

Announcements



**CONGREGATION
MEETING
September 13**

The Call Committee is pleased to present Pastor Cyndi Jones as the candidate for our new associate pastor. She has been affirmed by the Council to be approved for call at our Congregation Meeting on Sunday, September 13. She is an exceptionally bright, forward thinking, and accomplished person. We are sure she will be an incredible asset as we move into the future with Elena and Pastor Jon, serving both Spanish and English language communities with energy, wisdom and love.

The church office is under construction still so we ask that you call before you come. Angela will be on vacation from August 31st - September 7th, so it is very important to call first to make sure Pastor Jon will be in the office.

We continue offering “drive-thru” communion in the parking lot of the church from 9:30am – 10:30am. Please enter the parking lot on Bannock Street.

Please remember to send in your offerings, or donate online from the link on our website as you are able. Thank you very much.

Plea for return of jelly jars: With the current nationwide shortage of jelly jars, I’m asking that anyone who has the Quilted half pint jelly jars that I use, please return them and I will be refilling them when the wine grapes are ripe in September. I do reuse the rings and the lids so you can return those, too. Please take them to the Church office (**CALL the office FIRST**) and I will get them from there. Thank you. Bill Fredericks

Prayer Quilts: We will have 4 prayer quilts available for tying at drive-thru communion this morning. After you take communion please pull forward into a parking spot and we will come to your car for you to tie a knot and say a prayer. The quilts will be laundered and sent to Holly’s dad (Len) and grandma (Beverly), Pastor Jon’s dad (Ken), and to Howard Knop.

California Wildfires: As you may be aware, hundreds of wildfires are burning in California, forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate and costing at least six people their lives. We encourage those who are able, either individually or as a congregation, to support the work of the ELCA through **Lutheran Disaster Response** in providing aid and relief for those affected by these wildfires. You can go to their "US Wildfires" page on their website to make a donation. Click the "Give Now" button to the right of the page and you may give immediately online or scroll down to the bottom of the page to find information on how to give by phone or mail. You can also give to CLC/ILC by writing “fires” on the memo line and we will forward any funds received to LDR.

We are grateful for whatever amount of support you are able to provide. Please keep those affected by the fires and all of the emergency personnel providing their assistance in your prayers.