



13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 27, 2023

*FOR THE PROMISE IS FOR YOU, FOR YOUR CHILDREN,
AND FOR ALL WHO ARE FAR AWAY, EVERYONE WHOM THE
LORD OUR GOD CALLS*
ACTS 2:39

FILLED BY GOD'S SPIRIT - SERVING IN TODAY'S WORLD



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PRELUDE: GOOD, GOOD FATHER

CONFESSION

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. By what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen

SONG: 10.000 REASONS

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**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

1. The sun comes up it's a new day
dawning. It's time to sing Your song
again. Whatever may pass and
whatever lies before me. Let me be
singing when the evening comes

2. You're rich in love and You're slow
to anger. Your name is great and
Your heart is kind. For all Your good-
ness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart
to find

3. And on that day when my
strength is failing. The end draws
near and my time has come. Still my
soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forev-
ermore.

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

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PRAYER OF DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,,,, be with you all.
And also with you.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness

GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 16:13:–20

The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 10th Chapter
Glory to you O Lord

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you O Christ

SONG: GOD'S HIGHWAY

1. My feet are strong my eyes are clear. I cannot see the way from here But on we go. He knows the way. And in His arms He keeps me safe.

**Fear not keep on watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway**

2. The shadows flee the valley's deep. But evil cannot conquer me Your rod and staff, they protect me You give me rest. You give me peace

3. I see the shore from troubled seas. This tiny ship that carries me It is not yet but it will be So heaven come it's You we need

I'm holding onto you Lord
You're holding onto me

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APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God

Your mercy is great

SHARING OF THE PEACE

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise

Lord remember us...

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love of one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION

SONG: AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

1. Our Father Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall
Our Father Who art in Heaven
The rocks cry out Your fame
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall

**I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song
To the Lord**

**Let Your Kingdom come
Let Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Ev'ry heart proclaim
The mercy of Your name
On earth as it is in Heaven**

2. God give us new ev'ry morning
Mercy as daily bread
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
And lead us not to temptation
But deliver us with Your hand
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
Father we pray

For the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen
And the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God!

HOLY CROSS INVITES ALL TO STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS!

KEEPING IN OUR PRAYERS

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. James 5:13 (NRSV)

- **Lola Weedon, Justin Gingeske, Diane Ebeling, Sue Bird (WI), Bev Currier, Russell Dawson, Emily Freely, Joanne Paras, Dick Peterson, Mabel Rapp, Joyce, Carl Swenson, and Carolyn Swenson for healing. The Weedon Family on the passing of his sister Virginia**
- **Our homebound- Chris Mancinelli, Fong Yee, Helga Schalpe, Bill Culver, Eleanor Willert**
- **For Peace in Ukraine, Russia, and the Sudan**
- **For the families of those killed by the Maui fires, those in the paths of hurricanes, and for wise solutions to help us adapt to a changing climate**
- **For Operation Warm Heart at Zion Lutheran Church in Rahway– that the city will allow it to reopen next year.**
- **For an end to mass gun violence**

BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesdays 1PM (see Heidi Klebaur for location)

3rd Tuesday 7Pm in the Library

GIVE TO HELP THOSE DEVASTATED BY WILDFIRES



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NEXT WEEK:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

14th Sunday After Pentecost: Matthew 16:21-28



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