

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Great is Thy Faithfulness"#733

+GATHERING+

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Welcome to a special service series where we look at the Christian virtues, also called The Fruit of the Holy Spirit. They are the backbone of our faith in Jesus Christ. He embodied these virtues and passed them on to His disciples, when He breathed the Holy Spirit into them.

Living by the fruit of the Spirit is also a recipe for happiness in this life, on our beautiful planet. It takes effort, commitment and the desire to overcome fear, anger, judgment, strife, conflict, gossip, dual thinking of right and wrong, superiority, envy, jealousy and violence.

Today we conclude this series on the Fruit of the Spirit with faithfulness to the truth of Jesus which leads to the practice of self-control.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Gathering Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"#733

APOSTOLIC 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.

MORNING PRAYER

P: Let us pray together for help with our self-control:

C: Lord, give me the strength to greet the coming day in peace. Help me in all things to rely on Your holy will. Reveal Your will to me every hour of the day. Bless my dealings with all people. Teach me to treat all people who come to me throughout the day with peace of soul and with firm conviction that Your will governs all. In all my deeds and words guide my thoughts and feelings. In unexpected events, let me not forget that all are sent by you. Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give me the physical strength to bear the labors of this day. Direct my will, teach me to pray, pray in me. Amen.

+WORD+

P: Let us hear the Holy Spirit's Voice speak to us today!

Reader: Andy Gerken

FIRST READING..... Exodus 34: 5-7

The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord.' Yah-weh passed before him, and proclaimed, 'Yah-weh, Yah-weh a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. Word of God Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26: 1-8

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord,
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.
O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READINGS PASTORAL LETTER

..... 3 John 1: 2-4
Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul. I was overjoyed when some of the friends arrived and testified to **your faithfulness to the truth, namely, how you walk in the truth.** I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

WISDOM OF SOLOMON 8: 2-7
I loved Lady Wisdom and sought her from my youth; I desired to take her for my bride, and became enamored of her beauty. She glorifies her noble birth by living with God, and the Lord of all loves her. For she is an initiate in the knowledge of God, and an associate in his works. If riches are a desirable possession in life, what is richer than wisdom, the active cause of all things?
And if understanding is effective, who more than she is fashioner of what exists? And if anyone loves righteousness, her labors are virtues; for Wisdom teaches self-control and prudence, justice and courage; nothing in life is more profitable for mortals than these. Word of God Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*" (*blue hymnal*)#612

THE HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 11:28-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

But Jesus said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!' When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, 'This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. The queen of the South will rise at the judgement with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!

'No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. Therefore, consider whether the light in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays.' The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "*Self-control is a fruit of faithfulness*" Pastor Stahlberg

HYMN OF THE DAY "*We Eat the Bread of Teaching*"#518

STATEMENT OF FAITH

C: We believe God, a divine presence, gentle and loving, the ground of our being. We believe Jesus, who embodied the love of God, and who urged his followers to express that same love in their daily lives. We believe the Holy Spirit, as God's continuing presence in our world, surrounding us with compassion. We believe the church is the Body of Christ where people gather to praise and learn about Christ, to share our concern for one another, and to bring justice and healing to all of God's Creation. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

P: Trusting in God’s extraordinary faithfulness, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. Merciful God,

C: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let’s share Christ’s peace with one another.

OFFERING *We are now invited to praise God with our offering!*

Please stand to receive the Holy Gifts of God for the people of God!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your love and faithfulness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

+SENDING+

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Remember us into your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The God of peace and joy, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN “*Shout to the Lord*”#821

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the peace and joy you want to see in the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PEACE (*You may join hands.*)

C: My peace I give unto you. It’s a peace that the world cannot give. It’s a peace that the world cannot understand. Peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

A Friday evening meditation service will be offered starting at 6pm on the 9th, 16th, and 23rd of September.

LCOR members and friends—join us Saturdays for Discovery Bible Study. September 10, 17, and 24.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday and Patriot Day are September 11, 2022. LCOR is hosting a first responder appreciation barbeque here at the church with a special 10 a.m. service of recognition. Your help is needed! Sign up on the clipboard in the narthex to bring a side dish. We need many to help out that day with serving, set up, clean up, etc. Please sign up where you'd like to pitch in. Take an invitation from the table in the narthex and invite first responders you know!