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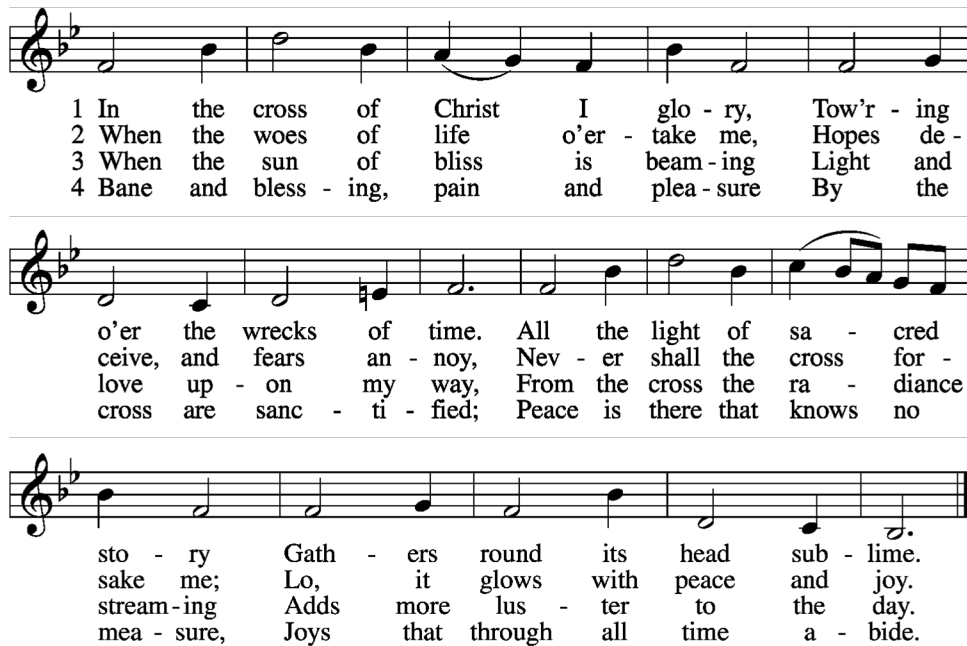
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**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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## Opening Hymn 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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### Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

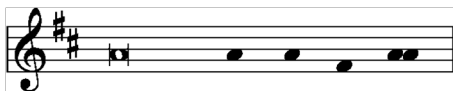
*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

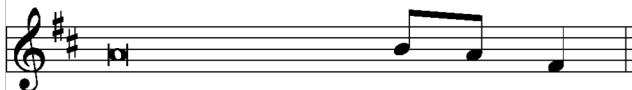
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Antiphon**

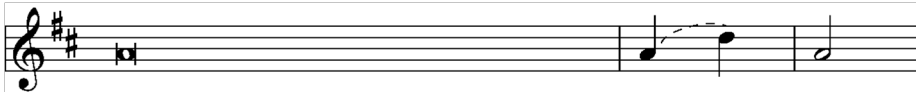
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.

**C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

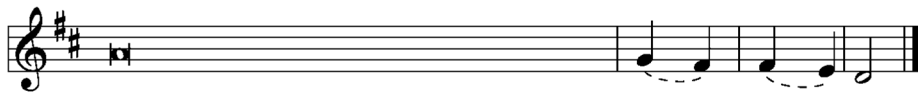
**Venite**

**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow— down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His— al - so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep— of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

*Sit*

**Psalm** *Ps. 119:28–32; antiphon: Ps. 119:27*

Make me understand the way of your | precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

**My soul melts away for | sorrow;\*  
strengthen me according | to your word!**

Put false ways | far from me\*  
and graciously teach | me your law!

**I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;\*  
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.**

I cling to your testimonies, | O LORD,\*  
let me not be | put to shame!

**I will run in the way of your com- | mandments\*  
when you en- | large my heart!**

**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.**

**Old Testament Reading**     *Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**L**    O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C**    **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**   *Philemon 1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been re-freshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is re-quired, <sup>9</sup>yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is in-

deed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**L** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel** *Luke 14:25–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**C I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Responsory**

**Common**     *LSB 221*

*Verse* *To Refrain*

**L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.  
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

*Refrain*

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

*Sit*

**Sermon Hymn 853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find  
 3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come  
 4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,

When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing  
 Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures  
 In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues  
 To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or

to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
 fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind  
 put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name  
 ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,



That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.  
 Its tan-gled skein of care: Our in-ward life re - pair.  
 And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

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**Sermon - Mr. James Baerenklau, Commissioned LCMS teacher, Trinity Lutheran School, Lombard, IL (this sermon was composed by Pastor Wagner)**

**Prayer Hymn 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God**

1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,

The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.  
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.

To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,

The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:  
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;

“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 “O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—  
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,  
 Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”  
 You o - pened heav - en’s king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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## Offering

Stand

### Kyrie

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Lord's Prayer

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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;**

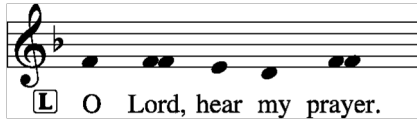
**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## Collects



### **Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

#### **Luther's Morning Prayer**

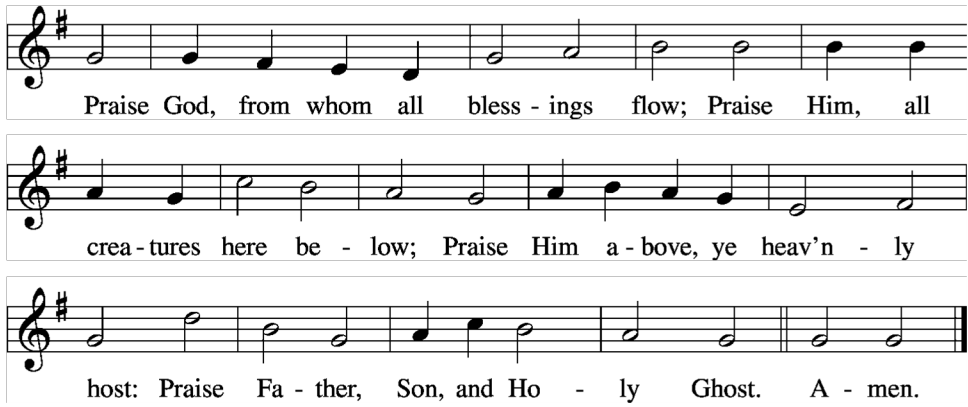
**C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**  
**Amen.**

#### **Collect for Grace**

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Benediction Hymn 805 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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### Benedicamus



**L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**G** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

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



Sit

**Dismissal Hymn 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

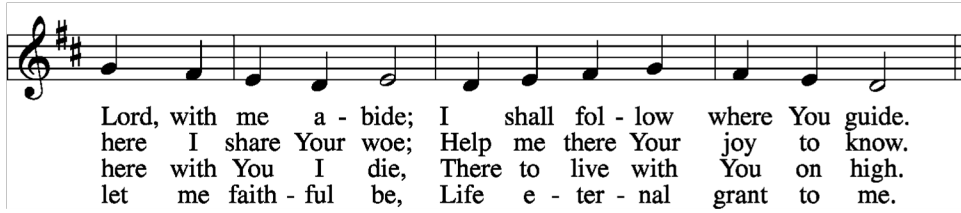
1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en

am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,

sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bid; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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