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## The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost September 4, 2022

*Color of the Day:* Green - suggesting spiritual growth and maturity. There is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church year is so lengthy. Time must be given to encourage all worshippers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.



Opening Hymn . . . . . #688 - "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake  
Confession and Absolution. . . . . Page 167

### ✠ ✠ ✠ Service of the Word ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit . . . . . Page 168

*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.

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

Kyrie . . . . . Page 168

Hymn of Praise (Gloria in Excelsis). . . . . Page 170

Salutation & Collect of the Day . . . . . Page 172

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.

Old Testament Reading . . . . . Page 172

*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."

Gradual . . . . . Page 172

*Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle Reading . . . . . Page 172

*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 refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <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 indeed 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.

Alleluia & Verse (Common) . . . . . Page 173  
 Holy Gospel . . . . . Page 173

*Luke 14:25–35*

<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.”

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day . . . . . #853 – *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

The Sermon . . . . . On giving Up Everything - Luke 14: 25-35  
*Want to read along, miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine? Check out Pastor Bogs’ blog at: rabswritings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez’s blog at: pastormendez.blogspot.com.*

**Introduction**

There is the old story about \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus’ Warning**

As Jesus moved \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Jesus speaks words which might \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The ultimate challenge \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Jesus continues by giving \_\_\_\_\_.

**Two Illustrations**

First, one does not \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It is only after we \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Renunciation**

The final step \_\_\_\_\_.

If we are looking at the “bottom line,” \_\_\_\_\_.

**What Does This Mean?**

Jesus is speaking to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 First we might remind ourselves \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Jesus demands \_\_\_\_\_.  
 One of the reasons the world \_\_\_\_\_.  
 May the Lord \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:**

Creed . . . . . Page 174/175

Prayer of the Church & Offering . . . . . Page 175

*Our First Fruits and Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God’s love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.*

Offertory. . . . . Page 176

⌘ ⌘ ⌘ *Service of the Sacrament* ⌘ ⌘ ⌘

Preface . . . . . Page 177

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus & Prayer of Thanksgiving . . . . . Page 178

Lord’s Prayer and The Words of Our Lord. . . . . Page 179

Pax Domini and Agnus Dei . . . . . Page 180

Distribution . . . . . Page 181  
*Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.*

Distribution Hymns . . . . . #713 – *From God Can Nothing Move Me*  
 #427 – *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*  
 #783 - *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) . . . . . Page 181

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction . . . . . Page 183

Closing Hymn . . . . . #661 - *The Son of God Goes Forth to War*