

**The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 18, 2024**

**9:30am Worship & Communion**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

**\* Gathering Hymn (on screen)**

**“Onward, Christian Soldiers”**

**\* Greeting p. 147** *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.***

**\* Kyrie p. 147** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

**\* This is the Feast p. 149**

**\* The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **First Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6**

9 Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup> She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, <sup>4</sup> "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, <sup>5</sup> "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup> Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading: Psalm 34:9-14**

L:<sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

**C:10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

L:<sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**C:12 What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?**

L:<sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

**ALL:14 Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

\* **Gospel Announcement**

\* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35**

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And

should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn #821**

**"Shout To The Lord"**

**The Sermon**

**Series "The Parables of Jesus"  
Part 16 – "The Unforgiving Servant"  
(text: Matthew 18:21-35)**

**Pastor William Shields**

\* **Apostles' Creed** p. 105

**The Hymn of the Day #609**

**"Chief Of Sinners Though I Be"**

**Offering**

\* **Offering Response #186**

**Prayers**

\* **Words of Institution**

\* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **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.**

**Communion**

*In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who believe Jesus Christ is our Lord & Savior are welcome at the table. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. **(Standing)** Come down the center aisle you will be served the bread & wine or white grape juice. (Gluten free wafers are available.) Deposit your cup in the baskets at the end of the rail. Return to your seats using the side aisles. During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns #800, 806, 807, 810.*

\* **Blessing**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn #534**

**"Savior, Again To Your Dear Name"**

\* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**Announcements:**

	<b><u>Weekly Events:</u></b>
Mon. Aug. 19	6:30pm – Gideon's Dinner Meeting
Tues. Aug. 20	<b>No Circle Meetings</b>
	6:30pm Security Task Force
Wed. Aug. 21	6:30am – Men's Bible Study
	1:00pm – Prayer Group
	<b>7:00pm – Choir Begins</b>
Thurs. Aug. 22	1:30pm – Quilters
Sat. Aug. 24	7:00am – Gideon's Prayer meeting
<b>Sunday, Aug. 25</b>	<b>9:30 am Worship</b>
	<b>10:45am Coffee Fellowship</b>

**Lunch in the Park  
Bake Sale**  
**Thank you to everyone who baked  
and helped with the sale.**  
**\$449.00 was raised.**

**Choir Practices**  
will begin on  
Wed. August 21  
7:00pm

*Security Task Force  
Meeting*  
*Tues., August 20*  
*6:30pm*