

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

* Confession & Forgiveness p. 116-118

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 #634 (vs. 1,2,3,4)

“All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name!”

* Greeting p. 138 *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. 138 *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. 140

* The Prayer of the Day (all pray) **Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If 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 rules, 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. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹I 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 off-spring may live, ²⁰loving 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.”

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1

L: 1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

C: ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

L: ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

C: ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

L: ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

ALL: ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-40

READER BEGINS

¹¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

READER ENDS

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had

promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.

³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy— wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 142

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:25-33**

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “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. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ 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? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ 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? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

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

Children’s Sermon

Hymn #595 (vs.1,2)

“Jesus Loves Me!”

The Sermon

**“The Supremacy Of Jesus Christ”
Part 11 – “The Faith Hall Of Fame”**

(sermon text: Hebrews 11:1-40)

Pastor William Shields

* **Apostle’s Creed** p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #638

“Blessed Assurance”

Offering

* **Offering Response #186**

Prayers

* **Words of Institution**

* **The Lord’s Prayer** p. 145 **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 share our faith are welcome. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread from Pastor, an assistant on either side will serve the wine or white grape juice. Return to your seats using the side aisles.

During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns #434,439,451,456

The Blessing

* **Benediction**

* **Sending Hymn #733**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

	<u>Weekly Events:</u>
Mon. Sept. 5 –	Office Closed
Tues. Sept. 6 -	1:00pm Library
	7:00pm Committee Night
Wed. Sept. 7-	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study
	11:00am – Pastor’s Study
	1:00pm – Prayer
	7:00pm - Choir
Thurs. Sept. 8 -	1:00pm – Quilters
	5:45pm Bible Study
Sat. Sept. 10 –	7:00am – Gideons
	Sunday, Sept. 11 – 9:30 am Sunday Worship

Prayers for: John Purvis, Brad Pearson (*nephew of Dale Fiste – stroke*), Ray Larson (*brother of Deb Lindberg*), Sandi Smith, Nick Smith, Melissa (*daughter of Nick & Sandi*), Melissa Castro (*foot problems*), Chris Balensiefen (*cerebral spinal fluid leak*), Ray Schoff (*Shoulder surgery*), Jackie Pilcher (*knee surgery*).

Cancer patients: Matt Scruggs, Janette Dunn, Loren Cook, Steve Heward (*Hank & Evelyn Sale’s son-in-law*), Steve “Pin” Johnson.

Rally Day/Outdoor Worship
September 18, 2022
Outdoor worship - 9:30am
Fellowship time - 10:45am
Potluck Salad and Dessert Lunch
Served at noon
Fried Chicken will be provided.
Please come enjoy the day and bring a salad or dessert plus your lawn chair.
Please no hot dishes.
Sign up in the back of church, if you would like to help.

CHURCH GARAGE SALE
Dave & Bernice Schuetz are willing to host a garage sale at their home to raise funds for our Church Auction. The dates set are September 15th & 16th. If you have things to contribute, please contact Bernice after 3pm at 815-878-8695.

Altar Flowers
God has showered US with love and blessings!
1st Anniversary the 5th to Elise and Ken (Swinford/Mecum)
13th Anniversary the 6th to Katie and Joel (Swinford/Hanlon)
48th Heavenly Anniversary the 7th to Randy and I
By Lani Swinford

Explorer's Bible Study
2022-2023 classes starting soon
This year's study:
1 Timothy, 2 Timothy & Titus
2 meeting times for the same study.
Wednesday Daytime group - from 9:30-11:00 a.m., begins Sept. 7.
Christ Community Church,
1719 S. Euclid Ave, Princeton.
Daytime group offers childcare. Call Sue Scruggs @815-875-1446
Thursday Nighttime group - from 7-8:30 p.m., begins Sept. 8.
St. Matthews Church,
416 E. Dover Rd, Princeton. Call Teri Schlindwein @ 815-878-5604
Men and women are welcome to come, please bring your friends!

Our Sympathy to Debbie Lindberg, her brother Larry passed away earlier this week.