

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

HYMN 239

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Stanzas 1 and 3

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Jordan Akin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in union)*

Good and gracious God, You sow the seeds of peace, love and mercy into our hearts and into this world. Forgive us for the ways we let the weeds of anger and greed overtake the growth of your goodness. Create in us hearts of love, minds for compassion, and hands for tending to your creation and lives that glorify you.

(Time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RESPONSE

Gathered in God's Name

Michael Burkhardt

Soloist sings stanza; Congregation sings refrain when invited:

Refrain

with great joy!

Gath-ered from near and far, — gath-ered in this ho-ly place,
gath-ered as strang-ers and friends, gath-ered and gift-ed by grace.
Gath-ered in God's name — 'round the liv-ing Word.
Gath-ered as one fam'-ly — in the name of love,
slowing
in the name of love, in the name of love.

THE WORD

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

Lorie Williamson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-26, 42-44, 50-52

SERMON

“The ‘Yes’ of God”

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

River Medley

T. Sharp; W. Ramsay, arr.

The Reunion Choir and Band

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story
Stanzas 1 and 3

HANKEY

BLESSING

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION:

The Summer Choir, Octet, and Reunion Choir; Samuel Libra, Organist; Blakeley Burger, fiddle; Michael Schroeder, mandolin; Steve Cooley, banjo; Jose Oreta, bass; Jennifer Potochnic, oboe. Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor
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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

R. Gregory Treitz, John G. Treitz, Jean Lee Treitz, their families, and friends on the death of Jean Treitz, 8/16/21.
Becky Shaw and her family on the death of her brother, Judd Shaw, 8/4/2021
The family and friends of Mary McDaniel on her death, 7/18/2021.
Carol McCarty and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Everett Trivisono, 7/12/2021.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for
Community Life
Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and
Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's
Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant
Virginia Fortner, Formation and Worship Assistant

Beth Haendiges, Community Life Assistant
Keith DeCosta, Sexton
Samuel Libra, DMA, Organist
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
Co-Coordinator
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator
Amy Heckmann, Childcare Coordinator
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita



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