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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus Has Grafted Us In

Atonement Lutheran Church



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*.....**CW₉₃ 463** (CW₂₁ 711) **Stz 1-4**

1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our
2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of

life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -
Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and

vites us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.
keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."

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Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*..... **CW₉₃ 463** (CW₂₁ 711) **Stz 1–4**

Confession and Absolution

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: Blessed Jesus, at your Word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek, love, and fear you.

C: By your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.

L: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

L: Your commands make me wiser than all my enemies,

C: For your words are always with me.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

L: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: So that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: Yet, so often we have despised your Word, O Lord, and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow and humbly ask you to forgive us.

All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

L: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the † Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

Prayer of the Day

L: Lord Jesus, where two or three gather in your name, you promised to be with them and share their fellowship. Look on us, your children, and graciously bless us with unity and harmony; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN!

First Lesson:

Joshua 2:1–21

¹ Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. ² The king of Jericho was told, “Look! Some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.”

³ So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.” ⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. ⁵ She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from...I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.”

⁶ But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof. ⁷ So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

⁸ Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof ⁹ and said to them, “I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. ¹⁰ We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. ¹¹ When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

¹² Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign ¹³ that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death.”

¹⁴ “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land.”

¹⁵ So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. ¹⁶ Now she had said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.”

¹⁷ The men said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us unless, ¹⁸ when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. ¹⁹ If anyone goes outside your house into the street, his blood will be on his own head; we will not be responsible. As for anyone who is in the house with you, his blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on him. ²⁰ But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.”

²¹ “Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.” So she sent them away and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window. The Word of our God

CW₉₃ Psalm 133–134

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Refrain



Psalm tone



How good and pleasant it is*
when brothers live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*
even life foreevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD*
who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,*
bless you from Zion.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Romans 11:13–24

¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry ¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

¹⁷ If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, ¹⁸ do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you.

¹⁹ Some of you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in."

²⁰ Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

²² Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. ²³ And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

²⁴ After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! This is the Word of the Lord.

Hymn: *This Is the Threefold Truth*..... **CW₉₃ 406** (CW₂₁ 824) **Stz 1–3**

1 This is the three - fold truth on which our faith de - pends;
2 Made sa - cred by long use, new - mint - ed for our time,
3 On this we fix our minds as, kneel - ing side by side,

And with this joy - ful cry wor - ship be - gins and ends:
Our lit - ur - gies sum up the hope we have in him:
We take the bread and wine, take him, the Cru - ci - fied:

Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

Gospel:**Matthew 15:21–28**

L: ²¹ Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him saying,

C: "Lord, help me!"


L: ²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

C: ²⁷ **"Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."**

L: ²⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: Faith Is a Living Power from HeavenCW₉₃ 404 Stz 1–4



1 Faith is a liv - ing pow'r from heav'n That grasps the
 2 Faith finds in Christ what - e'er we need To save or
 3 Faith in the Sav - ior brings us peace And bids the
 4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n, That you to



prom - ise God has giv'n, A trust that can - not
 strength - en us in - deed, Re - ceiv - ing grace from
 mourn - er's weep - ing cease; By faith the chil - dren's
 us this faith have giv'n Through night - y Word and



be o'er - thrown, Fixed heart - i - ly on Christ a - lone.
 heav - en's throne And hum - bly shar - ing cross and crown.
 place we claim And give all hon - or to one name.
 sac - ra - ment To trust the one whom you have sent.

Sermon:

Romans 11:17–24

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Apostles' Creed: *(together we confess)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of Grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you and give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

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!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Hymn: *This Is the Threefold Truth*..... CW₉₃ 406 (CW₂₁ 824) Stz 4 & 5



4 By this we are up - held when doubt or grief as - sails
5 This is the three - fold truth which, if we hold it fast,



Our Chris - tian faith and love, and on - ly grace a - vails:
Chang - es the world and us and brings us home at last:



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

Holy Communion will be offered to our members at the conclusion of worship.

If you are not a member, please refrain from participating.

Please arrange to speak with our pastor if you have questions regarding our practice.



Pastor Trimmer has announced that he will be retiring from full-time ministry on November 10, 2023.

Sunday, **November 5th** should be his last day to serve Atonement in Parkville.

The process for calling another Pastor begins **today and continues:**

Sunday, **September 10th** District President Seifert will hold a "pre-call" meeting.

Sunday, **September 24th** the congregation is planning to issue a Divine Call for a Pastor.



Looking Ahead

August	Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
Sun Pent 13	27	9:30 AM	Megan	Hymnsoft	Bob B.	Mark F
September	Date	Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
Sun Pent 14	3	9:30 AM	Jessica	Hymnsoft	Scott S.	
Sun Pent 15	10	9:30 AM	Dan	Jessica	Bob P.	Dan M
Sun Pent 16	17	9:30 AM	Audrey	Jessica	Gil P.	
Sun Pent 17	24	9:30 AM	Megan	Jessica	Mark F.	Scott S

Community Outreach Event



Saturday, September, 9th from 10am-Noon.

9:07am – Volunteers should arrive to arrange tents and tables.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries:

25	Angie Carne	
25	Audrey Gerlach	
28	Megan Kassebaum	
30	Garrett Schweitzer	
31	Ellen Cammarata	
31	Bob & Nancy Pieper	60 years

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

8	Paul Taylor	
9	Cynthia Freeman	
11	Aiga Jaunozolina	
12	Natasha Sullivan	
19	Philip Paul	
20	Dan Meister	
26	Larry & JoHannah Galbreath	25 years

2023 Cleaning Volunteers for Both the Church and the Fellowship Hall
Cleaning may be done any day or time during the week on or preceding the date indicated below. Thank you.

Sept	2	Pieper Family / Schweitzer Family
Sept	16	Kassebaum Family
Oct	7	Gerlach Family
Oct.	21	Galbreath Family, Jessica T