

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Create Sabbatical Summer

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————— **GATHERING** —————

Congregational responses are in bold print.
The Holy Spirit gathers us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Paul Swenson

THEME – Choose Life

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul’s request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God’s grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to “choose life”—to choose life in God as our own.

WELCOME

***GATHERING SONG** O God Beyond All Praising Worship 880

**You may
stand*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader

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.**

————— **WORD** —————

God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
(Tigrinia and English)

Reader

A reading from **Deuteronomy** -

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing 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, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**You may stand*

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Worship 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Leader

A reading from Luke -

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastoral Intern Carrie Stiles

MESSAGE

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**You may stand*

***SONG**

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Worship 808

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader

Responses: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You are welcome to stand, turn in a full circle in your space & greet others with a bow or wave in the name of Jesus who is our peace.

OFFERING

Paul Swenson

You're invited to place offerings in the baskets on your way out today. or give online at christoncapitolhill.com/donations/

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**You may stand*

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table,
we your children unite in these words:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen. **Amen, and amen.**
Together we pray in song—

CAMBODIAN LORD'S PRAYER

(music located in the back inside cover of red songbook)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come and receive.

COMMUNION

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Worship 803

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

MILESTONES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us into the world.

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Will You Come and Follow Me

Worship 798

CHARGE

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Paul Swenson

Liturgy from *Sundays and Seasons*, sundaysandseasons.com
 Hymns from *All Creation Sings* and *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*



Need a Bible?

Do you or someone you love need a Bible? Maybe a child needs a children’s Bible or a teen needs an upgrade or an adult would like the same translation that we use in worship. Let me (Pastor Joy) know and as a community, we will fulfill the baptismal promise to place in your hands the holy scriptures—one of the places we meet Jesus, the Living Word.



Deep Dive

Our shared Confirmation program with several other partner congregations—will begin meeting again this month. Pastoral Intern Carrie and Heidi Ferris will be gathering us all at Luther Seminary for a seeds prairie planting experience—that’s

September 18 from 1-3 pm.

- Are you new to Confirmation (6th to 8th grade)? If so, we look forward to welcoming you and welcoming back those who have already been on the Deep Dive path.
- Do you want to be baptized? We would love to celebrate God’s promises to you in water and word—God’s boundless welcome, goodness, love and forgiveness.

Today’s Worship Leaders

Preacher Pastoral Intern Carrie Stiles	Greeters Carol Dokken Kathy Harris	Sound Board Bobbie Cloud	Communion Setup	Ushers Pat Carlson George Kolstad
Presider Rev. Roger Hardy	Musicians Paul Swenson Linnea Krahn	Khmer Reader Tigrinia Reader Yohannes Gabir	Communion Servers Ushers	Communion Cleanup
Worship Leader Craig Dokken	Judy Nass	English Reader	Candle Lighters	Tech Team
		Crucifer Chuck Engleking		

Following Christ

Today: + Worship 9:30 am + 10:45 am Fellowship for All Ages



Celebrating Return from Sabbatical

It's September again and that means the State Fair is in full swing, some are headed to Family Camp in Preston or ready for worship over Labor Day weekend, and we're looking forward to Welcome Back Sunday on September 11.

As we all start noticing the transitions of this summer à fall month, I am glad to be back together with you! This Sabbatical summer was marked by milestones. They were both joyful and grief-filled, and I look forward to hearing all about your summer. I encourage you to set up times to meet with me for conversation this month, and we'll have a community sharing of milestones on **Welcome Back Sunday, September 11**. We'll begin with worship and move into the Peace Garden for a time of fellowship and food. That's also the day we'll get signed up for Sunday School. Sunday School will begin the following Sunday, September 18th.

How was Sabbatical? What did I learn and experience while I was away?

Each of the coming months of fall, I will reflect back on the theme of Sabbatical—Create. I'll share about the weaving classes I was able to participate in. I'll share where I saw God and people and all of creation on the road through this time of deeper rest and renewal. Also, please watch for a Create art display this fall in the Gathering space.



Sunday School

Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 18th. Sign ups will begin Sunday, September 11th.

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Preacher/Presider Pastor Joy McDonald Colvet	Greeters Carol Dokken Kathy Harris	Sound Board Bobbie Cloud	Communion Setup	Ushers Judy & Dave Nass
Worship Leader Pastoral Intern Carrie Stiles	Musicians Natalia Peterson	Khmer Reader	Communion Servers Ushers	Communion Cleanup
		Tigrinia Reader Yohannes Gabir	Candle Lighters	Tech Team
		English Reader		
		Crucifer Chuck Engleking		

THIS WEEK

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tue, Sep 6	12:00 pm	Shobi's Table	Parking Lot
Sat, Sept 10	9:30 am	Books and Brunch	Home of Ann F.
Sun, Sept 11	9:30 am	Worship - Welcome Back Sunday	In Person/Live Stream
	11:00 am	Celebrate Return from Sabbatical & Sunday School Sign Up	Peace Garden
Mon, Sep 12	9:00 am	Property Team Meeting	Gathering Space
	6:30 pm	Finance Team Meeting	Zoom
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting	Zoom

Save the Dates

- September 11 - Celebrating Return from Sabbatical

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