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**CROSS**  
and follow me...

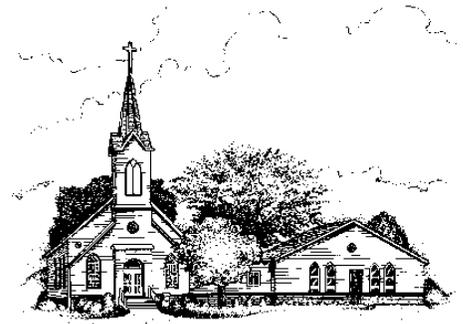
Luke 14:27, NRSV

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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### Welcome to God's House

Our relationship with Jesus will put us in situations where we must decide where love for him ranks compared to love for other people and things. And Jesus is not content to be one of many important things in our life; he wants to be first...he deserves to be first. That means letting go of things we love sometimes. That means counting the cost of following him. That means calculating what we might have to give up as his followers. Remember also however, that we should not only consider what we might give up for Jesus. See what we get through him! When we realize and appreciate the infinite blessings we find in Christ, the decisions we must make, while difficult, will be clear. Whatever is lost as we follow Jesus pales in comparison to what we gain.

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### Opening Hymn

#### I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #703

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

### **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Confession of Sins**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**Amen.**

## **Glory Be to God**

## MISSIONARY HYMN

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth,  
for God has shown his favor in Jesus' holy birth!  
Almighty God and Father, our humble thanks we bring;  
we worship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

O Lamb of God exalted, you take all sin away;  
extend to us your mercy and hear us as we pray.  
With God the Holy Spirit, at God the Father's throne,  
you reign, O Christ, forever, for you are Lord alone!

## **THE WORD**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading**

**Deuteronomy 30:15–20**

<sup>15</sup>See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup>For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

<sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

<sup>19</sup>This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup>and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

## How Truly Blest Are They - *Psalm 1B:1-3*



1 How tru - ly blest are they who shun the  
2 But make the law of God their stud - y  
3 They like a tree shall thrive with wa - ters



sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels  
and de - light a - mid the la - bors  
near the root. Fresh as the leaf their



nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,  
of the day and watch - es of the night.  
name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.

## Second Reading

## Philemon 1,7-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—

<sup>7</sup>Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother,  
have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you  
ought to do, <sup>9</sup>yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other  
than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>that I appeal  
to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains.

<sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and  
to me.

<sup>12</sup>I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup>I would have liked to  
keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in  
chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup>But I did not want to do anything without your consent,  
so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary.

<sup>15</sup>Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup>I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

<sup>25</sup>Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup>“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup>For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup>“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

<sup>33</sup>In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? <sup>35</sup>It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**Hymn of the Day****Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken #694**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow you;  
destitute, despised, forsaken, you on earth once suffered, too.  
Perish ev’ry fond ambition, all I’ve ever hoped or known;  
yet how rich is my condition, God and heav’n are still my own!

Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; you are not, like them, untrue.

And, since you have smiled upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
foes may hate and friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!

In your service pain is pleasure, with your favor loss is gain.

I have called you Abba, Father; you my all in all shall be.

Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Haste, my soul, from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
all but heav'n is transitory, God's own hand shall guide you there.

Soon shall end this earthly story, swift shall pass the pilgrim days,

hope soon change to heav'nly glory, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

**Sermon**

**Luke 14:25-35**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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.

*Please be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you have granted us great privilege and mercy, that we should be called your people. Work in us by your Spirit, that we may love what is good and obey your commands cheerfully. **Keep us from an easy faith that costs us nothing, and preserve us that we may be the salt of the earth and light in the darkness of a world that does not know you.**

Bless your Church with individuals who will share your Word faithfully. **Raise up more pastors, missionaries and teachers who will serve you and your Church in places where we cannot go.**

Give your aid, O Lord, to all elected and appointed public officials, to all who serve us on your behalf.

**Give wisdom and strength to those who lead and make decisions for the common good.**

Keep us from growing weary of doing good, and give us loving hearts to show kindness to all people. Be with those who suffer any need, especially the poor, unemployed and homeless.

**Grant your mercy to them and to all the household of your people, that we shall be steadfast of heart and kept safe in every trial.**

Bless this land that it may be fruitful and provide a good harvest to supply the needs of many. Bless us with good weather, and preserve us from natural and man-made disasters, famine and pestilence, war and bloodshed.

**Bless all honest labor and industry, and provide employment for those without work and those without full-time employment.**

Grant to all the sick the riches of your mercy to sustain them in their afflictions, deliver them according to your will, comfort them with your presence, and build them up in the hope of new and everlasting life. We especially ask you to be with \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name in our hearts before you.

**Give them a cheerful nature and a grateful heart for all your mercies as they go through their time of need.**

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts and what would entice us to fall away. Guard us against the love of things, and equip us by your grace to love you with all that we are and all that we have.

**Accept the offerings we bring, as well as our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.**

We remember those who have loved and served you, now resting from their labors, that we may be encouraged by their witness, follow their example as they followed Christ,

**Keep us holy and blameless until we stand with them on the Last Day.**

We ask all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Offering**

*The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

## **Hymn**

## **Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult #711**

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his voice invites us, saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As the first disciples heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, help us hear your call;  
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all!

## **Prayer**

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

### **Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

## **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow #617**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **This Week at Zion**

<b>Today:</b>	7:30 & 9:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Mon:</b>		Labor Day
<b>Tue:</b>	6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher meeting
<b>Wed:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions (parents from 6 – 6:30)

<b>Thu:</b>	7:00 p.m.	No Worship this evening
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>First Day of Sunday School</b>
	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Outdoor Worship with <i>Unworthy</i></b>
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Church Picnic</b>

**Transferred to the Church Triumphant** The Lord called Les Hahn Sr. home to heaven last Friday night (August 26<sup>th</sup>). Visitation will be this Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – noon. The funeral service will follow at noon, with the committal and a luncheon to follow...all at church. We pray that Jesus' certain promise – “Because I live, you also will live” - will comfort family and friends.

**In Our Prayers** Jay German, who recently began treatment for leukemia at Froedtert Hospital; Rhea Schmidt, recovering at home after heart surgery; and Sandy Eicksteadt, recovering at home from a heart procedure this past Friday; and Marilyn Martin, dealing with some health challenges.

**Sunday School** Next Sunday begins our Sunday School year. There is no formal registration, simply bring your child(ren) at 8:30 a.m. next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Parents, you have the primary responsibility of teaching their children to know Jesus. Our Sunday School exists to assist you in that precious privilege. Bring your children to Sunday School this fall!

**Church Picnic** Due to a scheduling conflict, our church picnic has been moved up one week from what has previously been announced and advertised. Our church picnic will now take place **next week Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** following the worship service. So our church Please note that we only have one service that weekend...9:45 a.m., followed by the picnic. In addition to the worship service, we have a potluck dinner planned (meat and beverages will be provided, but if you could bring a dish to pass, it would be appreciated!), and much more. Remember, dress is casual according to the weather and you're welcome to bring a comfortable chair (but there will be folding chairs set up). Join the rest of your church family next Sunday morning!

**Worship Schedule** Please remember that after the special schedule next Sunday - with Sunday School beginning, only one worship service, as well as our church picnic - on September 18<sup>th</sup> we'll be going to our fall worship schedule. The early service stays at 7:30 a.m. but the late service is pushed back to 9:45 a.m. Thursday evening services remain at 7:00 p.m.

**We thank** Barb Olsen for serving as our organist for all our services this weekend.

**Please pick up** the September church calendar, church newsletter, *Forward in Christ* from the cabinets in the entryway. If you haven't picked up a new *Meditations* devotional booklet, there are a number of copies left. They're there for your

**Please consider greeting this Fall!** You've noticed that we have had greeters at the beginning of our worship services for the past several months. In order to make the process a little easier, here is the link below to sign up on your phone or computer. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FoA44ACAE2CAoFA7-zioni> The link will also be available on our church website, found by going to [www.zionallenton.org](http://www.zionallenton.org). Please include your name(s) in the comment section as well as your phone number. You will receive an email reminder 2 days before your scheduled day and you will also receive a phone call reminder 2-3 days prior from Mark Pamperin. If you wish to volunteer, but are unable to use the online sign-up, please call Mark Pamperin 262-707-2312 or contact Bonnie Herman at kbherman99@gmail.com 262-483-8018. Thank you for volunteering to greet!

**KML Clay Shoot & Wine Event** The KML Foundation is hosting their annual Clay Shoot & Wine Event on Saturday, September 17, at the Mayville Gun Club which is a new and exciting venue for us! This growing event is fun for everyone, whether an expert hunter or simply a novice. The Wine Event is an opportunity to learn about, and sample, some wines, paint a glass, and enjoy some great fellowship. To register, sponsor or donate, go to [www.kmlhs.org/clayshoot22](http://www.kmlhs.org/clayshoot22). All proceeds will go to the KML Sportsman Fund which supports student assistance.