

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*Trinitytide*



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA

## WELCOME TO LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today. If you are a visitor and seeking a church home, Pastor Porter or one of our members will be happy to assist you. Please feel free to take a Newsletter and one or more of the *A Short Explanation of...* books located in the vestibule.

If you are unfamiliar with liturgical worship, this bulletin includes the entire Order of Service for this Sunday. At the time of the Distribution of Holy Communion, the congregation may sing additional hymns from the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW, the big green book). The hymn numbers are listed near the heading "Communion Hymns." We are ready to assist you with any questions you may have, and Pastor Porter regularly offers instruction in the liturgy for the sake of greater understanding and participation.

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*If you intend to commune this day, please review the Communion statement,*

located under the SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT heading in this bulletin. It is our hope and prayer that all communicants will embrace our Confession of Faith as baptized Christians who desire to receive the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament.

Please see the Parish Announcements at the end of this bulletin for congregational events, educational, and outreach opportunities.

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We welcome families with children and understand that children wiggle and make noise. We encourage their presence in the Service and their own "joyful noises."

Families may make use of the room at the front entrance to the church (the overflow) or the nursery near the fellowship hall as a retreat if it is desired.

May our gracious God bless and edify you as we worship Him this day!

*Soli Deo Gloria*

*The congregation assembles and offers silent prayer upon entering the pews.*

## **Announcement of the Day**

*After the Announcement and the bell, we stand for the Preparation.*

# THE PREPARATION

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

*[John 20:19–23]*

**P** The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of all our sins.

**C** Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## Apostolic Greeting

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**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.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we  
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You  
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the

Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.”

Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Antiphon:* Blessed is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\*  
whose sin is | covered.

**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- |  
iquity,\*  
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away\*  
through my groaning | all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;\***  
**my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\*

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

**Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;\***  
**surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not | reach him.**

You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from | trouble;\*  
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you should go;\***  
**I will counsel you with my eye up- | on you.**

Be not like a horse or a mule, without under- | standing,\*  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay | near you.

**Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\***  
**but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.**  
Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O | righteous,\*  
and shout for joy, all you up- | right in heart!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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## Epistle

*Galatians 3:15–22*

To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under



sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 10:23–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is written above the lyrics.

Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul

and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no  
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure  
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to  
4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,  
love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,  
Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,  
love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -  
My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be  
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.  
heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.  
all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

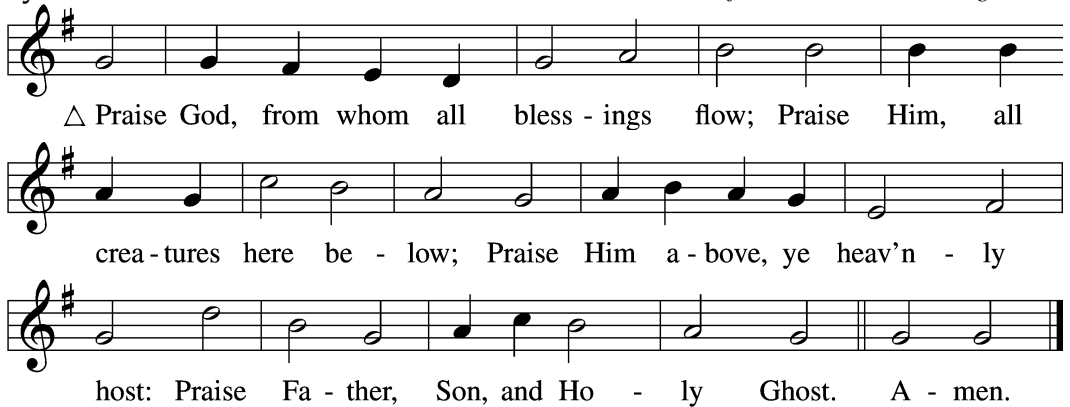
Baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, are not under church discipline, and who confess with us that the body and blood of the Lord are distributed and received with the bread and wine of the Sacrament are welcome to commune at this altar. Those who are not yet Baptized or who are unsure of their confession of faith may come forward for a blessing; approach the steps with arms crossed over chest to receive a blessing.

### **Offering**

*When the Offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.*

## Offertory

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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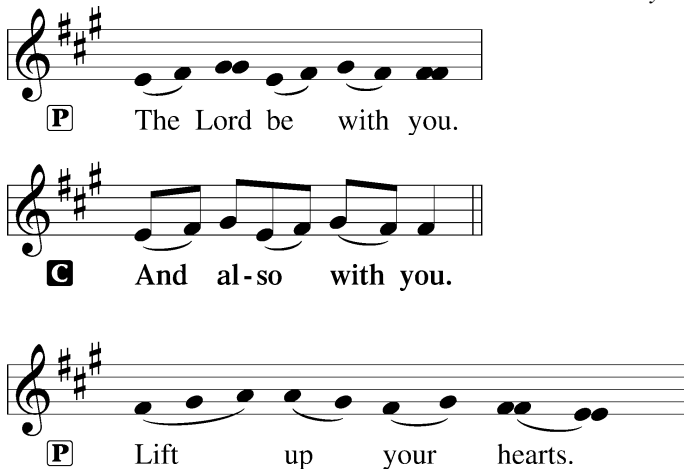
## Offertory Prayer

- A** Merciful Father,  
**C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Exhortation

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al-so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

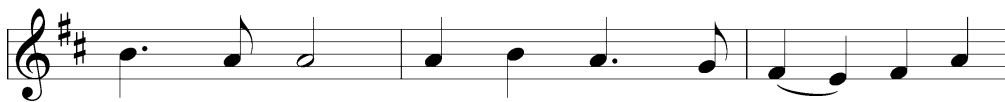
### Proper Preface

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

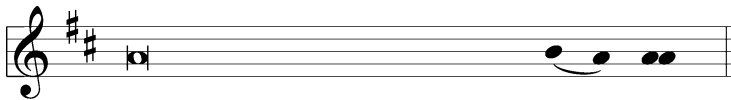
# The Words of Our Lord

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



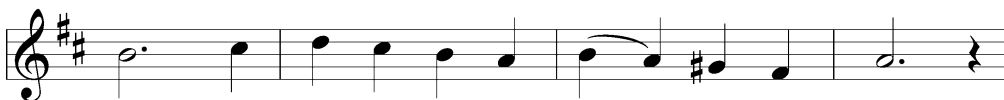
**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.*

## Communion Hymn

*Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy*

Feed Thy chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort sin - ners  
poor and low - ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the  
food Thou here hast giv - en! As these gifts the bod-y nour - ish,  
May our souls in grac - es flour - ish Till with saints in  
heav'n - ly splen - dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren - der.

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## Additional Hymns

*LBW 200*

*After all have Communed and returned to the pews, we stand for the Post-Communion Blessing.*

## Post-Communion Blessing

## Post-Communion Canticle

*[Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
 joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

*The Assistant Minister speaks the Collect.*

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

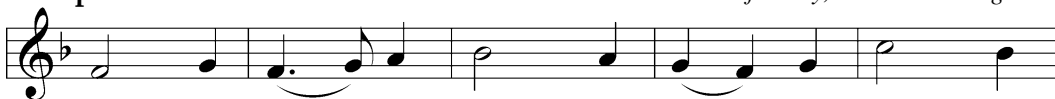
*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** A - - - men.

# Hymn to Depart

*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
 free - ly of Your own, With the sun - shine of Your  
 hum - blest char - i - ty. In Your own mys - te - rious  
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

## Announcements and Dismissal

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### *Prayer Requests*

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Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Robert Denley, Stephanie Andre, Steve Lowe, Margaret Daley, John Marshall, Mary Artz, Ruth Rickard, Alyssa Bane, George and Rose Beauchesne, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for a full-time pianist, for John and Helen Baker, for an end to the drought, for Immanuel Lutheran Church, Manhattan, for victims of violence and natural disaster, especially for those suffering from wildfires in Hawaii and the NALC Disaster Response.

### *Congregational Budget Information*

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Needed each week: \$3,173.71. Sunday Offering 8/27: \$2,253.

### *From the Anniversary Committee Chair*

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The Anniversary Celebration is three weeks away!

### *This Week*

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Monday – No Classes.

Tuesday – 11am Service at the Maynard.

Wednesday – Matins at 8:15am, Confession and Absolution at 10am, Midweek Communion Service at 1:30pm.

## *Looking Ahead*

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- *ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION*, Sunday, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> at 10am and 12:30pm (Divine Service and Luncheon).
- Church Council will meet on SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> at 7pm.
- The next Adult Christian Education Course – “Death, Dying, and the Christian Tradition”, will begin on SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> at 7pm.
- Cleanup Day at the Community Center on SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>.
- The Atlantic Regional Convocation is OCTOBER 13-14 (York, PA). We have budgeted for expenses for lay delegates.



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