

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Installation Service of Pastor Boshoven

September 7, 2025, 8:30 AM

FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. It is important that every partaker must be a baptized Christian and come with repentant faith. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, should first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of the LCMS or from congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) are also asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.

AS WE GATHER



Jesus is blunt about the cost of discipleship. He does not sugarcoat the life He calls us to in the baptismal waters but neither does He diminish His promises, gifts, and blessings that accompany this life of faith. Today He calls us to count the cost, knowing that the way of the Christian is constantly tested and tried by our affection for the things of this life, our vulnerability to the enemies of the faith, and the weakness of our own sinful flesh. Part of that cost is

not just in what you desire but also in what you are willing to surrender for the sake of Christ and His kingdom.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC **"10,000 Reasons"** based on Psalm 103

(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Ending)

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, oh my soul

I worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes *Chorus*

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Chorus***

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore *Chorus***

Ending:

**Yes, I will worship Your holy name
Lord, I worship Your holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I worship Your holy name
Yes, I will worship Your holy name
Lord I worship Your holy name**

WELCOME

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Most holy and merciful Father,

**we confess to You, and to one another, and to the whole company of
saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, 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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

We have taken for granted Your grace and mercy and lived as though You did not matter and we mattered most of all.

Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

We confess to You, O Lord, that we have done the evil Your Word prohibits and have not done the good You command.

Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

We confess that we have hidden our sin from You and from one another and have not confessed honestly before You or to those whom we have hurt.

We are truly sorry for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done that is wrong and by our failure to do what is right. Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE “Sweet Mercies”

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus)

**It’s our confession, Lord, that we are weak,
So very weak; But You are strong.
And though we’ve nothing, Lord, to lay at Your feet,
We come to Your feet and say, “Help us along.”**

Chorus:

**A broken heart and a contrite spirit You have yet to deny.
Your heart of mercy beats with love’s strong current.
Let Your river flow by Your Spirit now, Lord we cry.**

**Let Your mercies fall from heaven,
Sweet mercies flow from heaven,
New mercies for today.
Shower them down, Lord, as we pray.**

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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.

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over 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, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and

now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 14:25-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?
³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.**

CHILDREN'S SONG "Mighty God"

(Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus)

Oh-O I've got a mighty God So-O awesome is He

Oh-O I've got a mighty God So awesome is He.

He created the sky He created the sea.

He created the mountains.

He created me. Chorus:

My God walks on the water Makes the blind man see

He turned the water into wine

My God died for me. Chorus:

OBJECT LESSON

SONG "My Chains Are Gone"

(Verse, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus, Verse)

Amazing grace

How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now I'm found

Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

Chorus:

My chains are gone

I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy reigns

Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me

His word my hope secures

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures

Chorus: (2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow

The sun forbear to shine

But God, Who called me here below

Will be forever mine

Will be forever mine

You are forever mine

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR AN INTENTIONAL INTERIM PASTOR

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ABOUT THE PASTORAL OFFICE

John 20:21-23

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

1 Timothy 4:13-16

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

THE REPRESENTATIVE QUESTIONS THE PASTOR

Richard Boshoven, in the presence of this congregation, will you commit yourself to being the Intentional Interim Pastor and discharge your duties in harmony with the Scriptures, Lutheran Confession, and constitutions of the church?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you love, serve, and pray for the people of God at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro, MI, as the under-shepherd of the Good Shepherd by nourishing them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and leading them in the use of the means of grace?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you lead these people of God in giving faithful witness to the world and making known the love of God through loving service in this congregation?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the power of His Spirit so that you may perform them with strength and compassion. All God's people said AMEN.

THE REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSES THE CONGREGATION

You, the people of God at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Caro, MI, will you receive this called minister of the gospel as the under-shepherd of Jesus Christ, who continues the work of bringing the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a called and ordained servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

If so, answer WE WILL.

WE WILL.

Will you pray for him and honor him and the office that he fills for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

If so, answer WE WILL.

WE WILL.

THE REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSES THE PASTOR BEING RECOGNIZED

By your statements of commitment and the affirmation of this congregation, I install you as the called Interim Pastor of this congregation, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray for Pastor Boshoven and the work of this congregation:
Merciful God and Father, You have graciously promised that, through the preaching of the crucified Christ, those who believe in Him will be saved. By Your Holy Spirit grant grace to Pastor Boshoven, whom you have given to be Pastor of this congregation. Grant him readiness and steadfastness in this ministry, patience, understanding, and great zeal. Support and strengthen him in Your service that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our Great Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

THE NEWLY RECOGNIZED INTERIM PASTOR CONTINUES AS PRESIDING MINISTER

MESSAGE

OFFERING

(Please fill out the fellowship pad beside you in the pew)

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD AGNUS DEI

O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us

O Christ Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG "We Will Run"

(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus, Ending)

Create in me a clean heart

For I have turned my face from You

Save us from our ways O God, O God

For we have turned away from You

Lord have mercy

Chorus

We will run to you, we will run to you

Turning from our sin we return to You

Father heal your world, make all things new

Make all things new

Your love and mercy build us, shape us

Break us and recreate us now

Lord have mercy Chorus 2X

Ending

Oh, bring us back to you (repeated)

SONG "Nothing"

(Five Verses)

**Nothing can wash away my sin,
nothing can wash away my sin,
nothing can wash away my sin,
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Nothing can make the devil run,
nothing can make the devil run,
nothing can make the devil run,
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Nothing can bring me peace with God,
nothing can bring me peace with God,
nothing can bring me peace with God,
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Nothing can lead me to Your throne,
nothing can lead me to Your throne,
nothing can lead me to Your throne,
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Nothing can make Your people one,
nothing can make Your people one,
nothing can make Your people one,
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

PRAYER OF THANKS

Amen

BLESSING

SONG "Stronger"

(Verse, Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus, Chorus)

**There is love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
Your broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious.**

**Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me.**

Chorus:

**You are stronger, You are stronger,
Sin is broken You have saved me
It is written: Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all.**

**No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross. Chorus:**

**So let your name be lifted higher,
Be lifted higher; be lifted higher
(repeat three times, then two Choruses)**

LEAVING

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