

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1 & 4, 2022

*Put Down What You Love; Pick Up What You Loath*

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| Opening Hymn .....   | 633, "Speak, O Lord"   |
| Order of Service.....  | Setting One, Page 154  |
| Prayer of the Day: 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. |  |
| <b>FIRST READING</b>   |  |
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| <b>SECOND READING</b>  |  |
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| <b>GOSPEL</b>  |  |
| Hymn of the Day .....  | 694, "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"                          |
| SERMON.....  | "How Much Does It Cost to Be Jesus' Disciple?" Luke 14:25-35 |
| Offering Hymn .....  | 750 v. 2, "We Give Thee but Thine Own"                       |
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## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**Through Moses, the LORD sets two paths before Israel: one leading to life, the other to death.**

See now, today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and disaster. This is what I am commanding you today: Love the LORD your God, walk in his ways, and keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances. Then you will live and increase in number, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are going to possess. But if your heart turns away, and you do not listen, and you are lured away, and you bow down to other gods and serve them, then I declare to you today that you will most certainly perish. You will not live a long life on the land that you are about to enter and possess by crossing over the Jordan. I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live by loving the LORD your God, by listening to his voice, and by clinging to him, because that means life for you, and you will live a long life on your land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

## SECOND READING: Philemon 1,7-21

The case of the escaped slave, Onesimus, returning to his owner, Philemon, is a perfect example of the cost involved in following Jesus. Paul encourages Philemon to free Onesimus and embrace him as a brother.

*Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
For I have received great joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.  
For that reason, even though I have plenty of boldness in Christ to order you to do what is proper, I am appealing to you, instead, on the basis of love, just as I, Paul, am an old man and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains. There was a time when he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. I have sent him (who is my very heart) back to you. Welcome him. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might serve me in your place while I am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your kindness would not be the result of compulsion, but of willingness. Perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a while: so that you would have him back forever, no longer as a slave, but as more than a slave, as a dear brother. He certainly is dear to me, but he is even more of a dear brother to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. And if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, have written this with my own hand: I will repay it—not to mention that you owe me your very self. Yes, brother, I am asking for a favor from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.*

## GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-35

**Jesus teaches us that truly following him will come at a cost: the need to carry a cross, the need to give up everything. Count the cost.**

*Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build, but was not able to finish.' Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if he is not able, he sends out a delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is still far away. So then, any one of you who does not say farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? It is not fit for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear."*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMMUNION:** Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

**HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK:** Mike Pamperin/Dean Ebert; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart.

**ORGANISTS!!** The **September** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. There are still three dates which need to be filled. Thank you!

**WLA – HOT LUNCH:** We need just one additional server to work with Wayne Schultz on **Thursday, September 8**, to help serve hot lunch at WLA. The hours run from **9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**. If this is something you would be willing to do, please speak with Wayne today or sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board in the school hallway. Thank you!

**CALLING ALL GREETERS!** We would like to re-institute having Greeters on Sunday morning worship services. However, we need to know if we have enough volunteers to do so. If this is something you would be willing to do, please sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board in the school hallway. You can sign up as a team or individually. We can make either work! If you have any questions, please direct them to any Elder (Bob Kriewald, Ronald Knueppel, or Dean Ebert).

**SCHOOL JANITOR NEEDED:** Brenda Moldenhauer has asked to step down from the school janitorial position, so we are in need of someone else to take over these duties. If you or someone you know would be interested in filling this position, please speak with Mr. Lorge or any of our School Board members (Sam Manning, Rick Fink, or Brian Youngbeck). This is a paid position. We would like to fill this position as soon as possible! Thank you!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/TEEN BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday School and Teen Bible Study will begin again on **Sunday, September 18**. If you would like your children to participate in these classes, please sign them up on the sheet located on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please be sure to put the age of your child(ren) down on the sheet along with their name(s) so we can place them in the appropriate class. If you have any questions about these classes or would be interested in helping with them, please speak with Pastor Mose today!

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will also begin on **Sunday, September 18**. Classes will begin at **10:15 AM** and end at **11:00 AM**.

**FALL GOLF OUTING:** This year's golf outing has been set for **Sunday, September 18**, beginning at **12:30 PM** at **HORICON HILLS GOLF COURSE**. We encourage you to invite family and friends to participate with us! The cost will be **\$50.00** for golfing with cart, meal, and door prizes. A sign-up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board for those who wish to participate. Questions about the outing may be directed to **Wayne Schultz (920-948-1978)** or **Christy Keller (920-210-5973)**.

**MISSION FEST:** This year's Mission Festival worship service is set for **Sunday, September 25**, at **9:00 AM**. Dr. Rev. Paul Steinberg with Chaplains in Schools will be our guest speaker and will discuss spreading the Gospel through Christian school communities in inner city Milwaukee. All our school children will be singing for this service. There will also be a presentation following the worship service. The Service Group will be providing/serving "finger foods" prior to the presentation. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special worship service and presentation. In addition, Pastor Steinberg has graciously agreed to be our guest speaker at the **Thursday (9/22)** evening worship service as well, so everyone has an opportunity to learn about this mission opportunity!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 25; Sunday: 110

**Offerings:** \$4,718.96

*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,889.00)*

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$120.00; Black Top Fund: \$60.00

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM

Monday: **NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY**

Tuesday: School Board Meeting..... 7:00 PM

Thursday: Worship Service ..... 7:00 PM

Sunday: Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM

# 1B How Truly Blest Are They

Psalm 1B



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  
4 The wick - ed are not so! They no such



sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels  
and de - light a - mid the la - bors  
near the root. Fresh as the leaf their  
bless - ing find. Their hopes shall flee like



nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,  
of the day and watch - es of the  
name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
emp - ty chaff be - fore the driv - ing wind.

5 How will they bear to stand  
before that judgment seat  
where all the saints at Christ's right hand  
in full assembly meet?

6 God knows and he approves  
the way the righteous go,  
but sinners and their works shall meet  
a dreadful overthrow.

Text: Isaac Watts, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, alt.

Text and tune: Public domain