THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Order of Worship – 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER – The book is only twenty-five verses, but the impact of today’s Epistle is powerful in his shortest New Testament letter, Paul appeals to a slave owner named Philemon on behalf of a repentant runaway named Onesimus. Within this bold appeal is the powerful display of Christ’s work of redemption for all who seek the renewed favor of their master. The death and resurrection of Jesus make an appeal on our behalf before the Father. For we, like Onesimus, have run away from Him. And we, like Onesimus, are offered restoration, full and free, when we come into Jesus’ presence in humble repentance and faith. Let’s do that together this day! As repentant runaways, let’s gather to receive the restoration our Master alone can give!

PRESERVICE MUSIC  “Jesus Loves Me” by David Paxton

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

OPENING HYMN  Father Welcomes

Refrain

Father welcomes all His children To His family through His Son, Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom
2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise,
3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily
INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES
Philemon 3, 6

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
C By God's grace and peace, let us receive “the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Father in heaven, in Your mercy You call us to turn from our sinful ways and live.
C We confess that we have run away from Your presence. By what we do and what we fail to do, we have turned our backs on Your love. Forgive us, Father. Draw us again to the cross of Your Son that we may be restored in our relationship with You.
P Father, hear now the silent prayers of confession that we bring before You.

[In a time of silence, we bring our sins to Jesus, our Savior.]

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are promised redemption and restoration in the presence of our Father, who hears your prayers, and for the sake of His Son, forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

INTROIT
Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27

P Make me understand the way of Your precepts,
C and I will meditate on Your wondrous works.
P My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to Your word!
C Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me Your law!
P I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
C I set Your just decrees before me.
P I cling to Your testimonies, O Lord; let me not be put to shame!
C I will run in the way of Your commandments when You enlarge my heart!
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Make me understand the way of Your precepts,
C and I will meditate on Your wondrous works.
1 In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'er take me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy. Never shall the cross for sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way. From the cross the radiance stream ing adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

All: O Merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all, even though we have run away from Your presence. Grant that we, restored into the fellowship of Your family, share with others the forgiveness we from Your hand receive; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share this peace with one another.

(People greet one another saying: “Peace be with you. And also with you.”)

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**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

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**EPISODE LESSON**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

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Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Philemon 1–21
ALLELUIA VERSE

All: Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still!
2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;
3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—’Tis a delightful road—

Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.
And should I ever forget Thy way, Restore Thy wandering sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

SERMON

“THE GOSPEL CHANGES RELATIONSHIPS” Philemon 1-21

I. The Gospel changed the relationship between Philemon and Onesimus from master and slave to fellow brothers.

II. The Gospel changes our relationship between God and us from Judge and sinner to Father and beloved child.

APOSTLE’S CREED

C 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 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.

OFFERING

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” by Benjamin M. Culli
OFFERTORY  

Take My Life and Let It Be  

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1. Take my life and let it be Con-se-cr-at-ed, Lord, to Thee;
2. Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love;
3. Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on-ly for my King;
4. Take my sil-ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti-ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sages from Thee.
Take my in-tel-lect and use Ev-ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH  

Paul 4–6

Paul writes, “I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints.” United in love and faith, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the Gospel of Jesus Christ to reach into every corner of our broken world, that all who are running away from our heavenly Father turn from the path that leads to destruction, and by the Holy Spirit turn to Jesus for redemption and restoration, let us pray to the Lord.

Father, strengthen us to turn to You in repentance and faith.

For all those within the Church of Jesus, both clergy and laity, that we join as one to share the restoring word of Jesus with those we are sent to serve, embodying the spirit of Paul’s words to Philemon that “the sharing of [our] faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us,” let us pray to the Lord.

Father, grant that we know all the good things that come to us as we share Your Word.

For all those who seek restoration with others, that the message of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation not only be received in humble faith, but also shared within the relationships we have, knowing that every one of us is dependent upon Christ’s mercy and love, let us pray to the Lord.

Father, help us to extend to others the mercy we receive from You.

For all who labor in positions of service and leadership in our country, state, and local community, including the members of the armed forces, that they know the constant protection of our gracious God and joyfully serve others in the vocations they have been given, let us pray to the Lord.

Father, thank You for serving us through the lives of others.
For all who are broken in heart, body, mind, and relationship, including those who are shut-in, hospitalized, in care centers, awaiting surgery, and recovering from medical procedures, [especially . . .], that the Lord would refresh the hearts of His saints and work mightily for their good, let us pray to the Lord.

C Father, grant healing and refreshment to all for whom we pray.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Based on Phil 3:6; Num 6:24–26

P Grace go with you and peace flow through you, for they are gifts from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

C By God’s grace and peace, we have been blessed with “the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.”

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

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land, I am weak, but Thou art mighty; stream doth flow; Let the fiery, cloud-y pillar
2 O - pen now the crys-tal foun-tain Whence the heal-ing stream, oh, send me home; Let the fervent, quick - er mind;
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious fears sub-side; Death of death and hell's de - struc-tion,
Hold me with Thy pow’r-ful hand. Bread of heav-en,
Lead me all my jour-ney through. Strong de - liv’rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais-es,

(continued)
bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no
strong deliverer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of praises I will ever give to

more; Feed me till I want no more.
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE  “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him” by Lani Smith

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General Fund ............................................................ 16,113.00
E.C.C. Tuition ............................................................ 21,274.36
Loose Plate, Sunday School & Other Gifts ........................................ 756.27
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Surplus / (Deficit) ....................................................... 3,210.09
Fiscal Year Cumulative Surplus / (Deficit) ........................................... 4,429.92

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am

September 15: “The Dream Is Alive”, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker
Genesis Series: The fall of man...and still, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob wants to
relate to you and to me with grace and truth. (Genesis 3)