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SUPPORT Christian fellowship,
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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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

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♯Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

Father Welcomes

LSB 605

Refrain

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as-sured: Those who are bap-tized and be-lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Philemon 3, 6

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the \div 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.*

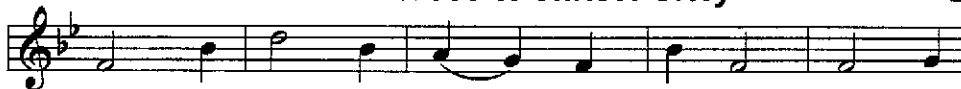
[In a time of silence, we bring our sins to Jesus, our Savior.]

- 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 \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

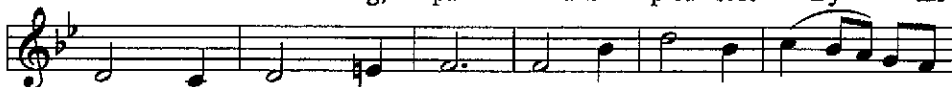
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Psalm 119:28–32; antiphon: v. 27

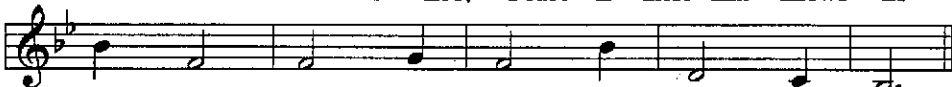
- P** *Make me understand the way of Your precepts,*
 - C** **and I will meditate on Your wondrous works.**
 - P** *My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to Your word!*
 - C** **Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me Your law!**
 - P** *I have chosen the way of faithfulness;*
 - 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 glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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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.")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Philemon 1–21

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

♪ ALLELUIA VERSE

Galatians 6:14

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

Luke 14:25-35

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

☩ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

ℙ *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

☩ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

ℙ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

LSB 707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a-against my God.

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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

☩ 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.

ℙ OFFERING "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" by Benjamin M. Culli



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - 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 - sag - es 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.

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INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & STAFF

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Philemon 4–6

P 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.

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

P 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.

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

P 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.

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

P 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.

C Father, thank You for serving us through the lives of others.

- P** 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.

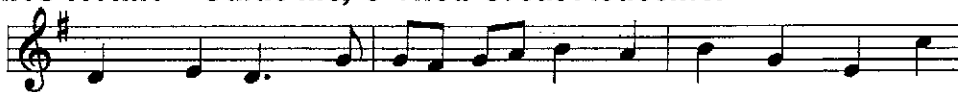
BENEDICTION

Based on Philemon 3, 6; Numbers 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*

LSB 918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 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 heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

more;
 shield;
 Thee;

Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Total General Offering Blessings – (August 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019).....	\$ 38,243.63
General Fund.....	16,113.00
E.C.C. Tuition.....	21,274.36
Loose Plate, Sunday School & Other Gifts.....	756.27
Total Expenditures.....	34,933.54
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)