

# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

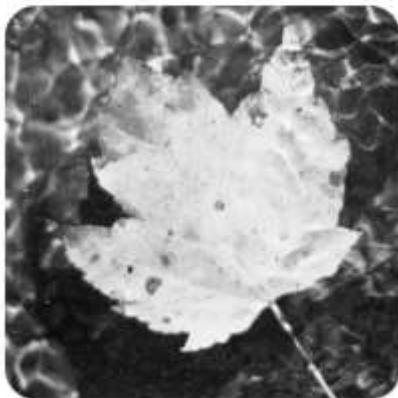
August 19, 2018

## Worship Focus

**PSALMthing to Sing About – Two Responses to God’s Word**

HAPPY are those who  
do not follow the advice of the wicked ...  
their leaves DO NOT WITHER.

Psalm 1:1, 3, NRSV



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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## Common Service with Communion

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### OPENING HYMN

732 – We Are Singing

*The small group will sing verses 1-2. Congregation is invited to join in singing verses 3-4.*

*Refrain*

We are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light, we are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light, we are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are

sing - ing, Oh, we are

sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are

sing - ing, Oh, we are  
 sing - ing, for the Lord is our light.

*(◡) Last time*

*Verses*

1 The Lord is the strength of our lives; Of  
 2 One thing have we asked of the Lord, Yes,  
 3 When bur - dens are heav - y to bear, Our  
 4 We walk in the strength of the Lord; God's

whom shall we be a - fraid? Though  
 this is the thing we seek: To  
 shel - ter is God a - lone. Our  
 love is ev - er sure. We

foes may be near to de - stroy; The  
 dwell in the house of the Lord, To  
 feet are lift - ed high, Yes  
 shout that the world may hear; We

Lord will be our light.  
 live with God for - ev - er. We are  
 high up - on a rock.  
 sing a joy - ful song.

*To Refrain*

*With music based on the South African Freedom Song, this paraphrase of Psalm 27 underscores the confidence Christians have in God's deliverance from every trouble.*

Text: South African, tr. and original verses by Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933  
 Tune: SIYAHAMBA (87 86 and Refrain) Zulu melody adapted by Hal H. Hopson.  
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## INVOCATION

**Minister** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**Congregation** A - men.

**M** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

## LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

Musical notation for 'LORD HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)', consisting of two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first staff has the melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), ending with a double bar line. The second staff has the melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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## ABSOLUTION

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Musical notation for the Absolution, consisting of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), ending with a double bar line.

C: A - men,

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With  
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To  
an - gels round the throne. Ten thou - sand thou - sand  
be ex - alt - ed thus." "Wor - thy the Lamb," our  
are their tongues, But all their joys are one.  
lips re - ply, "For he was slain for us."

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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 WORD

### **FIRST LESSON** Proverbs 9:1-6, 10

Rather than scorn wisdom, let us feed on true wisdom, embodied in Jesus, the Christ.

- PROVERBS 9:1 Wisdom has built her house;  
she has hewn out its seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup> She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;  
she has also set her table.  
<sup>3</sup> She has sent out her maids, and she calls  
from the highest point of the city.  
<sup>4</sup> “Let all who are simple come in here!”  
she says to those who lack judgment.  
<sup>5</sup> “Come, eat my food  
and drink the wine I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup> Leave your simple ways and you will live;  
walk in the way of understanding.  
<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

### **PSALM 1**

Small group

*Blessed is the man who does not heed the counsel of this world  
Blessed is the man who does not conform to worldly ways*

*For his delight is in the law of the LORD and on His Word he meditates day and night*

*And he shall be like a tree by streams of water that yields abundant fruit in every season  
And his leaves shall never, never wither and everything he does shall prosper  
And everything he does shall prosper and everything he does shall prosper*

*But the wicked are not so for they are like the chaff the wind blows away  
And the wicked shall not stand in the judgment for the LORD knows the way of the righteous  
But the evil ways of man shall pass away, shall pass away; they'll pass away, forever*

## SECOND LESSON Ephesians 5:15-20

Paul sets before us two diets – one leads to evil, the other to righteousness.

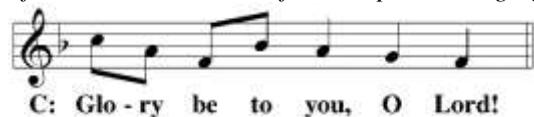
EPHESIANS 5:15 Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Praise the one who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the one who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land. (353:2)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## GOSPEL John 6:51-58

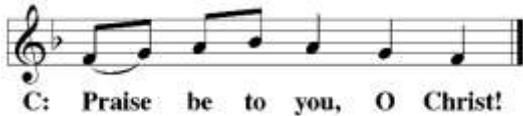
Christ is real spiritual food, as opposed to the temporal food of this world.

JOHN 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” <sup>52</sup> Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

<sup>53</sup> Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.”

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated 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.**



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our  
 2 Help us that we your sav - ing Word In faith - ful  
 3 Then when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter

Lord and Sav - ior In faith and fer - vent love em -  
 hearts may trea - sure; Let e'er that bread of life af -  
 hour im - pend - ing, May your good work in us be -

brace And tru - ly serve him ev - er, So that when  
 ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure. Make us to  
 gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing, Un - til we

death is near at hand We at his cross may firm -  
 die to ev - 'ry sin; Each day cre - ate us new  
 glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our Sav -

ly stand And there find our sal - va - tion.  
 with - in That fruits of faith may flour - ish,  
 ior's hand To rest in peace e - ter - nal.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532-99; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851-1929, alt.  
 Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

## SERMON

Psalm 1

### **On The Road To Life - Which Way To Go?**

1. The way of the godly leads to blessing
2. The way of the wicked leads to destruction

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

### FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

### GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

### MUSICAL OFFERTORY

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Heavenly Father, the words of our Savior are spirit and life. Give us grace to cling to them always, but especially when we find them hard to listen to, that we may also discover that Christ alone has the words of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look in mercy on all the baptized, pour out Your Spirit on them and fill them with the light of Your Word, so that Your people may live as children of the light, taking no part in the unfruitful works of darkness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of all, look in compassion on our country's president; on all who serve in the legislature or as judges; and on all who serve in our armed forces. Uphold them in honor and integrity, and make them a blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Kind Father, Your Son is the healer of the sick, the resurrection of the dead and our bread of life. Hear our prayers today for those who suffer, those taking treatments or facing surgery, the sick and those who are dying. [*We commend to Your loving hands above all those we have been asked to remember before You: \_\_\_\_\_.*] Comfort them and sustain them with Your powerful Word, granting whatever healing You will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of all life, on the great day of the resurrection Your Son will call all who fell asleep in Him to arise from the dead and shine in His light. Receive our thanks for the faithful who departed this life trusting in His promises. Bring us with them into the light of that day that has no evening. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here wit. Je - sus, To his im - age  
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus, His death from the  
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; Since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us  
 e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us,  
 sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us,  
 from the dead, Death and grave must soon re - lease us.



And to sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his  
 Sun - shine fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in  
 Quick - ens us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti -  
 Je - sus, thou art now our head. We are tru - ly



foot - steps tread - ing, Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,  
 tears of sor - row, We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy,  
 fy, while liv - ing, Flesh and blood and die to sin,  
 thine own mem - bers; Where thou liv - est, there live we.



Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the  
 And the fears that now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter  
 And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the  
 Take and own us con - stant - ly, Faith - ful Friend, as



Fa - ther's bid - ding, Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me,  
on the mor - row. Christ, I suf - fer here with thee;  
gate to heav - en. Je - sus, here I die to thee,  
thy dear breth - ren, Je - sus, here I live to thee,  
Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee,  
There, oh, share thy joy with me,  
There to live e - ter - nal - ly,  
Al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626-81; tr. J. Adam Rimbach, 1871-1941, alt.  
Tune: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN (87 87 877 877) Georg G. Boltze, 18th century, alt.

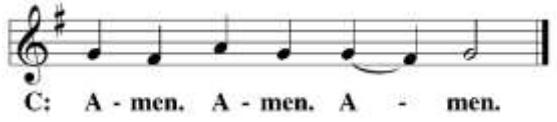
### PRAYER AND BLESSING

**M** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

# CLOSING HYMN

# 327 - God Be with You till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain, By his  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain, 'Neath his

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, With his sheep se - cure - ly  
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro -

fold you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
vide you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Refrain*

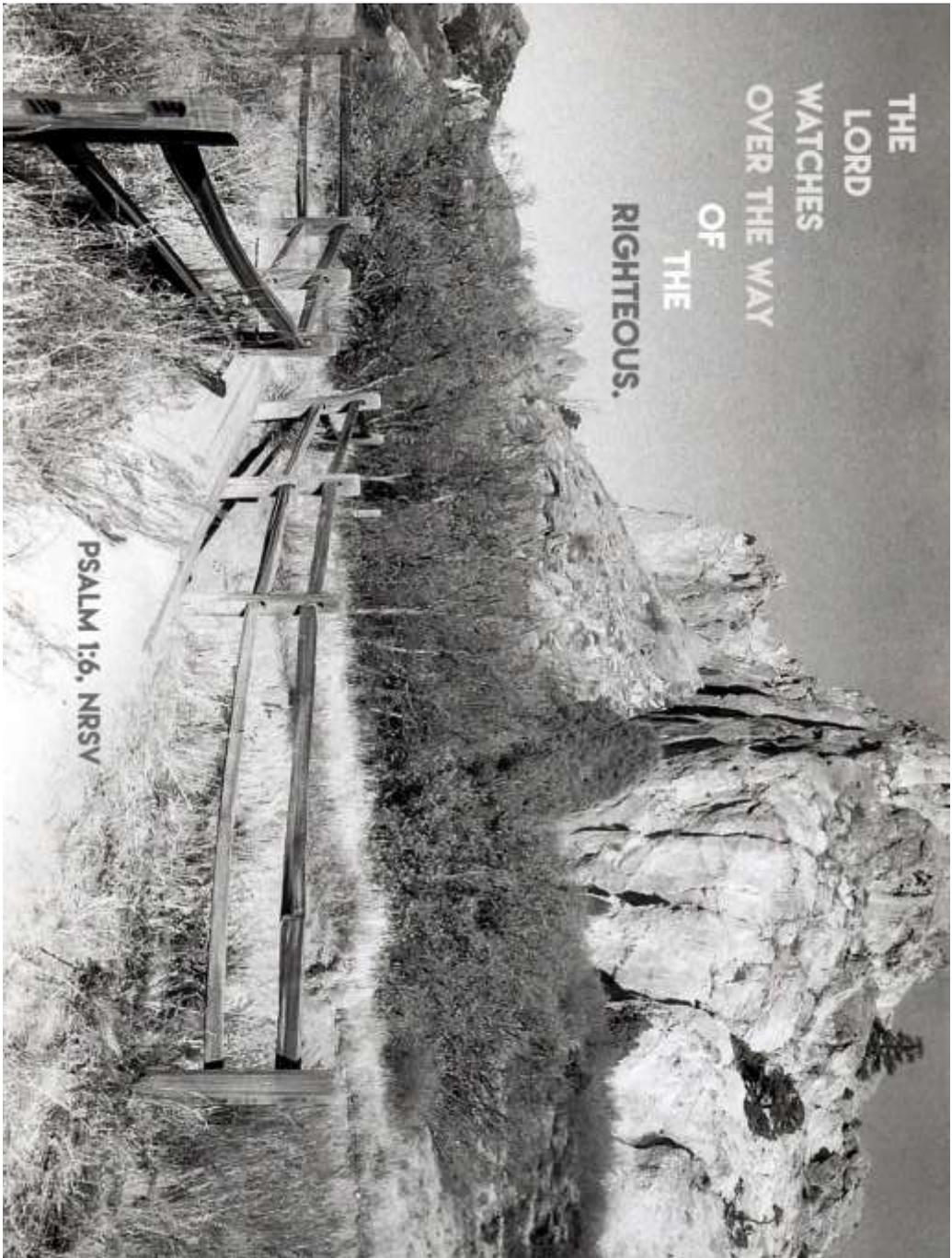
Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we  
meet at Je - sus' feet. Till we meet, Till we  
meet— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904, abr., alt.  
Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU (98 89 with Refrain) William O. Tomer, 1833–96.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*

**THE  
LORD  
WATCHES  
OVER THE WAY  
OF  
THE  
RIGHTEOUS.**

**PSALM 1:6, NRSV**



**HE IS LIKE  
A TREE**

**PLANTED BY  
STREAMS  
OF WATER  
WHICH YIELDS**

**FRUIT**

**IN ITS  
SEASON**

PSALM 1:3

