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**Whoever does not carry his
own cross and come after
Me cannot be My disciple**

Luke 14:27



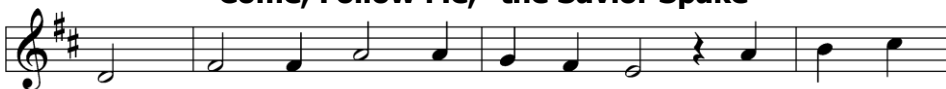
**LSB Divine Service Setting I
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025**

Lighting of the Candles *Jesus says: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*
John 8:12

Hymn of Invocation

No. 688

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Matthew 28:19 and 18:20

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

I John 1:8-10 and Philippians 1:6

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;

C: strengthen me according to your word!

P: Put false ways far from me

C: 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;

C: let me not be put to shame!

P: I will run in the way of your commandments

C: 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.

Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie)

Mark 10:47

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord



P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

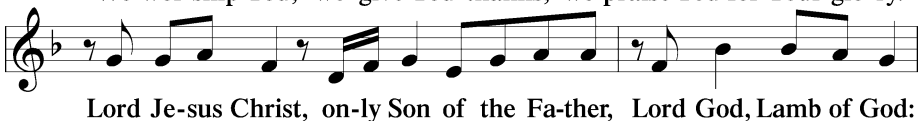
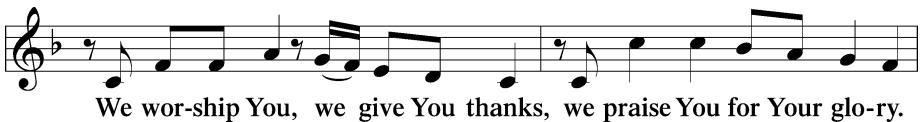


P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



Gloria to God in the Highest (Gloria in Excelsis) *Romans 8:34*

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.





You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

(sit)

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵See, 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

P: Blessed is the man

C: who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

P: nor stands in the way of sinners,

C: nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

P: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C: and on his law he meditates day and night.

P: He is like a tree

C: planted by streams of water

P: that yields its fruit in its season,

C: and its leaf does not wither.

P: In all that he does, he prospers.

C: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

P: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

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.

Epistle

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(stand)

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

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

Glo - ry 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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



(Sit)  Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" No. 853



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find
3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come
4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,



When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing
Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures
In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues
To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or



to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind
put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name
ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,



That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

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Sermon

(stand)

The 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.

Prayer of the Church - *After each petition*

P: Lord, in your mercy,


C: hear our prayer.

(sit)

Offering

(stand)

Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

Concluding Collect

P: Let us pray. O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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

C: Amen.

(Sit)

Closing Hymn

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

No. 685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

Lord, with me a - bid; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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✠ **THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God.

✠ **IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember all who are ill or under medical care, Cindy Griffith, Barb Sweet, Marty Villers, Diana Trent, Randy Sweet, Sue Krueger, Marcie Wellday, Dana Anderson, Janet Shrewsberry, Tyler Voegele, Deanna Hegedus, Elise Smith, Mark Eckstein, Traci Williams, Vida Rood, Mark Uphoff & Carol Welton (family of Marilynn Marrs), Terry Krueger, Marsha Seals, Duane Oestmann

ESTATE PRESERVATION FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Trinity Lutheran Church – Winfield
Tuesday, September 16th at 5:30 pm



Join us as we address: Documents you should have, Estate taxes and annual gifting limits, Advantages of naming beneficiaries, What is the purpose of a will? What is the probate process? and much more. **Reserve your place today!** More information on the bulletin board. If you are interested, Cathy can print you a copy.

Mark your Calendar!
October 4th – Ladies Bingo Breakfast Brunch
9:30 to 11:30 am – Fellowship Hall at Redeemer
More details on bulletin board & Scribe

NEW TIMES Confirmation Class starts at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays
Youth Group starts at 7:30 pm on Wednesdays

The next **Arkalalah Float meeting** will be on **September 8th at 7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to come join in on the fun.



We don't have any Acolytes signed up for September. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Sunday School Teachers are needed for:

September 28 th	October 26 th	November 2 nd
November 23 rd	December 7 th	December 14 th
December 28 th		

Please consider signing up for one or any of these dates!

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS –

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4–9

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

GOSPEL: John 12:20–33

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

TODAY:	9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Divine Service without Holy Communion
MONDAY:	7:00 pm Float Meeting in gym
TUESDAY:	7:00 pm Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY:	6:30 pm Catechism Class 7:30 pm Youth Group
NEXT SUNDAY:	9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Divine Service with Holy Communion 8:00 am Lutheran Hour on 1280 AM 10:30 am Lutheran Hour on 95.9 FM

THOSE SERVING AT REDEEMER

Officiating Elder:	Aaron O'Donnell & Eric Snider
Altar Committee:	Teresa Holloway, Terri Snow, Joyce Feasel
Greeter:	Teresa Holloway

STEWARDSHIP

August 31, 2025 – Worship – 71
Budget Needs Weekly - \$3,421.94
Home Budget Offering - \$1317.00
Missions - \$10.00