

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 7, 2025

#### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**THANK YOU** for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

**THANK OFFERING:** Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering.

**RESTROOMS** are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

Young Families / Toddler Bags – We are GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN to our worship service. Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but DO NOT WORRY about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school toddler bags and children's bulletins are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

#### **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

In His Word, God makes it clear that the Lord's Supper is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Without judging anyone's hearts, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our congregation or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11;27-29) to receive the Sacrament. Page 156 in the front of Christian Worship provides a guide for preparation.

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### Year C (2025) - Season after Pentecost (Series 2)

# WOUNDS THAT HEAL

#### SERIES EXPLANATION

Not all wounds are bad. A skilled surgeon takes a deadly sharp scalpel and cuts through flesh and muscle. The result of that wound: not harm, but healing. In the same way, we often say that words cut us to the heart. Words can wound. Sometimes, however, those painful words provide the very healing we need.

"Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem" (Luke 13:22). Jesus knows that when he gets to Jerusalem, he is going to die. So, with a sense of extreme urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even though it hurts to hear them. In this series, we might not like everything that Jesus says. Yet, to ignore what Jesus teaches is to court eternal death. Hard as it may be, let us listen and take all that Jesus says to heart. For while Jesus speaks words that wound us, his intent is to heal our very soul.

Our worship follows this pattern.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

God's Word Divides
The Door Is Very Narrow
Those Who Exalt Themselves Will Be Humbled
Count the Cost
The Found are Left; the Lost are Found
No One Can Serve Two Masters
What Helps In Life Fails in Death
Increased Faith Increases Duty

### 679 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

CW 679



- 1 God's own child, I glad ly say it: I am bap-tized
- 2 Sin, dis turb my soul no long er: I am bap-tized
- 3 Sa tan, hear this proc la ma tion: I am bap-tized
- 4 Death, you can not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized 5 There is noth ing worth com par ing to this life-long



in - to Christ! He. be - cause I could not pay it, gave my in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: sus' in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, am in - to Christ! When I die. Ι leave all sad - ness in com - fort sure! O - pen-eved my grave is star - ing: ven



full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y? sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y cleans-ing con-science seize me soon en-ticed. not SO Now that to the font I've trav - eled, par - a - dise! Though I dust and her - it lie in ash - es sleep se - cure. Though my flesh waits its a rais - ing.



Ι have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal since my bap - tism did re - lease me in a dear for all your might has come un - rav - eled, and, a gainst your faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: bap - tized still am

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The baptismal party gathers at the font.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Scripture makes plain the need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature, and we would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin, and by his death on the cross he redeemed us and all people. It is the Father's will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and he will raise them up at the Last Day.

Christ's almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. Jesus promises in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." The apostle Peter declares, "Baptism now saves you." Scripture also teaches that the power and promise of Baptism are intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost, the apostle testified, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." By water and the Spirit, we are born again and are united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

### Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment, the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people

through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan, your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the washing that you give us in Holy Baptism.

Holding firmly to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on [name]. Through this water of Baptism, drown in him all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil he may do. Set him apart from the unbelieving world, and hold him safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep him always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that he may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

[Name], I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart + to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ, that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on [name], that he may be kept safe by the gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go in peace.

Please stand if you are able

#### Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

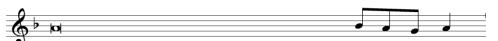
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

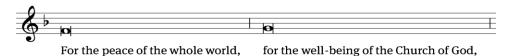
## Lord, Have Mercy





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







and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



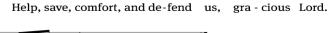
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us









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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

### Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Please be seated

# First Reading Hosea 3:1-5

The LORD said to me, "Go again. Show love to a woman who is loved by another man, a woman who keeps committing adultery. Show love just as the LORD loves the people of Israel, even though they keep turning to other gods and loving the raisin cakes."

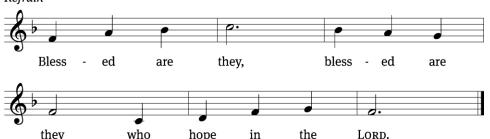
2So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and nine bushels of barley. 3I said to her, "You will stay with me for many days. You must not be promiscuous. You must not be with any other man, and I will also be for you."

4So the people of Israel will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred memorial stones, and without the special vest or family idols. 5Afterward the people of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.









Blessed is the one who / does not walk in step with the / wicked or stand in the way that / sinners take or sit in the company of / mockers, but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD, and who meditates on his law / day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water, which yields its fruit in / season and whose leaf does not / wither—whatever they do / prospers. Refrain

Not so the / wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. *Refrain* 

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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### **Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 2:5-11

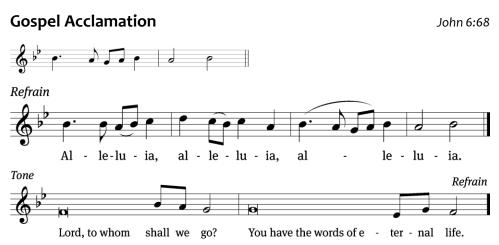
<sup>5</sup>Now if anyone has caused sorrow, he has not done it to me, but to all of you to some extent (not to overstate it). <sup>6</sup>This punishment inflicted on such a person by the majority is enough, <sup>7</sup>so that instead you should rather forgive and comfort him, or else such a person could be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup>For that reason, I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. <sup>9</sup>In fact, this was also the purpose of my writing: I wanted to know the result of your being tested, that is, if you are obedient in all things.

lo If you forgive anyone anything, I do too. To be sure, if I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven it in the presence of Christ for your sake, inso that Satan would not take advantage of us. We are certainly not unaware of his schemes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able



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Gospel Luke 15:1–10

<sup>1</sup>All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>He told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls together his friends and his neighbors, telling them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!' <sup>7</sup>I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

8"Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found the lost coin.' 10In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

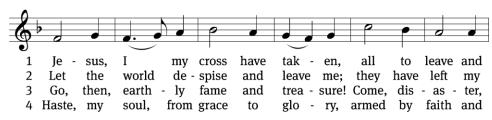
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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#### **SERMON**

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated as we prepare the altar for Holy Communion

Please stand for the Prayer of the Church

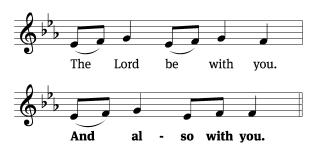
#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

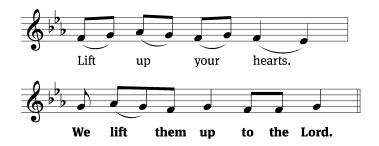
# The Sacrament of Holy Communion

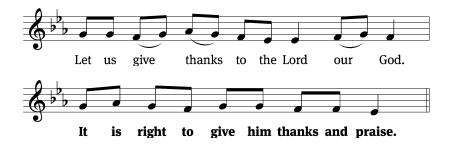
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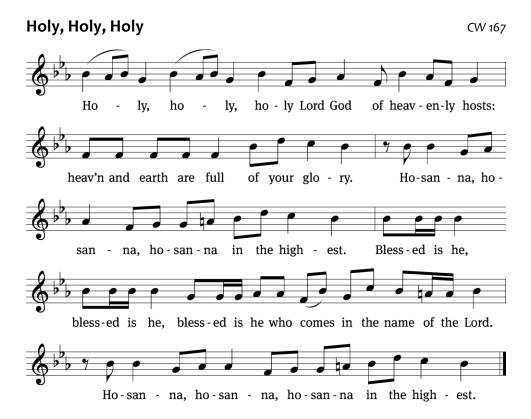
### **Preface**







It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

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.

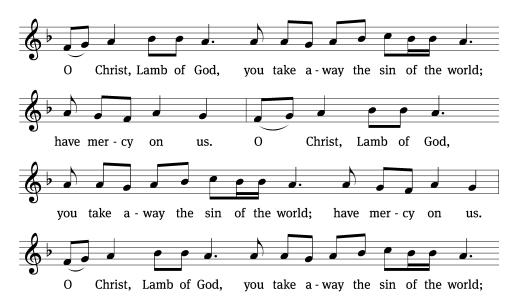
#### Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

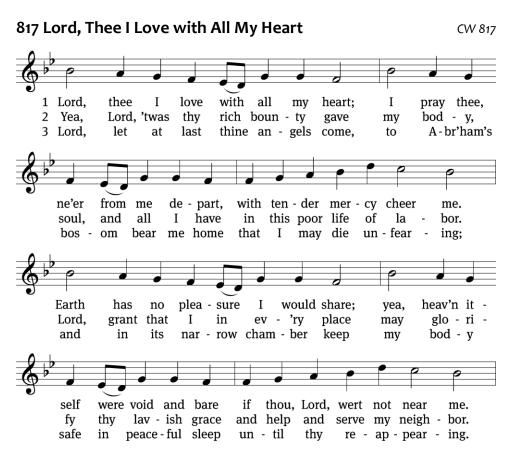
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** 

### O Christ, Lamb of God





Please be seated



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And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can Let no false doc-trine me be-guile; let Sa-tan not my And then from death a-wak-en me that these mine eyes with



noth-ing shake. Thou art the por-tion I have sought; thy pre-cious soul de-file. Give strength and pa-tience un - to me to bear my joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo-rious face, my Sav-ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -

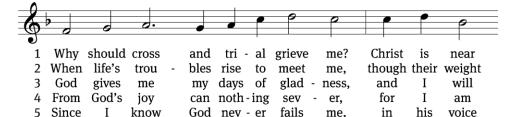


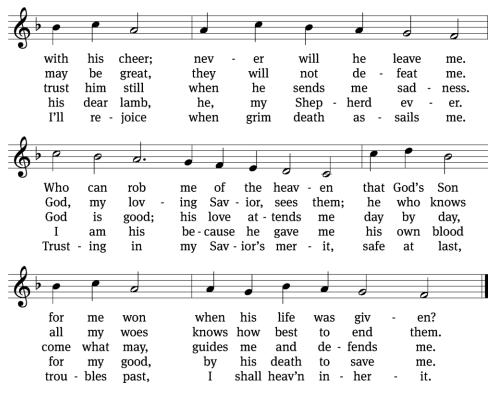
Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word. Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford. tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with-out end.

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#### Please stand if you are able

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### **Blessing**

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.

Amen.

Please be seated

### 705 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

CW 705



- Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to 1
- Or der my foot steps by your Word, and
- As sist my soul, too apt to stray, a
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands—'tis
- keep his stat utes still!
- make my heart sin cere; strict-er watch to keep,
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Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will! do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear. sin have no for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep. and should I e'er let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my nor

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