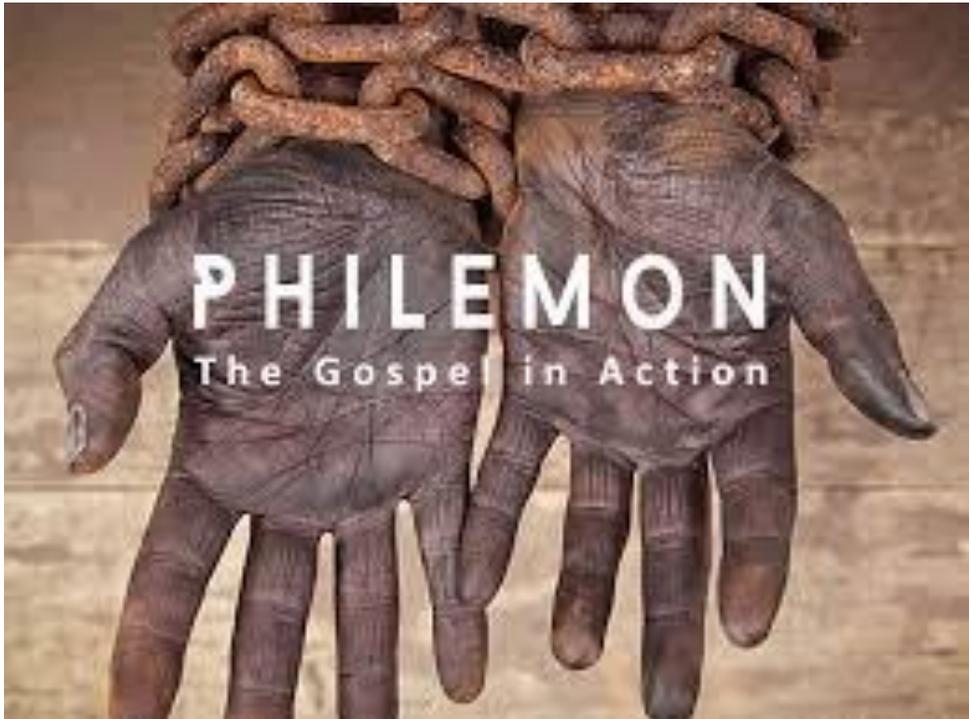


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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
CHRISTIAN LIVING- RECONCILIATION

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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# Order of Matins • September 7 & 8, 2019

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## Welcome and Greetings to Our Guests!

If you're new here, we welcome you in the name of Jesus. We also sincerely hope that you will come and worship with us again! Following the 9:30 am worship service, members and guests are invited to come down to the Upper Room for a cup of coffee, juice, snacks, and a time of fellowship with one another. Please join us for Bible Study on the book of John in the fellowship hall. As a reminder, please **turn off or silence** your cell phones during the service.

## Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, merciful Father, since hypocrites and ungodly people are found among the faithful within the Church, do not permit Satan to disrupt this congregation through such persons or to hinder the carrying out of duties of my office. If there are such in our midst, grant that Your Word may bring them to repentance and faith. Grant me patience and kindness and a forgiving heart toward all. Help me, for the sake of all in the congregation, to speak the truth in love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Opening Hymn

*"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"*

LSB 555

*Stanzas 1, 2, 6, 9, 10*

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Opening Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



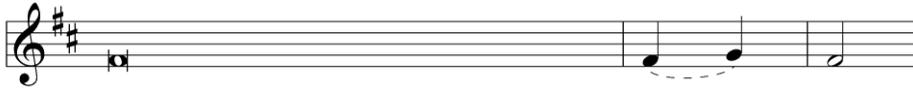
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.



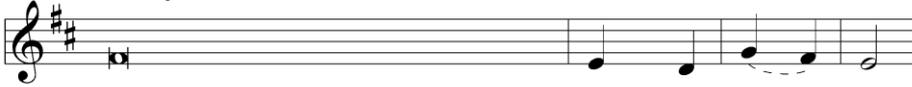
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.



## Venite



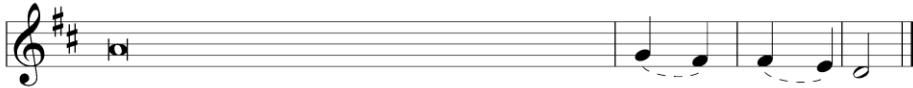
- C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Antiphon (Common)



- L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



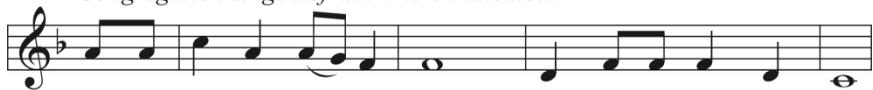
- C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

# Psalm 1

Richard Leach

Amanda Husberg

*Congregation sings Refrain where indicated.*



Like a tree be - side a stream, fruit - ful and ev - er green,



they are hap-py, they are blessed, who love the Word of the Lord.

## **Choir:**

- 1 Turn away, turn away from bad advice.  
Walk away, walk away from what is wrong.  
Stay away, stay away from those who scoff at the teaching of the Lord. *Refrain*
- 2 Let the Law of the Lord give you delight.  
Turn your heart to the Law by day and night  
As a tree, as a tree growing by a stream, you will prosper, you will thrive. *Refrain*
- 3 All who turn, all who turn away from God,  
All the hearts, all the minds that hate His words,  
Lead to lives, lead to lives that are like chaff scattered by a driving wind. *Refrain*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

**R** <sup>15</sup> See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.<sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

<sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

<sup>19</sup> This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup> and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**R** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

*Philemon 1-21*

**R** <sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—<sup>2</sup> also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:

<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup> yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup> that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup> I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup> I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—<sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

<sup>22</sup> And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.

<sup>23</sup> Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. <sup>24</sup> And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.

<sup>25</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**R** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 14:25-35*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**A** <sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:<sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?<sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup> “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

<sup>34</sup> “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? <sup>35</sup> It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Common



- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.  
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

### Catechetical Instruction

### The Fifth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer

**P** And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. *What does this mean?*

**C** We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by



## Prayers of St. Mark

### Collect for Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**P** 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.

### Benedicamus



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction



**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C** A - men.

### Closing Hymn

*"Thanks to Thee, O Christ Victorious"*

LSB 548

### Closing Prayer

### Postlude

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Our Christian sympathy is extended to Diane Wittkopp and family in the death of Michael H. Wittkopp Sr.

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

# Michael H. Wittkopp Sr.

1942 - 2019



Mr. Michael H. Wittkopp, Sr., 76, passed away Monday evening, September 2, 2019, at his home. Mike was born December 4, 1942 to Henry and Dorothea (Aue) Wittkopp in Muskegon, and was a lifelong resident. He was employed as a Chemist for several companies, his most recent with the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power. Mike was a longtime member of St. Mark Lutheran Church. He loved music and belonged to the choir and hand bell choir at the church. Mike was a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society for 25 years, the Christian Men's Golf League, and was an unofficial member of the Detroit Tigers Fan Club. On November 30, 1963 he married Diane S. Bourdo, and she survives him along with 3 children: Kathleen (Paul) Lachmann, Michael (Michele) Wittkopp, Jr., Patrick (Brenda) Wittkopp; 7 grandchildren: Emily and Cole Lachmann, Abigail "Abby" and Noah Wittkopp, Matthew and Morgan Wittkopp; 1 brother: Thomas Wittkopp; 1 sister: Nancy Wittkopp. Mike was preceded in death by his parents; 1 grandson, Nicholas Lachmann; and a daughter-in-law: Lori Wittkopp. Contributions in Mike's memory may be made to the Music Fund at St. Mark Lutheran Church.

***Those continuing medical care, undergoing treatment or in need of prayer:***

Pat Abrelat, Jack Adkins, Mary Benninger, Harvey Brady, Pam Bruining, Terry Carlson, Betty Deater, Jean Dusenberry, Leo Deuster, Laura Fitzpatrick, Betty Havermans, Jean Hladki, Brenda Hoisington, Jody Hoppus, Carolyn Klug, Kevin Kolberg, Jan Larabee, Ed Leatzow, Larry Miller, Sally Mitchell, Sue Neuman, Norbert Scholle, Lu Suchovsky, Carol Warren and Diane Wittkopp.

**Ken Kolberg - Hospice Care**

***Please pray for family and friends of the congregation:***

**Bob Suits**, friend of Sandy Hosko; **Robert Council**, son of Carolyn Council and brother of Belinda Schouten; **Kara Bickmeyer**, daughter in law of Carolyn Bickmeyer; **Huck Breen**, brother in law of Gary and Kathleen Schottke; **Shelley Schaab**, friend of Sharon Johnson; **Marge Lans, Dale Johnson and Al Boucher**, friends of Jack Adkins; **Pastor Len Brokenshire**, cousin of Carolyn Bickmeyer; **Allen Hosko Jr**, nephew of Sandy Hosko; **Megan Dezelsky**, daughter in law of Ardy Bulthouse; **Don Benninger**, friend of Joe and Nancy Kimble and Dawn and Paul Eggerding; **Cindy Bolduc**, sister in law of Larry and Cindy Bolduc; **Meta Martinez**, friend of Sharon Johnson; **Tom Sherbern**, cousin of Dick and Lynne Guerne; **Nancy Rebedew**, friend of Bill and Shirley Walther; **Steve Root**, relative of Larry and Cindy Bolduc; **Kathy Kufahl**, sister of Larry Bolduc; **Bill Larson Jr.**, cousin of Larry Bolduc; **Carolyn Johnson**, sister of Shirley Walther; **Sue Swanson**, sister of Carolyn Bickmeyer; **Bill Zachary**, brother in law of Otto Blendin; **Caleb Sheldon**, grandson of Al and Mary Sheldon; **Craig Swanson**, nephew of Terry and Marcia Carlson; **Olivia Gillespie**, friend of Gary and Kathleen Schottke; **Casey Culy**, grandson of Joe and Nancy Kimble; **Karen Marquez**, mother of RJ Marquez; **Dale Johnson**, friends of Jack and Colleen Adkins; **Joy Chalko**, sister of Renee Schaab; **Scott Verhoven**, son of Sandy and Frank Verhoven; **Jeff Jasicki**, friend of Leo Deuster; **Ron Burmeister**, father of Steve Burmeister; **Amy Loper**, cousin of Dick and Lynne Guerne; **Lesli Lehner**, friend of Larry and Gloria Miller and **Sheila Bluhm**, daughter of Lois Bluhm; **Eddie Yamnitz and Ruby Bohnert**, grandparents of Alisha Schimm.

***Pray for St. Mark members*** who reside in assisted living facilities: Gerry Bastian at Hermitage; Valerie Larson at Seminole Shores, and Marguerite Maxwell at Sanctuary on the Shore Nursing Home in Grand Haven.

