



**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Praise Worship*

**August 18, 2024 + 9am**

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**Congregational responses are in BOLD.**

All are welcome to receive Jesus' unconditional gift of God's grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Regardless of your church membership or affiliation, all are encouraged to participate in communion or to come forward for a blessing.

*\*The communion bread is homemade by congregation members and contains gluten and honey. For those with allergies or sensitivities, an alternative will be provided upon request.\**

Children of all ages are encouraged to worship with the whole community in Christ. Children's worship bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Page numbers that are listed are found in the front of the cranberry-colored hymnal at the bottom of the page. Hymn numbers are listed in bold, large print on the top of the page.

If you would like home communion, a hospital visit, or a conversation with the pastor, please contact the church office at 715.687.4110 or [office@zionstratford.org](mailto:office@zionstratford.org) or Pastor Amy Heinz at 608.498.5772 or [pastoramy@zionstratford.org](mailto:pastoramy@zionstratford.org).

**Ministers:** All the People of God through the love of Jesus and the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit

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**PRELUDE** - *“Come Unto Me” “Praise God Medley”* **Praise Choir**

**CENTERING AND BELLS’ CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/MISSION MOMENT**

**We Gather in Grace**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen\*\***

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**HYMN**

*“Shout to the Lord”*

**ELW 821**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

*“Kyrie eleison”*

Refrain: Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, every day.

vs. 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all; for this holy house,  
for all who worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

vs. 2 That we may live out your impassioned response  
to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out  
truth and justice and grace,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“I Will Sing Praise”*

I will sing praise, I will lift my voice.

I will sing praise, I’ve made my choice.

I will sing praise in all I do. I will sing praise to you.

*Repeat all*

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Bringer of Wisdom,**

**You teach us all we need to know about loving you and loving one another. Make our prayers more than mere words, and inspire us to actions of mercy and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **We Hear the Word of God**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **READING**

**Galatians 1:6-10**

<sup>6</sup> I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— <sup>7</sup> not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

<sup>10</sup> Am I now seeking human approval or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**     *"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!     *Repeat 2 more times*

Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Repeat from beginning all 2 more times*

## **READING Matthew 6:1-8**

[Jesus said] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>7</sup> “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**A Blessing to Many**

Rev. Amy Heinz

**HYMN**

*“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”*

**ELW 857**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, we love the beautiful world you have made: the sun and clouds, the seas and mountains, plants and animals. *We pause now to name them.*

Help us take good care of your gifts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for the Bible: for stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, and especially those about Jesus. *We pause now to name them.*

Give us courage to tell these stories to those who have not heard. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray today for all whom we love: parents, teachers, pastors, siblings, and friends. *We pause now to name them.*

Help us to listen well to one another and speak kindly with all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray today for people we do not know: people who live far away, people who cannot leave the hospital or nursing home, or even the person sitting next to us at school, work, or church. *We pause now to name them.*

Help us to show kindness and compassion to all who are hurting, lonely, or in despair. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Help us to grow in your love every day— as we pray and worship, as we learn from your word, as we share your love with others in all aspects of our lives. Open new avenues of possibilities. Renew our hope. Give us faith to move forward in your love. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.\*\***

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



## We Share the Meal

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY      *"We Bing"*

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### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, Gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name, and we sing with joy:\*\*

SANCTUS

*"Holy, Holy"*

On Screen

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## DISTRIBUTION SONGS

*"Lamb of God"*

**ELW p. 208**

*"Christ Be Our Light"*

**ELW 715**

*"Come Let Us Eat"*

**ELW 491**

## BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### We Serve the World in God's Name

## BENEDICTION

May the blessing of God, the giver of every good and perfect gift; and of Christ, who summons us to service; and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love, be with you always.

**Amen.\*\***

**CLOSING SONG**     *"When You Send Forth Your Spirit"*     **On Screen**

## DISMISSAL

We go in peace to love and serve our neighbors,  
**with open doors, open hearts, and open hands.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

# Notes, Prayers, and Thoughts

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***Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Hands***

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