

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORSHIP 9:30 a.m., SEPTEMBER 4, 2022
Tree of Life—Marty Haugen



Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life" - to choose life in God as our own.

Welcome to all who are virtually visiting us today. Please sign in on the Comments section of your Facebook Live page. If you would like to be put on the Advent email list to receive bulletins and Advent updates please send your email address to adventwestminster@gmail.com or contact us through the adventwestminster.org web site. Please join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning by having some bread and wine or grape juice available for the blessing on page 6

**Stand if able, P- Pastor, AM- assisting minister, C-congregation,
ELW-red songbook, W&P-purple songbook*

CALL TO WORSHIP—WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity +, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **C: Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness, C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven+ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

* OPENING HYMN ELW #661 *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. **Refrain.**

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word. **Refrain.**

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. **Refrain.**

*GREETING

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

***KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
 Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 1. For the
 2. For your
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.
 reign of God, and for peace through - out the
 peo - ple here who have come to give you
 world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
 thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the
 Lord:
 Lord: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, and de -
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.
 fend us, O God: A - men.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,
 glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple,
 peace to God's peo-ple, peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray. **C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord . Amen.**

READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the your Lord God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing 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, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

After Reading: L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1 (Read Responsively)

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ² **but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.** ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴ **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.** ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶ **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

HOLY GOSPEL P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 14:25-33 **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

25 Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

After reading: P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON Sermon Theme: **What is the Cost?**

Pastor Ron Beckman

*** HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #696 “Jesus Call Us: o’er the Tumult”**

1. Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, “Christian, follow me.”
2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus’ sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”
5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

PRAYERS *(please be seated)*

AM: God of grace **C: Hear our prayer.**

AM: *through Jesus Christ, our Savior.* **C: Amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Ron Beckman

Children please come forward

***GREETING OF PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. Gracious God,, **C: in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ who sets a table for all. Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God .**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE 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.

The gifts of God are always FREE! All are welcome at the Lord's table. Prefilled cups of wine and grape juice will be offered at the rail. The grape juice is clear and located in the center of the tray. Children are welcome at the meal, and may commune with parent's permission. If you are communing in your seat or at home online, the Pastor will tell you what to do.

ELW #854

"Blessing and Honor"

1. Blessing and honor and glory and pow'r, wisdom and riches and strength evermore, be to the Lamb who our battle has won, whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne; whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne!
2. Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name; let all the earth sing his glory and fame. Ocean and mountain stream, forest, and flow'r echo his praises and tell of his pow'r; echo his praises and tell of his pow'r.
3. Ever ascending the song and the joy, ever descending the love from on high; blessing and honor and glory and praise this is the theme of the hymns that we raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
4. Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb! Take we the robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain, dying in weakness and rising to reign; dying in weakness and rising to reign!

BLESSING *(please remain seated)*

P: Now may this body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace now and forever. **C: Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. God of the abundant table, **C: you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** BLESSING**

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN ELW # 537 “On Our Way Rejoicing”**

1. On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy? **Refrain.**

Refrain: On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2. Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore, on our way rejoicing now and ever more. **Refrain.**

*** DISMISSAL**

AM: Go in peace, with Christ beside you. C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

We are glad you are here! We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, black and proud, and no habla Ingles. You're welcome here if you are "just browsing", just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Luther or more Catholic than the Pope. We extend a special welcome o those who are over 40, but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. If you're having problems, or you're down in the dumps, or you don't like "organized religion," we have been there too. If you blew all your offering money in Blackhawk, you're welcome here. We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts and YOU! Welcome!! So all may know Christ's love!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Pastor Ron Beckman who is our Supply Pastor this morning.

Women's Bible Study,

Ladies of Advent and St. Andrew we will be starting up our Bible Studies on Tuesday, September 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Lounge. We use the Gather Magazine for these studies and we may need to share the magazines with those who may not have their subscriptions yet. Please, don't stay away because you haven't read the study before hand because not all of us have found the time either, so we just all read it together.

The September 2022, Session 1: "Trees," will tap into Biblical images of trees and explore why planting and protecting trees is important, while rooting us in models of interdependence and mutuality. It promises to be very interesting. Hope to see you there.

XYZ'S: We will be meeting on Wednesday September 14th at 9:30, at The Morning Story Restaurant located at 80th and Sheridan. They have reserved the big room for us. Due to seating they will need a count, so please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Vonda Crow will give them the final count on the 13th. The Senior Saints group from St. Andrew have been invited to join us.

Quilter's: The quilting group will be starting again on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 10:00 AM at Advent. We plan to stop at 1:00 pm with no time for sharing snacks. We will do this on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Masks are encouraged. If you have any questions please talk to Ande or Pam.

Save the Date for the following October Events:

1. Saturday October 8th at 10:00 am, Tour of Fire Station by Captain Steve Williams. Lunch afterward TBD. This is a family event sponsored by the Adventures.
2. Sunday October 16th: Welcome Fall Pot Luck Brunch immediately after worship.

More information to follow.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please take your Prayer List home with you and continue to pray for your siblings in Christ.

<p>Michael Adams (<i>Lexi Larson's father</i>) Steve Albert (<i>friend of Virginia Feighner</i>) Kath Andrews (<i>MaryAnn Bradley's sister</i>) Nina Behrendt (<i>neighbor and friend of Elizabeth Meier</i>) Melva Bishop/ Cheryl Evans-Shirley Frey (<i>Vonda Crow's cousins</i>) Chris Blair (<i>Warren's brother</i>) Donald Brzowsky (<i>Hal Schweitzer's nephew</i>) Wally Campbell (<i>friend of Sandra Sphan</i>) Shawn Cantwell (<i>nephew of Michelle Lamirato</i>) Shelley Carey, Kim Schreiner & Sandra Schreiner (<i>Cheryl Swinhart's cousins</i>) Amber Carolus & family (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) Joann Conrad (<i>Debbie Ezo's mother</i>) Nick Del Hierro (<i>friend of Jan and Sandi Bordner</i>) Jo Dreher Marge Dorsey Martie Essebagggers Baby Everlee (<i>Friend of Trevor Gallegos & Theresa Hornbuckle</i>) Esther Faïres Marty Flaum (<i>Friend of Mark Moyer and Karen Trinidad</i>) Wilberta Fleming (<i>Chris Borquez Step Mother</i>)</p>	<p>Doyal Furman (<i>Jacob's father</i>) Tobias Funk (<i>Jan Cole's nephew</i>) Gene (<i>Al Muniz's brother</i>) Julie Gerrish and Family (<i>Friend of Vicar Kaari</i>) Scott Gerhardt (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) Julie Goerend (<i>Pastor Barb's friend</i>) Russ and Bob Goerend (<i>Pastor Barb's friends</i>) Joe Green (<i>friend of Donna Harris</i>) * Geneva Giuffre (<i>Family friend of Tom and Joan LaRose</i>) Abbey Hammer (<i>Pam and Jesse Hammer's niece</i>) Andrea Hanson (<i>Chris' sister-in-law</i>) Geraldine Harmon (<i>Ernst Blyt's sister-in-law</i>) Candace Homestead Dale Hundley (<i>Lois'Wyble's son in law</i>) Karen Hutchinson (<i>Friend of Pastor Barb</i>) Jess Kary (<i>Jill Hartmann's father</i>) **Jessica Kurschner (<i>Pam & Jesse Hammer's daughter</i>) Julie McCawley James McAllister Shirley Nelson Gail Pankow (<i>Shirley Keith's sister</i>)</p>	<p>Don & Merideth Parker (<i>Ann Hibb's Mother and Stepdad</i>) Margaret Pitton (<i>Mary Lamirato's sister in law</i>) Jeannie Prior (<i>friend of Chris Borquez</i>) **Ray (<i>Al Muniz' brother</i>) Harlan Redcay (<i>Jesse Hammer's brother in law</i>) Helen Ritterrodt Reyna Sanchez Marlene Seim (<i>Cousin of Sandi Bordner</i>) Charlie Shaw (<i>friend of Lisa Cook</i>) Jean Shea (<i>Helen Ritterrodt's friend</i>) Mary Stein (<i>Pastor Barb's sister</i>) Stacy Struessel Stephan Swinhart (<i>Brother of Harry Swinhart and Susan Chambless</i>) Fred Vargas & Family (<i>Diane Fuhrman's brother</i>) Ann Vespoli (<i>LaVonne Vespoli's mother-in-law</i>) Helen Weingarten Tony Zangari Sr., Tony Jr., Roxanne Zangari (<i>family of Kathy Zangari</i>)</p>
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Praise and Thanksgiving for Pastor Barb Martens on her 12.5 years together in ministry.
Special prayers for The Price Family on the loss of Raynee.
Special prayers for Bev Lovato on the loss of her sister Helen Losten.
Special prayers for the citizens and victims and families who lost loved ones to gun violence.
Special prayers for the citizens of Ukraine.
Special Prayers for the marginalized, people of color, and essential workers.
Special Prayers for all of our military.
Special Prayers for all those out of work, homeless and hungry across the globe.