

**8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**August 30, 2020**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*(Please follow the ushers' direction on seating. We will maintain at least 6 feet between individuals unless you come as a family who live together.)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRELUDE: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" (Setting 2) – Michael Burkhardt**

P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**CONFESSION:**

**C. Almighty God, I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. I have sinned by what I have done and what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart.**

**I have not loved my neighbor as myself. Forgive me. Renew me. Lead me. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who suffered for us all and was raised from the dead, that first Easter. Amen.**

P. It is always my honor and privilege to announce that God has freely forgiven you and me. We stand here, trusting, by God's grace alone. We stand here as free men and women, boys and girls. May the wind of Pentecost move our hearts and our hands.

**C. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"**

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
 source of life and truth and grace,  
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
 hallows all our human race,  
 you our head, who, throned in glory,  
 for your own will ever plead:  
 fill us with your love and pity,  
 heal our wrong, and help our need.
  
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
 so may we for others live.  
 Freely have your gifts been granted;  
 freely may your servants give.  
 Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
 yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 we but stewards of your bounty  
 held in solemn trust will be.

- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
 King of love and Prince of peace;  
 hush the storm of strife and passion,  
 bid its cruel discords cease.  
 By your patient years of toiling,  
 by your silent hours of pain,  
 quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
 stem our selfish greed of gain.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

P. 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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**Dear God, we want detours around the crosses of life. Help us to see your Light at the end of every dark tunnel. Through the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen**

### **BIBLE READINGS**

**SERMON: “The Only Way Out Is Through”**

**Pastor Larry Isbell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
 let me hide myself in thee;  
 let the water and the blood,  
 from thy riven side which flowed,  
 be of sin the double cure;  
 cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
 simply to thy cross I cling.  
 Naked, come to thee for dress;  
 helpless, look to thee for grace;  
 foul, I to the fountain fly;  
 wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
 when mine eyelids close in death,  
 when I soar to worlds unknown,  
 see thee on thy judgment throne,  
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
 let me hide myself in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778

**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 dead,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")*

**THE BLESSING OF THE OFFERING****COMMUNION LITURGY**

P. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION:**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the "real presence" of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.*

**C. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**Distribution:**

P. The body of Christ, given.  
*The communion wafer is consumed at this time.*  
P: The blood of Christ, shed.  
*The communion wine is consumed at this time.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
**C: Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P. Let us pray. We give you thanks almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift – in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**BENEDICTION:**

P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: “Faith of Our Fathers”**

- 1 Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.

*Refrain*

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to thee till death.

- 2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,  
were still in heart and conscience free;  
and blest would be their children's fate  
if they, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Faith of our fathers! We will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife;  
proclaim thee too, as love knows how,  
by saving word and faithful life. *Refrain*

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

**DISMISSAL:**

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!  
C. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: “Son of God, Eternal Savior” (Setting 1) – Michael Burkhardt**

*(Please exit row by row, beginning with the back.  
Talk to others from a distance in the parking lot.)*

**Today's altar flowers are given by Gary & Theresa Forkert in honor of Benson's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday,  
and by Dick & Noreen Gaynor in honor of their 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**