



Sunday, August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 119:57-64

You are my portion, Lord;
I have promised to obey your words.
I have sought your face with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
I have considered my ways
and have turned my steps to your statutes.
I will hasten and not delay
to obey your commands.
Though the wicked bind me with ropes,
I will not forget your law.
At midnight I rise to give you thanks
for your righteous laws.
I am a friend to all who fear you,
to all who follow your precepts.
The earth is filled with your love, Lord;
teach me your decrees.

Prelude

Organ Sonata op. 65 Nr. 4 in D Major I. *Allegro con brio*
Music: Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 - 1847)

Andreas Jost, Organ

*Call to Worship – Revelation 15:3b-4

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Leader: Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty.

**People: Just and true are your ways,
King of the nations.**

Leader: Who will not fear you, Lord,
and bring glory to your name?

People: For you alone are holy.

Leader: All nations will come
and worship before you,

People: for your righteous acts have been revealed.

*Hymn of Praise – #288 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Merciful God,
you made us in your image,
with a mind to know you,
a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect,
our love inconstant,
our obedience incomplete.
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.

**People: In your tender love, forgive us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 1:18/Acts 13:38

Leader: “Come now, let us settle the matter,”
says the Lord.

“Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;

**People: though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.**

Leader: “Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the
forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

People: Thanks be to God!

God’s Gracious Will for Our Lives – 1 John 2:3-6

Leader: We know that we have come to know him if we keep his
commands. Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a
liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God
is truly made complete in them.

**People: This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him
must live as Jesus did.**

***Gloria Patri #579 “Glory Be to the Father”**

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 1:10-17 (pp. 686-687)

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New Testament Reading – John 1:43-51 (p. 1064)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response** – #365 “Jesus Priceless Treasure”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Maio Chen, Council Chairperson

Offertory

Improvisation on “OLD HUNDREDTH”
Music: Genevan Psalter (1551)

Andreas Jost, Organ

***Doxology** #592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayers of the People

Maio Chen

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

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. Amen.

GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Visitors

Maio Chen

Announcements

***Hymn of Dedication** – #376 “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Postlude

Organ Sonata op. 65 Nr. 4 IV. *Allegro maestoso*
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Andreas Jost, Organ

Please remain seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today’s bulletin cover features an icon painting in the Orthodox tradition representing the call of Jesus’ disciples Nathaniel and Philip (artist/date unknown).