

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 AM

August 30, 2020



The Cost of Discipleship

AS WE GATHER

Jesus invites anyone who would come after Him to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him. This invitation is at once as simple as justification by grace alone through faith alone for Christ's sake alone and as all-of-life-encompassing as is comprehended in that theological declaration. The life of following Jesus includes genuine love and service both to the Lord and to other people—even when those people may be considered enemies. It is about daily repentance all along the way in good times as well as in evil times. We may wonder at times whether He has forgotten us or wonder if He is still leading us, but we have His promise that we will see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

WELCOME – Pastor Jim Frusti

RINGING OF THE BELL

692 Praise to You and Adoration



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Pastor: Gracious Lord,

People: we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death at the cross for our redemption. Grant to us the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE READING *Romans 12:9-21* (With genuine love, overcome evil with good.)

Marks of the True Christian

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 16:21–28*

(Jesus calls His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him.)

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, **"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.** ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

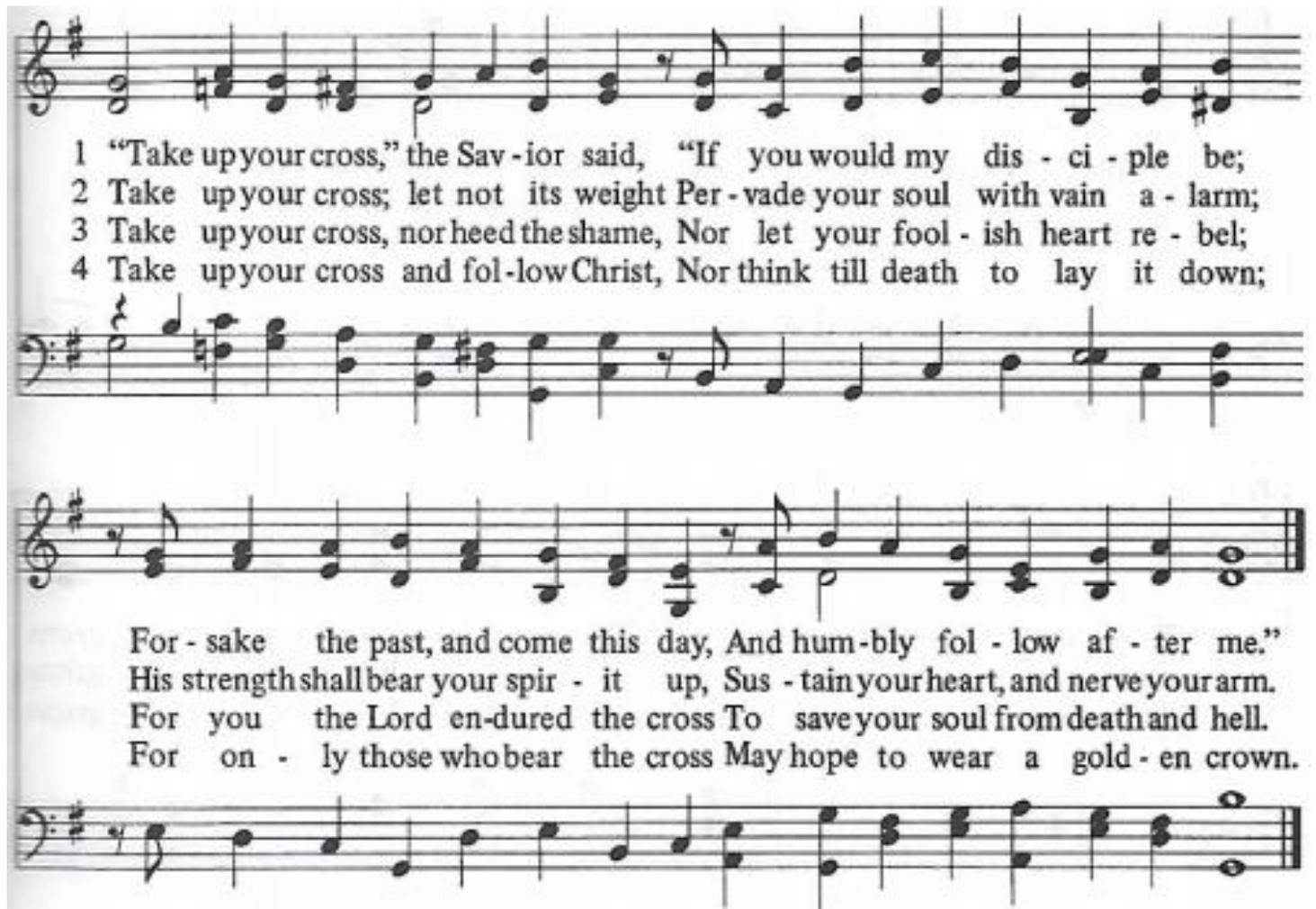
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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "If you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight Per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, Nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down;

For - sake the past, and come this day, And hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 His strength shall bear your spir - it up, Sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 For you the Lord en - dured the cross To save your soul from death and hell.
 For on - ly those who bear the cross May hope to wear a gold - en crown.

MESSAGE – Pastor Jim Frusti

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For all disciples of Jesus Christ, both here at St. Paul Lutheran and throughout the world, that we not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless us, Jesus, as we follow You.

Pastor: For the fulfillment of the Great Commission, that wherever the good news of salvation in Christ is proclaimed, hearts turn to the Lord and live, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless us, Jesus, as we tell of You.

Pastor: For all servant leaders in the church and in the world, that their work for our blessing show forth the goodness of Christ to the world He died to save, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless us, Jesus, as we serve You.

Pastor: For the blessing of all who hunger and thirst, for all who are weary and heavy-laden, and for all who are without house or income, that they seek the restoration the Lord's good hand provides, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless us, Jesus, as we are cared for by You.

Pastor: For all who willingly put themselves in the path of evil for the sake of other people's good, including military members, law enforcement officers, and emergency workers, that they be protected by the Lord's mighty hand, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless us, Jesus, as we are protected by You.

Pastor: For all who ail in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], that they be touched by the healing hand of our Savior and filled with the presence of His comforting Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless us, Jesus, as we are healed by You.

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in our time of need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Bless us, Jesus, as we trust You to hear and answer our prayers. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front of the church or in the main hallway. Thank you.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

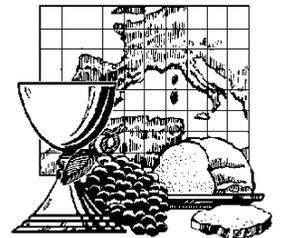
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request. ++

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gracious gift of Your Son's body and blood. Now that we have received His goodness in His Word and Spirit, help us to take up our cross daily and follow our Savior, who leads us with the only love that overcomes evil with good; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Romans 12:21*

Pastor: Do not be overcome by evil,

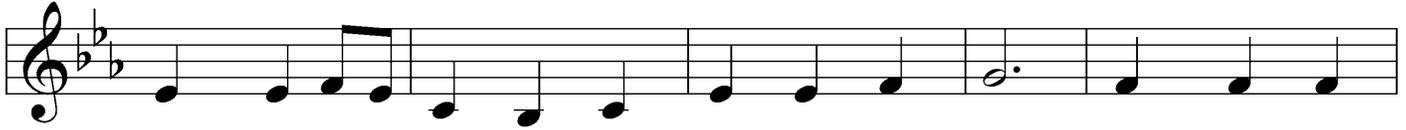
People: but overcome evil with good.

Pastor: Go forth with the blessing of your good and gracious God:
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

861 Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

POSTLUDE

May We Help You? Anyone who desires special private prayer with the Pastor may do so by remaining in the sanctuary until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor.

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WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher/Officant</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Chris Dempster</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jane Ripper</i>	<i>Janet Wisner</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Carolyn Nieuwkoop</i>	
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Nancy Berg</i> <i>Dottie Siefker</i>	<i>Marlene Shoebridge</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Chris Baetz</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Pat Melton</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>John Hasse</i> <i>Gary Sixt</i> <i>Pat McGuigan</i>	<i>Charleen Hill</i> <i>Bob McGuigan</i>

30	AUG, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship with Communion
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
1	SEP, TUE	● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Ladies Dinner and Bible Study
		● 6 – 7pm	Board of Elders Parish Hall
3	SEP, THU	● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Handbells choir loft
4	SEP, FRI	● All day	NO SCHOOL
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall

News & Notes

Attendance Last week :

Sunday 8.23.20 - 8:30am- 50
11:00am - 43 = 93

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities –

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church
Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every second and fourth Saturday @ 9:30am – Parish
Hall.

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808

Received week of 8.23.2020 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate*)\$2,796

*total includes online giving School Income - \$42,683.75

Today's flowers are:

One vase in memory of Kristen Schonhoff from Jeff Shapiro.

One vase in honor of Kathy Fox's 95th Birthday on the 31st from Jan Paver.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11am Sunday Service.

Parishoners and guests are cordially invited to the SPL Homecoming (previously Rally Day) event. On behalf of the Board of Christian Education, we hope that you are able to participate. It will not be as 'fancy' as in previous years due to the pandemic. However, as a board we thought it important to bring people together, while following appropriate and safe social protocol.

Homecoming: Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020

Time: 11:00 am. There will be one service at 10:00 am.

Format: Lunch and fellowship.

We will serve a box lunch in the parish hall. Parishoners and guests may eat in the parish hall or outside (weather permitting).

We want to practice safe procedures so everyone will be asked to wear a mask as they collect their lunch. Seats will be arranged for appropriate social distancing. There will be no games or other attractions for the children.

Please join us for Homecoming and enjoy fellowship with friends in Christ.

Family of God Mission - We want to thank our Cheesy Pasta Casserole makers Janet Kovalak, Gretchen Hasse, Pat McGuigan (thank you for always being willing to make 2), Anne Burgess, Shannon Stewart (thank you for saying yes when I personally asked), Kathy Verseman and Janet Wisner. Carolyn Nieuwkoop brought in the butter but we saved it for Barbara's upcoming dinner and Bernice Baggett graciously buttered the rolls she bought for us, thank you. Chris Henning searched high and low for chips, we sooooo much appreciate your successful efforts. Marti Gilchrist furnished all our fruit cups and made a special trip to another store to get another 4 cups, you're a blessing. Jean Peedle supplied all 75 beverages, pop (which is a treat) and water. We used the last box of rice krispie treats and Claudia Williamson delivered some cookies and wrapped each one individually for us, this protects them from getting moist when in contact with other items in the three sectioned trays. Janet Wisner also supplied our plastic ware and napkins. Pat Melton, Pat McGuigan, Barbara Hoffmeier and Sue Poole traveled down to serve. Barbara Hoffmeier has been doing the driving since she hasn't had choir for the last few months. We appreciate her willingness to do that for us. Without each one of you, doing a part, we would not be able to serve all these meals. We want you all to know how much you're appreciated, all the extra trips, searching, preparing and delivering, we just can't thank you all enough. Keep up the good work.



Another Way Pregnancy Center is hosting a Virtual Banquet on Thursday, October 8th at 7:00pm. This is an major fundraiser for the organization whose mission is to provide support to men and women through pregnancy and the first year of the baby's life. They offer pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, pregnancy options counseling, parenting support programs, sexual health and relationship education. Here are the Top Five reasons you should participate: 5. You can watch in you PJ's; 4. You don't have to hire a babysitter; 3. You don't have to dress up; 2. You can donate from the comfort of your sofa; And the number one reason is - You will help us save babies! To learn more & to register for our exciting Virtual Fall Banquet, visit <http://awpcevents.org>. Please consider supporting AWPC, one of St. Paul's major community outreach projects.

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with the Family of God meal on Wednesday, August 19th. Our coordinators, Barbara & Will Hoffmeier, were out of town and the "crew" really stepped up to serve a meal at the mission.

Shopper: Janet Wisner

Cooks: Janet, Nancy Berg, Kim Johnson, Linda Johnson, Doris Oltersdorf, Kathy Verseman

Brownie Bakers: Marilyn Breuhan, Carole Crete, Ruth Fisher, Kathy Honer, Carol Kandah

Servers: Chris & Ane Burgess, Chris & Beth Dempster.

We will be switching to the third TUESDAY'S beginning in September to serve our meals. All help is appreciated. Contact Barbara if you can assist #248.756.3035.