

# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hermiston, Oregon

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## Hymn #711 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

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## Versicles

**P:** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C:** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

**P:** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C:** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

**P:** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Psalm 84:10

**P:** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C: Teach me Your paths.**

Psalm 25:4

**P:** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C: Your Word is truth.**

John 17:17

**P:** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Psalm 113:3

## First Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 8

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup>The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. <sup>3</sup>Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

<sup>4</sup>Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah <sup>5</sup>and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." <sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup>According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. <sup>9</sup>Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

<sup>10</sup>So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him. <sup>11</sup>He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. <sup>12</sup>And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. <sup>13</sup>He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup>He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. <sup>15</sup>He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. <sup>16</sup>He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men<sup>[a]</sup> and your donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup>He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup>And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

<sup>19</sup>But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us, <sup>20</sup>that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." <sup>21</sup>And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. <sup>22</sup>And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king." Samuel then said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

## Hymn #722 v. 1 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Lord, take my hand and lead me  
Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me  
From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,  
And lead the way.

## Second Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 9:1 – 10:1a

There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. <sup>2</sup>And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.

<sup>3</sup>Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to Saul his son, "Take one of the young men with you, and arise, go and look for the donkeys." <sup>4</sup>And he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. And they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there. Then they passed through the land of Benjamin, but did not find them.

<sup>5</sup> When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, let us go back, lest my father cease to care about the donkeys and become anxious about us." <sup>6</sup> But he said to him, "Behold, there is a man of God in this city, and he is a man who is held in honor; all that he says comes true. So now let us go there. Perhaps he can tell us the way we should go." <sup>7</sup> Then Saul said to his servant, "But if we go, what can we bring the man? For the bread in our sacks is gone, and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?" <sup>8</sup> The servant answered Saul again, "Here, I have with me a quarter of a shekel of silver, and I will give it to the man of God to tell us our way." <sup>9</sup> (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he said, "Come, let us go to the seer," for today's "prophet" was formerly called a seer.) <sup>10</sup> And Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God was.

<sup>11</sup> As they went up the hill to the city, they met young women coming out to draw water and said to them, "Is the seer here?" <sup>12</sup> They answered, "He is; behold, he is just ahead of you. Hurry. He has come just now to the city, because the people have a sacrifice today on the high place." <sup>13</sup> As soon as you enter the city you will find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat till he comes, since he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now go up, for you will meet him immediately." <sup>14</sup> So they went up to the city. As they were entering the city, they saw Samuel coming out toward them on his way up to the high place.

<sup>15</sup> Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel: <sup>16</sup> "Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me." <sup>17</sup> When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, "Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall restrain my people." <sup>18</sup> Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate and said, "Tell me where is the house of the seer?" <sup>19</sup> Samuel answered Saul, "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for today you shall eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind." <sup>20</sup> As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father's house?" <sup>21</sup> Saul answered, "Am I not a Benjaminite, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my clan the humblest of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?"

<sup>22</sup> Then Samuel took Saul and his young man and brought them into the hall and gave them a place at the head of those who had been invited, who were about thirty persons. <sup>23</sup> And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the portion I gave you, of which I said to you, 'Put it aside.'" <sup>24</sup> So the cook took up the leg and what was on it and set them before Saul. And Samuel said, "See, what was kept is set before you. Eat, because it was kept for you until the hour appointed, that you might eat with the guests."

So Saul ate with Samuel that day. <sup>25</sup> And when they came down from the high place into the city, a bed was spread for Saul on the roof, and he lay down to sleep. <sup>26</sup> Then at the break of dawn Samuel called to Saul on the roof, "Up, that I may send you on your way." So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.

<sup>27</sup> As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to pass on before us, and when he has passed on, stop here yourself for a while, that I may make known to you the word of God."

<sup>10</sup><sup>1</sup> Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies."

## Hymn #722 v. 2 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,  
In peace I go.

## Third Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 10:17-27

<sup>17</sup> Now Samuel called the people together to the LORD at Mizpah. <sup>18</sup> And he said to the people of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.' <sup>19</sup> But today you have rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses, and you have said to him, 'Set a king over us.' Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your thousands."

<sup>20</sup> Then Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. <sup>21</sup> He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its clans, and the clan of the Matrites was taken by lot; and Saul the son of Kish was taken by lot. But when they sought him, he could not be found. <sup>22</sup> So they inquired again of the LORD, "Is there a man still to come?" and the LORD said, "Behold, he has hidden himself among the baggage." <sup>23</sup> Then they ran and took him from there. And when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. <sup>24</sup> And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen? There is none like him among all the people." And all the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

<sup>25</sup> Then Samuel told the people the rights and duties of the kingship, and he wrote them in a book and laid it up before the LORD. Then Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his home. <sup>26</sup> Saul also went to his home at Gibeah, and with him went men of valor whose hearts God had touched. <sup>27</sup> But some worthless fellows said, "How can this man save us?" And they despised him and brought him no present. But he held his peace.

**L: This is the Word of the Lord**

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Gradual**

recited by all

Romans 11:33, 36

**Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!**

**How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

**For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.**

**To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

## **Hymn #722 v. 3 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"**

Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen  
My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me,  
O blessèd Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me  
Unto the end.

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## **Catechism**

### ***Ten Commandments***

**You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant,  
his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

### ***Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*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.**

**Hymn #525 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

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## Sermon

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

**P:** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them. . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**P:** Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Collect for the Word

**P:** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Blessing

Jude 24-25

**P:** To Him Who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn #918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

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## Scripture for August

Psalm 138:7 ESV

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
You preserve my life;  
You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and Your right hand delivers me.*

## What's Happening This Week

**Worship:** At Bethlehem (Hermiston)  
At Christ Alone (Ione)

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**Bible Study:** At the Ione Market  
At Bethlehem - **online**

Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.  
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** At Bethlehem

Wednesday at 6:00 a.m.

## Doxology #805 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

△ Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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