

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

[²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

Sunday September 3, 2017

10:00 am

Lay Leadership: Jim Best

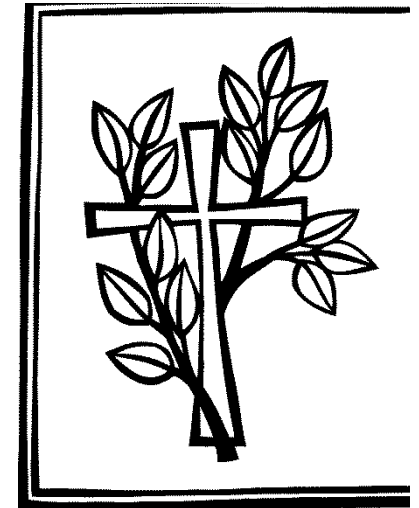
Welcome

We extend a warm and friendly greeting to all of our guests and visitors who are worshipping with us this day.

Congregational Mission Statement

Our congregation shall proclaim the Gospel of Christ through celebration and sacrifice. It shall be of Evangelism to all people emphasizing a program of teaching and witness.

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We acknowledge that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinabek and Metis people.

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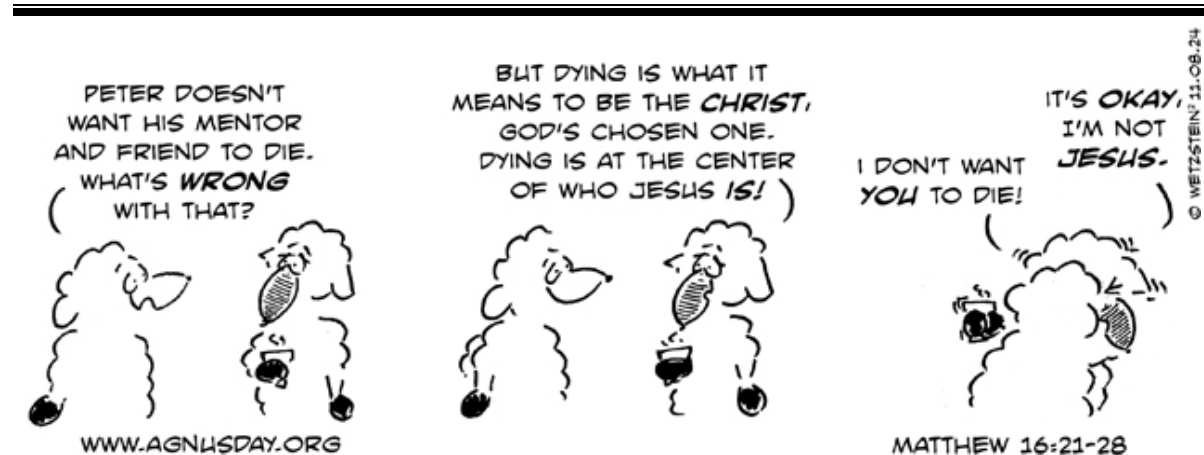
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INTRODUCTION OF THE DAY

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn ELW # 879 For the Beauty of the Earth

Apostolic Greeting L: 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.

Canticle of Praise **Glory to God, Glory to God...** **Page 213**

Prayer of the Day L: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Introduction of the Day

First Reading		Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm Hymn	insert	This Be My Supreme Desire
Second Reading		Romans 12:9-21
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Sermon		

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day ELW # 660: Lift High the Cross

Apostles' Creed

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. **WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. **WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

We pray for the church and its mission. Make your church ready to lose its life for your sake. Unite it in service, sustain it in suffering, and let its love for others be genuine. We pray especially for our bishops Susan and Michael, for the ministry of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief and for our pastor, Brad.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth and its well-being. Make us mindful of the gifts you have labored to give us, and inspire us to commit ourselves to their care.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations and their leaders. Overcome evil with good. Show us how to live peaceably with all. Teach us how to love our enemies.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any need. Provide for the hungry. Rescue the persecuted. Bless those who advocate for fair and safe working conditions and for just and livable wages.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community and its ministry. Move us to persevere in prayer, to extend hospitality to strangers, to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to weep with those who weep (especially for those we name aloud or in our hearts before you now). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labours. Keep us in union with them until we are joined around your throne.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

Sharing of the Peace

Tithes and Offerings

Canticle of Thanksgiving **Salvation belongs...** **Page 219**

Thanksgiving for the Word **Praise and thanks...** **Page 220**

Lord's Prayer **Our Father, who art in heaven...** **Page 221**

SENDING

Blessing L: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

L: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: The God of all grace bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW # 624: Jesus Still Lead On

Sending L: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.