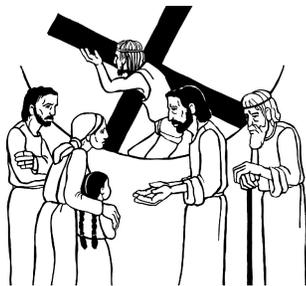


**Thirteenth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Lectionary 23  
Rally Day  
September 8, 2019**



**Gathering Song**     *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*     **Hymn #818**  
**Hymn of the Day**     *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*     **Hymn #696**  
**Sending Song**     *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*     **Hymn#722**  
**Choir Anthem**     *The Summons*     **- John L. Bell**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

Installation of Christian Education Teachers

Children's Sermon

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20**

*Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.*

**A:** *A reading from Deuteronomy.*

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

<sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless

you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

*The word of God, word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 1**

**Read Responsively by whole verse (bold type)**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**SECOND READING: Philemon 1:1–21**

*While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.*

**A:** *A reading from Philemon*

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister,  
to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*The word of God, word of life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



**P:***The holy gospel according to St. Luke.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:25–33**

*Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.*

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

*The gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

(Petition Response to Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**)

*Nicole Nicholson, Choir Director*  
*Christopher Sahar, Organist*  
*Elaine DiChiara, Administrative Assistant*  
*Roxanne Toomey, Deacon*  
*April Pace, Nursery School Director*

**We Welcome all visitors** to our services. Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary. On Sunday mornings we invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in Room 2000 immediately following the 9:00 am worship service.

**Parents with Restless Children** may wish to move to the Library where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.

**The Altar Flowers** are given by **Claudia & John Gross** in loving memory of **Meta Geestmann**.

**The Worship Bulletins** are a gift from **Claudia & John Gross** and **Jennifer, Craig & Hannah Proce** in loving memory of **Caroline Gross** on her birthday anniversary.

### **Serving Today**

Deacon: Roxanne Toomey  
Lector: Roxanne Toomey  
Comm. Assists: Barbara Stone, Elaine DiChiara  
Acolyte: Caroline Saronka  
Crucifer:  
Ushers: Bob Rath, Bob Ahearn, Eric Juergens, Frank Tetro  
Altar Guild: Kay Riese, Emmy Grenzic, June Fahey,  
Ann Reimer  
Flower Delivery: Jeri Hallgren  
Greeters: Ralph Pollock  
Counters: Hans Vogel, Michael Soethout, John Gross,  
Eileen Colton  
Coffee Hour Hosts: WELCA

### **Announcements for the Week of September 8, 2019**

**Today is Rally Day!** We welcome back our teachers and Sunday School and Confirmation students. The Sunday School children will be joining us every Sunday in Church for a special Children's Sermon

after the Prayer of the Day. They will then go to their classrooms with their teachers. Please join us after service for a special Rally Day Coffee Hour in Room 2000. We thank WELCA who will be hosting our Coffee Hour.

**Confirmation students** will meet in their classrooms at 10:15 am with dismissal at 11:15 am. Letters were sent out to parents & students with important information regarding the upcoming year.

**The Installation of the Teacher and Education Staff will take place after The Prayer of the Day.**

**Please return the white bulletins to the basket in the back of the Church after service. We use them every week. You may keep the inserts. Thank you!**

**SAVE THE DATE...THIS YEAR THE COUNTRY FAIR WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19.**

**The Christian Nursery School** has a continuous registration for all open classes – 2's, 3's and 4's. Spaces are still available for all ages. We also started a new program - "The Lunch Bunch." After the morning session, the children who signed up, stay an extra hour for lunch and socialization. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in enrolling their child(ren) in the Nursery School, please contact the **Director, April Pace, in the Nursery School Office at 516-679-8425.**

The following people are on our Prayer List. We remember them in our prayers ~

**Jose Alves, Tom Anderson, Ellen Bacotti, Debbie Becker, James Cathcart, Donna Chillemi, Eddie Finn, Michael Florio, Betty Gibberman, Barbara Grieser, Helen Gscheidle, Debby Jones, Mary Lynn Kirby, Florence Kirch, Maritza Mazza, Kathy McKinnon, Janet McShea, William McShea, James Pallas, George & Marylou Steele, Natalie Stone, James Toomey, Vincent Tosti**

We ask that you please keep us updated and let us know of any changes. If you would like to add someone to the list who is in need of prayers, please let Pastor know or call Elaine at 516-221-3286.

## **Weekly Calendar**

Sun. 9:00am Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 23  
Worship Service & Sunday School  
10:00am Special Rally Day Coffee Hour hosted by WELCA  
Mon. 7:00pm Worship & Music  
8:00pm Council  
Thurs. 1:45pm Belair Nursing Home  
Fri. 9am-3pm Thrift Shop  
Sun. 9:00am Time after Pentecost - Lectionary 24  
Worship Service & Sunday School  
10:00am Coffee Hour  
10:15am Confirmation

## **Thrift Shop Hours**

**Friday - 9am - 3pm**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month - 10am - 2pm**

## **Pantry List**

**DISH SOAP, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, TOOTHPASTE,  
FACIAL TISSUES, SHAMPOO, EVAPORATED MILK,  
JUICE, COFFEE, EGG NOODLES, ROTELLE PASTA,  
CANNED TOMATOES, CHICKEN BROTH, INSTANT  
POTATOES, MAYONNAISE, SALAD DRESSING**

**There is a box in the hallway across from the Library for donations. Please check the expiration dates on the packaged foods before you donate the item! Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!**