



Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Worship

September 4th, 2022

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If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our Guest Book in the church or send an email to sothlc@sothem.org. We are so glad that God brought you to this time of worship.

*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and '*' means please stand as able.*

BELL & PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME AND MUTUAL MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

* Green #97 GATHERING HYMN "*Christ, the Life of All the Living*" page 5

* CONFESSION Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.* Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

* FORGIVENESS Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY 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 advance your kingdom in the world. Thank you, Jesus, for building up our courage and being with us. Amen.**

GROWING

Paul and 275 people, including other prisoners, Roman soldiers and the crew of the ship. Their travel was slow because of the late season weather. They realize too late that they probably should have stopped to winter at a port instead of pushing too far at the end of the season. The situation on the water becomes dire, and Paul offers words of encouragement and wisdom. From Acts 27-28.

Acts 27:21 Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. ²²I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you.' ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶But we will have to run aground on some island."

²⁷When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they took soundings again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰But when the sailors tried to escape from the ship and had lowered the boat into the sea, on the pretext of putting out anchors from the bow, ³¹Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." ³²Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and set it adrift.

When it was clear the ship would be destroyed by the reef the soldiers planned to kill all the prisoners. A centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan and orders everyone to jump and swim to shore. Just as Paul has told them, EVERYONE on the ship was saved. Once in Rome, Paul met with fellow Christians, and the Jewish leaders of the area.

^{28:14} And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵The believers from there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶When we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him. ¹⁷Three days later he called together the local leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, yet I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. ¹⁸When they had examined me, the Romans wanted to release me, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. ¹⁹But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to the emperor — even though I had no charge to bring against my nation. ²⁰For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is for the sake of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain." ²¹They replied, "We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken anything evil about you. ²²But we would like to hear from you what you think, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against."

²³After they had set a day to meet with him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. ²⁴Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe.

³⁰ (Paul) lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *Has God given you courage to weather the trials of your life?*

Pastor Mary Eide

Green #93 HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus, Refuge for the Weary" page 6

GIVING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of grace, **ALL: hear our prayer.**)

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* OFFERING PRAYER We freely give **back to God what was first given to us, in order to grow and build God's kingdom. With gratitude and thanksgiving Lord, we offer you our time, energy, skills, and the things we treasure. Receive the gifts we bring, in the name of Jesus Christ, our strength and our Savior. Amen.**

* GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* INVITATION In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

HOLY COMMUNION – *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. If you or a family member would like communion brought to them, please tell an usher.*

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING The God of peace, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

* Green # 200 SENDING HYMN "*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*" page 7

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

TODAY:	10:00am	Worship with Communion
Monday	<i>Labor Day</i> - Office Closed	
	7pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	Parking Lot Seal Coating	
	7pm	Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting
Friday:	10-Noon	Food Pantry
Sunday:	9-9:45am	Rally Day Intergenerational Event
	10:00am	Rally Day Worship w/Blessing of the Backpacks and more
	11:00am	Fellowship (in the Gathering Place)

RALLY SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE! Come and join us **from 9am-9:4am AND then for our 10am worship**, for intergenerational Rally Day activities. We will begin the morning in the Gathering Place with music, Bible readings, and more. During worship we will Bless the Backpacks...and all those who use them...as well as give 3rd Grade Bibles out.

PARKING LOT CLOSED Wed/Thur. 9/7-9/8 for Seal Coating

7th-8th GR. STUDENTS/PARENTS MEETING Wed. 9/7 at 7pm. Kids bring your Bibles with you and parents bring your calendars for signing up for Wed. class snacks and Sun. to acolyte/reading/etc. Any questions, please call Pastor Mary at 715-308-0652

FELLOWSHIP NEXT SUNDAY (9/11) will be in the Gathering Place with just coffee.

SIGN UP TO HELP AT THE AUTUMN FEST We are looking for donations of bars and baskets, as well as help with setting up the tent on Sat. 10/1st, hauling everything over the morning of 10/2nd, running the event and cleaning up. Sign-up sheets at church. Any questions, contact Sarah Larson at 715-577-2560. We are still looking for individuals to take the lead on: *Tent Set up on Saturday morning, venue setup on Sunday, and clean up at the end of the day.* If we get someone for each of these tasks, we won't have to add too much pressure on any one person.

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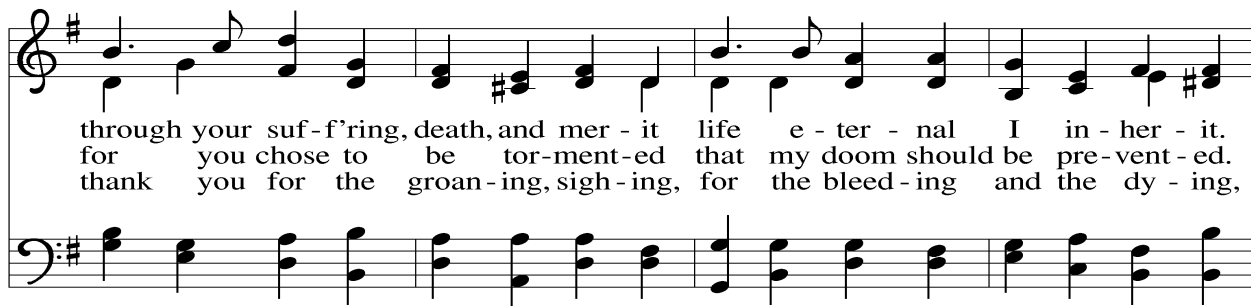
Christ, the Life of All the Living



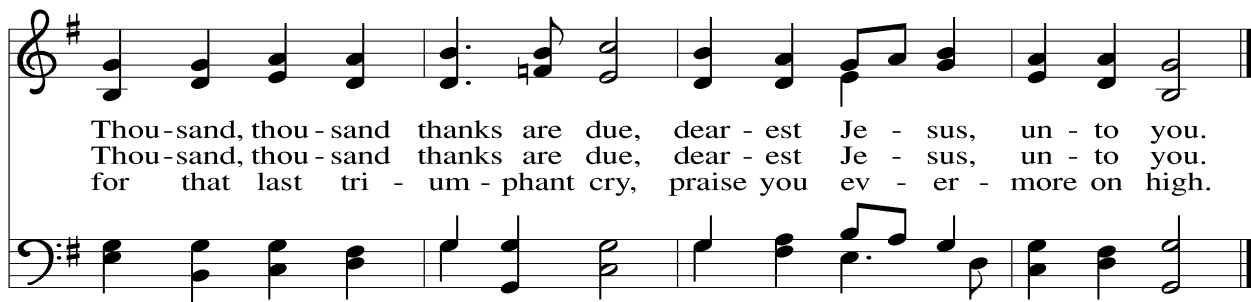
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

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Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest re - deem - er, whom we love,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re - pen - tant vow,
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent love for you;



foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove:
though we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, see your thorn - en - cir - cled brow?
may our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be - hold your cross a - new;



of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed, gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall;
Yet your sin - less death has brought us life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest;
till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,

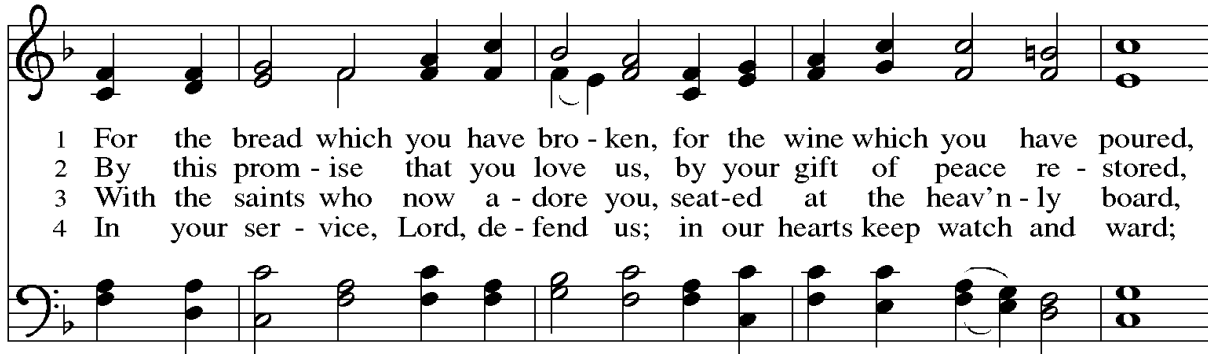


yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, you have borne the pain of all.
on - ly what your grace has taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er, dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

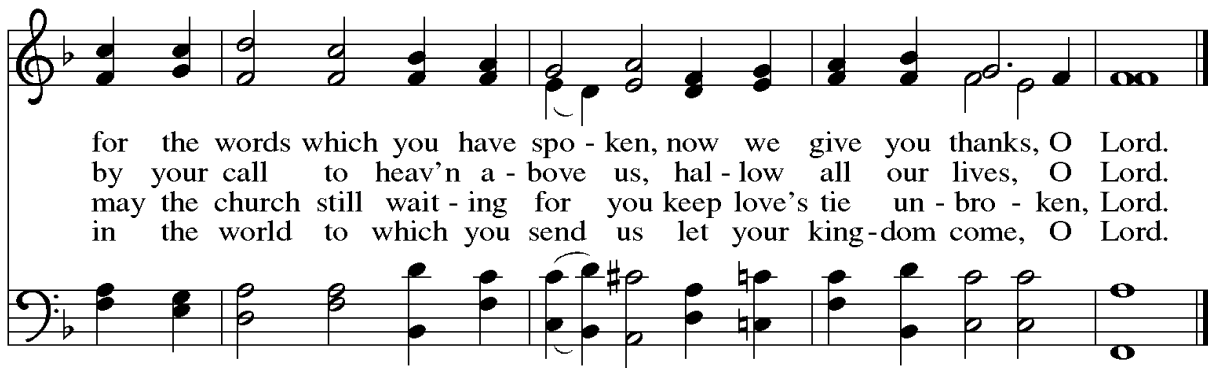
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For the Bread Which You Have Broken



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

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