

# *The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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## 559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

- 1 Oh, how great is Your compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,  
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally!
- 2 Your great love for this has striven That we may, from sin made free,  
Live with You eternally. Your dear Son Himself has given  
And extends His gracious call, To His supper leads us all.
- 3 Firmly to our soul's salvation Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,  
In Your Sacraments and Word. There He sends true consolation,  
Giving us the gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.
- 4 Lord, Your mercy will not leave me; Ever will Your truth abide.  
Then in You I will confide. Since Your Word cannot deceive me,  
My salvation is to me Safe and sure eternally.
- 5 I will praise Your great compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,  
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation  
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father, **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your

**beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

### **Introit**

Have respect, O Lord, unto Thy covenant:  
**oh, let not the oppressed return ashamed!**  
Arise, O God, and plead Thine own cause:  
**and forget not the voice of Thine enemies.**

O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever?:  
**Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture?**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Have respect, O Lord, unto Thy covenant:  
**oh, let not the oppressed return ashamed!**  
Arise, O God, and plead Thine own cause:  
**and forget not the voice of Thine enemies.**

### **Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that

**sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God : give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity : and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **C** Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

*2 Chronicles 28:8–15*

<sup>8</sup>The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. <sup>9</sup>But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. <sup>10</sup>And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? <sup>11</sup>Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.” <sup>12</sup>Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war <sup>13</sup>and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” <sup>14</sup>So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. <sup>15</sup>And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Galatians 3:15–22*

<sup>15</sup>To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. <sup>16</sup>Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.

<sup>17</sup>This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void.

<sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. <sup>19</sup>Why then the law? It was added

because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. <sup>20</sup>Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

<sup>21</sup>Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. <sup>22</sup>But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the

promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 10:23–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! <sup>24</sup>For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” <sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher,

what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup>And he answered, “You shall love the Lord

your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he

said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when

he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he

had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil

and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?’ <sup>37</sup>He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You go, and do likewise.’

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

**C** 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 at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will 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 worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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.

## 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

- 1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
Unite my thankful heart to Thee, And reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am; Be Thou alone my constant flame.
  - 2 O grant that nothing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;  
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.
  - 3 This love unwearied I pursue And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.  
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!  
And day and night, be all my care To guard this sacred treasure there.
  - 4 In suffering be Thy love my peace, In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;  
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour,  
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide, And draw me safely to Thy side!
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## Sermon

### Offertory

*LSB 192*

**☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

### [ Offering ]

### Prayer of the Church

### Preface

*LSB 194*

**☐** The Lord be with you.

**☑** And with thy spirit.

**☐** Lift up your hearts.

**☑** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**☐** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**☑** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

**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 Our Lord

*LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.



**☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

**Distribution**

**555 Salvation unto Us Has Come**

- 1 Salvation unto us has come  
By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.
  
- 2 What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.
  
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream  
That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem  
And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright  
To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.

- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain,  
Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart  
Or purify our guileful heart—  
So deep is our corruption.
- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,  
Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see  
Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"  
No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name,  
My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in  
The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
The Law no peace can ever give,  
No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

△10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessèd name we hallow.

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## **620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing**

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Offering pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessèd feast."
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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## 724 If God Himself Be for Me

- 1 If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;  
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.  
If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,  
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?
- 2 I build on this foundation, That Jesus and His blood  
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.  
Without Him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;  
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.
- 3 Christ Jesus is my splendor, My sun, my light, alone;  
Were He not my defender Before God's judgment throne,  
I never should find favor And mercy in His sight,  
But be destroyed forever As darkness by the light.
- 4 He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;  
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.  
In Him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;  
In Him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.
- 5 For no one can condemn me Or set my hope aside;  
Now hell no more can claim me: Its fury I deride.  
No sentence now reproves me, No guilt destroys my peace;  
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with His grace.
- 6 Who clings with resolution To Him whom Satan hates  
Must look for persecution; For him the burden waits  
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses Heaped on his blameless head;  
A thousand plagues and crosses Will be his daily bread.

- 7 From me this is not hidden, Yet I am not afraid;  
I leave my cares, as bidden, To whom my vows were paid.  
Though life from me be taken And ev'rything I own,  
I trust in You unshaken And cleave to You alone.
- 8 No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,  
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.  
Though earth should break asunder, My fortress You shall be;  
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever You from me.
- 9 No angel and no gladness, No throne, no pomp, no show,  
No love, no hate, no sadness, No pain, no depth of woe,  
No scheming, no contrivance, No subtle thing or great  
Shall draw me from Your guidance Nor from You separate.
- 10 My heart with joy is springing; I am no longer sad.  
My soul is filled with singing; Your sunshine makes me glad.  
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;  
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

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### **845 Where Charity and Love Prevail**

- 1 Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love  
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
Be ours His holy peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

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## **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**☐** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

**☐** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**☐** and His mercy endureth forever.

**☐** Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **☐** Amen.

**☐** The Lord be with you.

**☐** And with thy spirit.

## **Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## **716 I Walk in Danger All the Way**

- 1 I walk in danger all the way. The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares  
May seize me unawares If I should fail to watch and pray.  
I walk in danger all the way.
- 2 I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending.  
When in adversity  
I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my soul dismay,  
I pass through trials all the way.
- 3 And death pursues me all the way, Nowhere I rest securely;  
He comes by night, he comes by day, He takes his prey most surely.  
A failing breath, and I  
In death's strong grasp may lie To face eternity today  
As death pursues me all the way.
- 4 I walk with angels all the way, They shield me and befriend me;  
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'nly hosts attend me;  
They are my sure defense,  
All fear and sorrow, hence! Unharmed by foes, do what they may,  
I walk with angels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me;  
Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
And by His footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread. No evil leads my soul astray;  
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When God's good healing shall allay All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on. For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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## **TRINITY XIII**

Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan – The Law cannot help us or give us life. Rather, it confines everyone under sin as wounded and naked before God (Galatians 3:15–22). So it is that two figures of the Law, the priest and the Levite, passed by the injured man on the side of the road (Luke 10:23–37). Only the promised Seed of Abraham can rescue us and make us righteous before God. Only the Samaritan, our Lord Jesus, had compassion. He came down to us in our lost and dying condition, pouring on the oil and wine of the Sacraments. He placed us on His own animal, bearing our sin and brokenness in His body on the cross to restore us. Jesus brought us to the inn, that is, the Church, and gave the innkeeper two denarii, that His double forgiveness might continue to be ministered to us. In this way the Lord, by whose Law we are torn and stricken, heals us and revives us by His Gospel and raises us up with Himself on the third day, that we may live in His life.

The Good Samaritan is the Son of Man who descended from heaven, who has ascended into heaven, and who is in heaven. Seeing the man half dead, whom no one before Him had been able to cure, He came near him, that is, He came close to us by sharing our suffering and a neighbor to us by showing us mercy. Many are the remedies this Physician brings to heal us. His words are medicines. One word binds up our wounds, another soothes them with oil, another pours in wine. He soothes us by the forgiveness of our sins. Hear, then, how He raises you up. He bears our sins, and for us suffers.

– Saint Ambrose