

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 13 A

June 28, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



## Focus on the Season: The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 A

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Without God's loving presence, we are like a parched and waterless land. In the waters of Baptism, Christ becomes our life-giving spring, quenching our thirst and pouring God's love into our hearts. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. Our baptism leads us to hear Jesus' words as words concerning our baptismal mission to serve the little ones of this world, particularly those crushed by our systems and structures, and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

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## Centering and Gathering

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*Light your candle. To start the video, click here: <https://youtu.be/NlxcHpjSEIs>*

PRELUDE: "Trumpet Tune in D Major" David N. Johnson  
*Recorded on Thursday, June 25, 2020,*

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 707, "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"  
*Recorded on Lectionary 22 C, August 28, 2016.*

## Word

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Apostolic greeting is on the video)*

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-14; reader – Connie Olson, lector

<sup>1</sup> After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' <sup>2</sup> He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' <sup>6</sup> Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup> Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And

he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup> When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' <sup>12</sup> He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' <sup>13</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

PSALM: Psalm 13 *Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there*

*Recorded on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.*

<sup>1</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you forget <sup>1</sup> me forever? \* How long will you hide your <sup>1</sup> face from me?

<sup>2</sup> How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day <sup>1</sup> after day? \*  
How long shall my enemy triumph <sup>1</sup> over me?

<sup>3</sup> Look upon me and answer me, <sup>1</sup> O LORD my God; \* give light to my eyes, lest I <sup>1</sup> sleep in death;

<sup>4</sup> lest my enemy say, "I <sup>1</sup> have defeated you," \* and my foes rejoice that <sup>1</sup> I have fallen.

<sup>5</sup> But I trust in your un- <sup>1</sup> failing love; \* my heart is joyful because of your <sup>1</sup> saving help.

<sup>6</sup> I will sing <sup>1</sup> to the LORD, \* who has dealt <sup>1</sup> with me richly.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23; reader – Tricia Van Ee, assisting minister

*Paul writes:* <sup>12</sup> Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

<sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 175, "Alleluia"

*Sung before and after the Gospel reading.*

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.*

## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said to the twelve, <sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

## SERMON

### Love in Jeopardy

Vr. Bristol Reading

*Silence for reflection*

## HYMN: ELW 546, “To Be Your Presence” Sung to the tune of FREDERICKTOWN

*Sung at Mount Olive on Lectionary 14 C, July 7, 2019.*

## INSTALLATION OF THE VESTRY

*The following were elected as Officers of Mount Olive congregation this spring: Gretchen Campbell-Johnson, President; Mark Ruff, Vice-President; Gene Janssen, Secretary; Doug Parish, Treasurer. These following were elected as Members of the Vestry and Directors of Ministry Committees: Katie Krueger, Education; Judy Hinck, Missions; Carol Martinson, Property; Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby, Stewardship, Dan Hellerich, Worship. The new Vestry begins on July 1, 2020.*

*This liturgy was recorded virtually through Google Meet. Unfortunately, it did not record the faces of all those installed. However, they are all heard promising to be faithful to their duties, as God helps them. The following is the congregation’s response and promise:*

**P** People of God . . . to all who are baptized?

**C** **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

**P** I now declare . . . faithful servants of Christ.

**C** **Amen**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Tricia Van Ee, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) **Response: Hear our prayer.***

## PEACE

*Please greet one another with Christ’s peace.*

## OFFERING

*There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail. See:*

<https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>

### LORD'S PRAYER AND BLESSING

*The Lord's Prayer is sung to the setting by Nikolay Kedrov, Sr., edited by David Cherwien.*

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday of Pentecost, Lect. 13 C, June 30, 2019.*

*The benediction is on the video. Response: Amen.*

HYMN: ELW 808, "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

*Sung at Mount Olive on Lectionary 13 C, June 30, 2019.*

### DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE:

"...Go!"

Improvisation

*Recorded on Thursday, June 25, 2020.*



### In Our Prayers

• Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Dan Adams; Joe & Elizabeth Beissel; Julie Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Victor Gebauer; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Dan & Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, Reba Zumberge, relatives of Nancy Anderson; Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Nancy Stelling, friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Asher Strong, friend of Gene Janssen; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Nicole Sanders and Ann Clark, daughter and friend of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha & Dennis Johnson, sister and brother-in-law of Rhoda Nelson and aunt and uncle of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Todd Erickson, friend of Jean & Doug Parish; Gloria Johnson, mother of Doug Parish; Becky Steinert, friend of Cynthia Prosek; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Richard Reyer, father of Chuck Reyer; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Scott Kingman, father of Anna Scott; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Norlene Bateman, aunt of Ted Thompson; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Weichman, Levi Boswell, son and nephew of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephew, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Becky Groska, Trisha Niemi-Haapoja, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes, Jan Harper (spouse of former Mount Olive vicar, the late Jean Hay); Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.

• **At the death of:** Gary Flatgard; Rev. Gerald Spice, friend of Matt McCuen.

- **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.
- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.