

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 22 A

## August 30, 2020 + Mount Olive Lutheran Church



### Focus on the Season: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 22 A

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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. But as Moses learns today, God hears the cries of the suffering and sends us to each other and the world to be a part of God's freeing of God's children. We live as a community – even in our current separation – in order that we be strengthened in our faith and life so we can offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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### Centering and Gathering

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*Light your candle. **Start the video by clicking here**; it will continue through the Postlude.*

PRELUDE: "Beloved, God's Chosen" text: Susan Palo Cherwien; music: Robert Hobby  
Chandler Molbert, baritone; Recorded Wednesday, August 26, 2020.

ENTRANCE HYMN: ELW 660, "Lift High the Cross"  
*Sung at Mount Olive on the Feast of the Reign of Christ, November 22, 2015.*

### Word

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

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15; reader – Jim Bargmann, lector

<sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey,

to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup>He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b *Sing along with the leaders in the video; the tone is there.*

*Recorded on Wednesday, August 26, 2020.*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call up- | on God’s name; \* make known the deeds of the LORD a- |  
mong the peoples.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the | LORD, sing praises, \* and speak of all God’s | marvelous works.

<sup>3</sup>Glory in God’s | holy name; \* let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice.

<sup>4</sup>Search for the strength | of the LORD; \* continually | seek God’s face.

<sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels | God has done, \* the wonders and the judgments | of God’s mouth,

<sup>6</sup>O offspring of Abra- | ham, God’s servant, \* O children of Jacob, God’s | chosen ones.

<sup>23</sup>Israel came | into Egypt, \* and Jacob became a sojourner in the | land of Ham.

<sup>24</sup>The LORD made the people of Israel | very fruitful, \* more numerous | than their enemies,

<sup>25</sup>whose hearts God turned, so that they hat- | ed God’s people, \* and dealt unjustly with the  
ser- | vants of God.

<sup>26</sup>O LORD, you sent Mo- | ses your servant, \* and Aaron, your chosen one. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21; reader – Lora Dundek, assisting minister

*Paul writes:* <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup>No, “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.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup>From that time on (after Peter’s confession of faith), 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. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> But Jesus 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.”

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For 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?

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

SERMON

**Instrumental**

Pastor Joseph Crippen

*Silence for reflection*

HYMN: ELW 798, “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Third Sunday of Easter, year C, May 5, 2019.*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, Lora Dundek, 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/>

**Sending**

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LORD’S PRAYER

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

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

BLESSING *Response: **Amen***

HYMN: ELW 799, “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 24 B, Sept. 13, 2015.*

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

☒ Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Toccata on CRUCIFER

D. Cherwien

*Recorded on the Feast of the Holy Cross, September 14, 2014.*



## In Our Prayers

- Please pray throughout the week for the following persons: Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; 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; Tommie and Susie Hunter, 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; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; 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 Linquist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Ethel Jaarsma, mother of Connie Marty; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt 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; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbeshier Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Scott Kingman, father of Anna Scott; Miranda and Nathan Alvis, niece and nephew of Tim Sneer; 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, LaTrell Wilkes and Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, 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); Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive.
- **In hospice care:** Dan Adams.
- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** Daniel Dahl, Evan Peterson, Mona Volden, Holly Wiedenhoeft, and Stephen Nelson.
- **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.