

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 22, 2021*

*Zoar Church, Tofte, MN*

**Gathering Hymn:** “We Gather Together” - Reclaim #28

**V1:** We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,  
Sing praises to his name: he forgets not his own

**V2:** Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning  
Thou, Lord, was at our side, all glory be thine!

**V3:** We all do extol thee, our leader triumphant,  
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be;  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

**Welcome and Announcements** August Mission: **Birch Grove Community School**

Our Daily Bread devotionals are available for September.

**Confession & Absolution** *From Reclaim*

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit,*

**Congregation: Amen.**

*P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

**C: Who made heaven and earth**

*P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.*

**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Time for silent reflection)*

*P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for your refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all. **Amen.***

**Opening Hymn:** “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” - Reclaim #239 (v.1,2,4)

**V1:** You have come down to the lakeshore  
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
But only asking for me to follow.

**V2:** You know full well what I have, Lord:  
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
Just these my fishnets and will for working.

**V4:** You who have fished other waters;  
You, the longing of souls that are yearning  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me

**Refrain:** Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

### **Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 14:21, 19:17, 21:13 (NIV)**

It is a sin to despise one's neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.  
Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.  
Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.

### **Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-6, 6:17-19 (NIV)**

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed at the proper time.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

### **Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6 (NIV)**

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

*P: The word of God for the People of God*

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Message: “Mission Impossible” - Pastor Daren Blanck**

### **Prayers & the 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

## Apostle's Creed

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 Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## Words of Institution & Communion

*A deacon of the congregation will offer a cup of prepackaged, sealed grape juice with a wafer for communion. If you are joining us at home, please use your own bread or crackers and wine or juice. We believe the Lord's Supper is a "means of grace" offered freely to all who seek Him.*

## Communion Hymn: "Agnus Dei" - Reclaim Pg. 91 (Setting 3)

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Closing Hymn: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" - Reclaim #42 (v.1-4)

**V1:** We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

**V2:** May we thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou blessest us,  
To thee our firstfruits give.

**V3:** Hearts still are bruised and dead,  
And homes are bare and cold,  
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled  
Are straying from the fold.

**V4:** To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend those lost in loneliness,  
Is angel's work below.

## Benediction

### Sending Hymn: "God is so Good" - Reclaim #27 (v.1-4)

<b>V1:</b> God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me	<b>V2:</b> He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He's so good to me.	<b>V3:</b> He loves me so, He loves me so, He loves me so, He's so good to me.	<b>V4:</b> God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me.
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## Sending

*Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God. We Will! Alleluia.**

**Have a Blessed Week!**

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