

**Old Testament Reading:**  
**Deuteronomy 30:15–20**

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**Epistle: Philemon 1–21**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am

sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25–35**

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

<sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Whoever  
does not bear  
his own cross . . .  
cannot be My disciple

Luke 14:27



**About the Cover:** Christ's cross stands in contrast to the world, even as it shapes the lives of His disciples. We all have our own crosses to bear, and to deny them is ultimately to deny Christ. Death comes before resurrection. Yet in God's baptismal grace, we daily die to sin and are raised to the newness of life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:4).



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**DIVINE WORSHIP -10AM**

**13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**September 7, 2025**

**HYMN . . . . . "In Thee Is Gladness" LSB #818**

**Divine Service One**

**Invocation**

**Confession & Absolution . . . . . LSB p.151**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will  
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and  
unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and  
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not our  
neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and  
eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that  
we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of  
Your Holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake  
forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Introit**

The eyes of all look to You,

**And You give them their food at the proper time.**

Fear the Lord, you His saints,

**For those who fear Him lack nothing.**

The lions may grow weak and hungry,

**But those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

Come, my children, listen to me;

**I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**

Turn from evil and do good;

**Seek peace and pursue it.**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous

**And His ears are attentive to their cry. Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**Announcements**

**\*If you are visiting with us today please fill out our visitor card so that we can inform you of upcoming events or respond to a request.**

**Our morning Bible study will recommence on September 21<sup>st</sup>.**

## SERMON NOTES

**Sermon Title** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Texts** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Main Ideas / Thoughts** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I Want to Remember** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What Response Does God Want?** \_\_\_\_\_

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***Worship in the Park  
Mt. Olivet Annual Picnic  
Grove #6, Rock Creek Park  
Sunday, September 14, 2025  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm***

**Directions to Rock Creek Park, Grove #6**

***NOTE: Because of weekend driving restrictions in the Park to accommodate cyclists, access to Grove #6 is limited. Please follow the directions below.***

**From Downtown DC**

Head north on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW (Route 29) to Kennedy Street, NW at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre. Turn left at Kennedy Street into the Carter Barron Entrance. Follow this winding road (Morrow) into the park. At the Stop sign at Joyce Road and Beach Drive, make a short-left turn (Park Police station will be on your left) and make an immediate right turn on to Beach Drive. Enter the first parking lot on Beach Drive for Grove #6 on your left.

**Alternate Route:** If you miss the turn at Kennedy Street, you may continue on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Rittenhouse Street, NW, and turn left on to Joyce Road and follow the directions below from Maryland.

**From Maryland**

Head south 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW (Route 29) to Joyce Road on your right. (Rittenhouse Street will be on your left). Follow Joyce Road into the Park. Note that you will need to bear left on to Joyce Road at the fork in the road. Follow Joyce Road to the Stop sign and turn right on to Beach Drive. (Park Police station will be on your left at the Stop sign). Enter the first parking lot on your left on Beach Drive for Grove #6 on your left. Parking is available at the Gove.

**Alternate Route:** If you miss the turn at Joyce Road and Rittenhouse Street, you may continue south on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to Kennedy Street, NW, and turn right on to Morrow Road at the Carter Barron entrance and follow the directions above from Downtown.