

not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him,³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

³³ In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: (Response sung)



Early Worship
8:15a.m.
September 8, 2019

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Cost of DISCIPLESHIP

WELCOME to all worshipping with us today. Today we worship in the season of Pentecost, and are reminded of God's help through the Holy Spirit for the mission and ministry of His Church on earth. Today's we celebrate the beginning of Sunday School. We pray that today's worship blesses you through our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

If you are a visitor we invite you to return and worship with us again. We ask EVERYONE to **please fill out the attendance card** in the pew rack or in the hymnal in order to help us in caring for our worshippers.

However, if you have a prayer request, please pass the card to the end of the aisle during the opening hymn, and an usher will pick up your card with the prayer request.)

For Families & Children

We have several opportunities to serve you:

- † **The Cry Room** in the back of the sanctuary is available for use during worship.
- † **The Church Nursery**, staffed with volunteers during Late Service, is located on the sanctuary level at the end of the hall.
- † **A Children's Message** is offered in each worship service before the sermon to help children understand God's Word for their lives.
- † **Children's Church** is offered on Communion Sundays (1st & 3rd Sundays) for children ages 3 years through 3rd grade during late worship.

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"DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING TWO"

"Called by God's Grace"

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THE SERMON

Preached by Scott Manke

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THE OFFERTORY

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

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THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

**Our Father 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors, And do not lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil one, For Thine is the kingdom
And the power, and the glory forever.**

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

"Sent to Share God's Grace"

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THE CLOSING HYMN

Go My Children

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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8, 2019

First Day of Sunday School

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lay Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Lay Minister: Let us pray.

People: **Lord God, heavenly Father, Your Son gathered the little children to Himself that He might bless them. Strengthen the parents of our congregation that they may faithfully bring up their children in the nurture and instruction of the Lord by a life of prayer and devotion to You and Your Word. Bless the work of our Sunday School teachers and all who assist our parents in teaching the faith to children, that all might be led into the Savior's loving arms and grow to lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Christ's holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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(The Lord calls upon His people to walk in His ways and keep His Word.)

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:25-35

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(Jesus speaks of the cost of discipleship and calls on those who would follow Him to deny themselves and take up the cross.)

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters-- yes, even his own life-- he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if he lays the foundation and is