

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

Jesus forgives sins and alarms the authorities. The scribes think it blasphemy to forgive sins. The friends of the paralytic have faith that Jesus can heal him. The crowds are amazed and give God the glory. Similar scenarios will be repeated throughout the ministry of Jesus. As Jesus proclaims God's will, many will question his authority, some will have faith. In the end, God will be glorified.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation

*Prelude: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (arr. Paul Johnston)

Invocation

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: All the promises of God find their Yes in Christ.

People: That is why we utter the "Amen" through him, to the glory of God.

Leader: But it is God who established us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us.

People: God has put the seal of Christ upon us and given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Hymnal #267

*Apostles Creed Front of Hymnal Page 35

*Gloria Patri Hymnal Page #581

Dedication

Reading of the Word: Mark 2:1-12

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

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Hymnal #606

Anthem "Like A River In My Soul" (arr. by Tim Osiek)

Sung by: Carolyn Hetzer, Marcia Davis, Mary Beth Alphin, Barb Smith, and Jeff Clise

Supplication

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (vs 1) Hymnal #465

Exposition

Children's Message/Kids of the Kingdom

*Hymn "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Hymnal #32

Preaching of the Word: "Down Through the Roof"

Prayer of Application

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration:

"Joy to the World" Hymnal #134

*Benediction

*Postlude "Oh Worship the King" (arr. Wayne L. Wold)



*Congregation will stand if able.

Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary.