

# Readings and Music for

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 2025**

*Flowers in thanksgiving for God's rich blessings.*

**Processional**      "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"      *H635*

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

## **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**



## Second Reading

## Philemon 1-21

A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon:

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## **Gospel**

**Luke 14:25-33**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

## **Sermon**

**Rev. Hunter Farrow**

<b>Offertory</b>	"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"	<i>H675</i>
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<b>Communion</b>	"Where Charity and Love Prevail "	<i>H581</i>
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<b>Recessional</b>	"I Surrender All"	<i>L133</i>
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## **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

***THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE:*** Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

### ***This week at Transfiguration:***

<b><i>Today</i></b>	<b><i>Holy Eucharist</i></b>	<b><i>Church/FB</i></b>	<b><i>10:00am</i></b>
	<b><i>Coffee Hour</i></b>	<b><i>Leach Hall</i></b>	<b><i>11:15am</i></b>

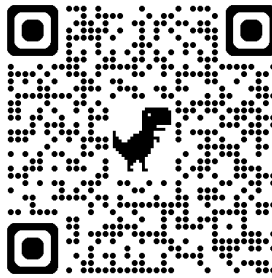
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Transfiguration Family Reunion Celebration** - After service on Sunday, September 14th, the Children's and Youth Ministry Committee (CYMC) is hosting our start of school kick-off celebration. They're serving up fried chicken for lunch, you all are invited to bring a side or desert to share if you are able. Please sign up on the sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

This year, we thought it would be fun to play a Guess-Who picture game during the luncheon. Do you have a favorite photo of yourself from early childhood (i.e. approximately age two to seven)? We'd love for you to submit it for this game. We will be accepting photos for the next several weeks. You can send your photos to Debbie Trapp at [trappsrus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trappsrus@sbcglobal.net). Alternatively, you can hand-deliver a physical copy to Debbie or put it in a sealed envelope with Debbie's name and leave it downstairs on Linda's desk. Please mark the back of the photo with your name or otherwise indicate who you are.

- **Bobby Jo Valentine Concert and Potluck** - We are excited to host a concert with singer-songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine on September 24th. The church will host a potluck prior to the concert at 6 PM, and the concert itself will start at 7 PM. Please, invite friends and neighbors, and help us get the word out about this concert. We particularly hope that this concert can be a space for LGBTQ+ folks in our community to see a church that welcomes and fully affirms them as they are and recognizes that they are a beautiful part of the rich tapestry of God's creation. Tickets are \$12\* with 25% of all ticket sales going to benefit the Trevor Project. You can get your tickets online using the QR code below, or you can purchase tickets during coffee hour.

*\* This is a suggested donation. Please do not let cost prevent you from attending this event.*



- **Church School Starting Next Month** - It's back-to-school time, and Church School classes will be starting again soon for kids, age Kindergarten and up. Our first day of class this year will be on Sunday, September 21st, one week after our Family Reunion Celebration. As a reminder, church school meets right after the service on most Sundays. We're very excited for the new year!
- **Beds Plus** - Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and

write “Beds Plus” in the memo line. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at zottinger@gmail.com. Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the Shelter.

- **Sign up for Coffee Hour** – Please sign up for coffee hour. The nursery girls make the coffee, and simple instructions are emailed every week when you sign up. THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR DOING SO!!!!
- **Daycare Update** – If you would like to get a better picture of the current status of the daycare, there are two documents sitting on the table in the narthex for you to take a copy. One is a timeline of the remediation, reopening, and rebuilding of the damaged classroom, and the other is a basic report on the current finances and staffing of the daycare.



### **Jubilee Happenings**

**September 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** – Autumn in the Park (Palos Park); Parade at 1 PM on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

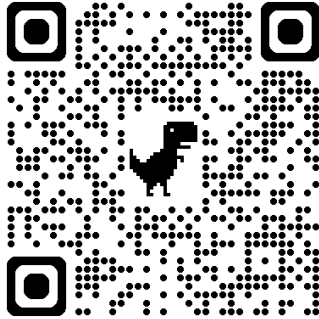
**September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Potluck and Concert with Singer-Songwriter, Bobby Jo Valentine

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Chili Cook Off

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Bunco

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Cookie Exchange

**Online Giving:**



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