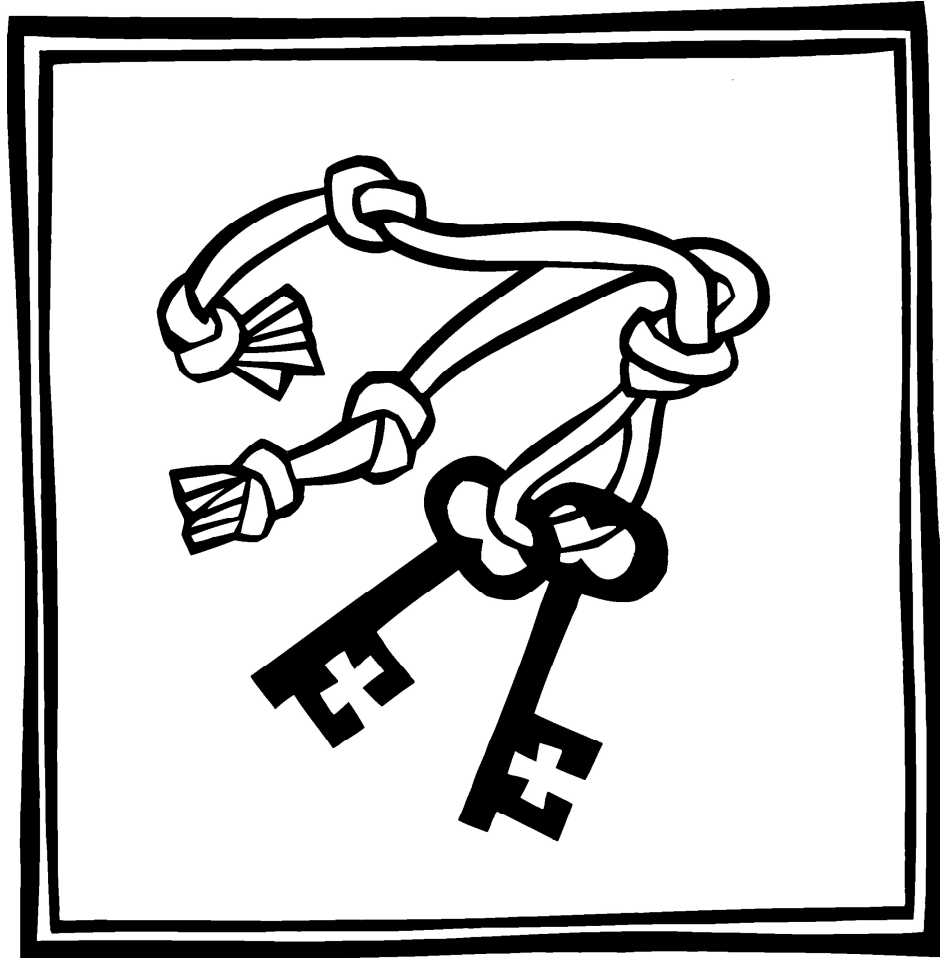


**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2023—9:45am**



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *arr. by Marianne Kim*

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of **+** Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

ELW #763

+ Greeting

ELW p.147

+ Prayer of the Day

ELW p.45

+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

ELW #124

+ Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.151

+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

- + Song of the Day ELW #774
- + Apostles' Creed ELW p.105
- + Prayers of Intercession Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
- + Peace

+Meal+
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!
 Electronic donations can be made at
https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/475611.*



- + Offering Prayer
- + Great Thanksgiving ELW p.152
- + Proper Preface
- + Sanctus ELW p.153
- + Thanksgiving at the Table
- + Lord's Prayer (sins) ELW p.154
- + Invitation to Communion
- Agnus Dei** ELW p.154

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.
 Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.

If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

ELW #493

+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

Hymn Lotto

+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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