



“Whoever does not bear his own cross and
come after Me cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 14:27

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**Calvary Lutheran Church
Topeka, Kansas**

**Indicates to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, *SHARING OF THE PEACE, *OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” **# 437**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** P. 203

***INTROIT:** Psalm 119:27-32 P. 204

P: Make me understand the way of Your precepts,

C: **and I will meditate on Your wondrous works.**

P: My soul melts away for sorrow;

C: **strengthen me according to Your word!**

P: Put false ways far from me

C: **and graciously teach me Your law!**

P: I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

C: **I set Your just decrees before me.**

P: I cling to Your testimonies, O LORD;

C: **let me not be put to shame!**

P: I will run in the way of Your commandments

C: **when You enlarge my heart!**

ALL: **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.**

***KYRIE – *SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY** P. 204–205

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20 P. 205

R: “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 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 just decrees 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. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 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. 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, 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.”

GRADUAL: Psalm 34:9, 19 P. 205

R: Fear the Lord, you His saints,

C: for those who fear Him lack nothing!

R: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE READING: Philemon 1–21 P. 205

R: Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, 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. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. 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, 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. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, 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. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE** P. 205

***HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 14:25–35 P. 206

P: Now great crowds accompanied Jesus, and He turned and said to them, “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. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot

be My disciple. 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? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ 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? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple. Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? 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.”

***APOSTLES’ CREED:** *(spoken by all)* P. 207

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”* # 688

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***LORD’S PRAYER:** *(spoken by all)* P. 209

OFFERING: *(as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)*

***OFFERTORY:** *“Voices Raised to You We Offer”* # 795 vss. 1, 5

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***CONCLUDING COLLECT – *BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION** P. 212

***CLOSING HYMN:** *“Stand Up, Stand up for Jesus”* # 660