

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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9:00 Worship with Communion • 10:00 Fellowship

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We Welcome You To Worship With Us

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

GATHERING PRAYER: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C. Amen.

P. In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

C. Amen.

P. We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

C. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

P. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:***Oh Jesus, I Have Promised*****#810**

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| <p>1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.</p> <p>2 Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.</p> | <p>3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.</p> <p>4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.</p> |
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GREETING:

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also, with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P. Let us pray.

C. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD: *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

FIRST READING Jeremiah 18:1-11

A reading from Jeremiah

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

P. The word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philemon 1–21

A reading from Philemon

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet 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. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no 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.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

P. 142

(Please rise if you are able for the reading of the Gospel)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25–33

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them,
²⁶“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. ²⁷Whoever does
not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For 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? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to
finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and
was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or 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? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is
still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore,
none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE:

Figure the Cost

(Please rise if you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY: *You Have Come Down to the Lake Shore*

#817

- 1 You have come down to the lakeshore
 seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
 but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain

*Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.*

- 2 You know full well what I have, Lord:
 neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
 just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain*

- 3 You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*
- 4 You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he
descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

P. God of grace,
C. **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.
C. **And also, with you.**

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING:

We Are an Offering

#692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

*we lift our lives up to you we are an offering
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to
you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

P. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P. Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

Our Father, who art 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P. Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

LAMB OF GOD: Pg. 146

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION: *The Potter's Hands*

TABLE BLESSING:

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C. Amen.

SENDING: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING:

P. God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

Lift high the Cross

#660

Refrain

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
 our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
 as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

DISMISSAL:

P. Go in peace, with Christ beside you

C. Thanks be to God.