

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

## INVOCATION

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,*

**ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

**LBW #501 "He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!"**

## GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

*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.*

## KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen*

HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 60-61 LBW)

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,**  
**whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.**  
**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain.**  
**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**  
**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.**  
**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.**

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

*P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Pew Bible pg. 246

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 34:12-22

*L: Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?*

**C: Keep your tongue from evil-speaking and your lips from lying words.**

*L: Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.*

**C: The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.**

*L: The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.*

**C: The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.**

*L: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.*

**C: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.**

*L: He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.*

**C: Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.**

*L: The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.*

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:6-21

Pew Bible pg. 1227

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW)

**Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:51-69

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*P: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings: Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)*

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

SERMON

Pastor Carl Rasmussen

HYMN OF THE DAY

**WOV #651 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"**  
**(Please rise as you are able)**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.*

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) (Please rise) Congregation Sings: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) *P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

*P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.*

*P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.*

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) Congregation Sings: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 73 LBW) (Please rise as you are able) Congregation sings: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory 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**

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

**WOV #699 "Blessed Assurance"**

DISMISSAL

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

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*“Lord, as we pray together in the Spirit, dress us in your armor: salvation, truth, righteousness, faith, the Word of God and eagerness to share the gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:13-18).”*

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Genet Dixon      Geraldine Gorecki (sister/Joyce Williamson)  
Family of Irene Galindo

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Lee Briggs	Rich Friemel	Debbi Dietz	Carla Adkins
Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn	Loretta Overholt	Jennifer Birkey
Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds	Ben Moser
Denny Doyle	William Benton	Steve Ritchie	Marla Osterbur
Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd	Bob & Jenny Hobby
Michael Markarian	Joyce Keith	Bob Selby	Merrill Wattjes
Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson		

**NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Shorty Baugher	Ruth Lutz
Janet Withers	Joan Mathis		

**MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):**

Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod	Kasey Fenimore
Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti

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**TABLE GUILD**

DeAnn McMorris, Sue Coffin

**ACOLYTES**

Liam Kaiser, Aubrie Albers

**BULLETIN GREETERS**

Chrissie & Liam Hall

**GREETERS**

Emily Deal, Connie Early

**LECTOR**

Sheila Sherman

**PRAYER LEADER**

Justin Kaiser

**WORSHIP STEWARD**

Ron Howe

**USHERS**

Shirley Friemel, John & Rhonda Keith

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** “Reverence for the Eternal is the first step toward wisdom” (Psalm 111:10, The Voice Bible). So let us come before God in awe and praise.

**QUILTING** will meet at 12:30 p.m. this Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please enter only through the north door that goes directly into the Sewing Room.

**BIBLE STUDIES** The Tuesday Night Men’s and Thursday Morning Bible Studies will not meet for the rest of August due to the flooring project.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE** will not meet for the rest of August due to the flooring project outside of the Chapel. Please watch upcoming bulletins and the September newsletter for more information on when this service will resume.

**2024-2025 CONFIRMATION** A Parent's Informational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Confirmation Room. A second meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Confirmation Room only if someone is unable to attend on Wednesday. Please note: This meeting is mandatory for parents to attend in order for their child to be in Confirmation Instruction. Please call the church office (217-893-4550) or Sean O’Donnell (217-714-2776) if you are wanting your child to attend Confirmation this year but cannot make it to either of these meetings. Confirmation Instruction will begin on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING** will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, during the Sunday School hour for any child wanting to become an acolyte.

**NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** I would like to invite the women of our church to join me in an 8-Session Bible Study by Jennifer Rothschild, entitled Amos, An Invitation to the Good Life. “As we read Amos together, we’re going to turn each condemnation into an invitation. Amos is full of invitations to seek God and live. It’s full of invitations to feel assured by God, live humbly and justly for Him, and receive hope of renewal and restoration. ‘So don’t let the bad news or sad outcomes keep you from reading. “If hope is the narrator, then the book will end OK.” Starting Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Bible Study Room and accept Jennifer’s invitation to Amos. Please contact Deanne Rosenbeck by September 9<sup>th</sup>, so that your study book of Amos can be ordered. The cost will be \$22. You can call the church office, text Deanne Rosenbeck at 217-621-8816 or by email at [dwattjes@hotmail.com](mailto:dwattjes@hotmail.com) to register for this class.

**CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION** If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord’s table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord’s table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. \*\*\*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies.

**UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:**

August 25<sup>th</sup> – Pr. Jim Lehmann (Communion)

September 1<sup>st</sup> – Vicar Aaron Dawson

September 8<sup>th</sup> – Pr. Jim Lehmann (Communion)

**ATTENDANCE FROM LAST 2 WEEKS:**

8/4 Worship Service – 100

8/11 Worship Service – 125

**BROADCAST/FLOWER CHART** If you would like to sponsor the weekly radio broadcast on WPXN, the cost is \$50. To provide flowers for Sunday, the cost is \$25. Please sign up on the appropriate chart outside the Narthex then notify the church office the details to print in the bulletin prior to that date.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Isaiah 29:11-19; Psalm 14; Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 7:1-13

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, August 18**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

**Monday, August 19**

12:30 p.m. Quilting

**Tuesday, August 20**

6:00 p.m. NO Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, August 14**

5:45 p.m. NO Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. NO Prayer Service

**Thursday, August 15**

9:00 a.m. NO Bible Study

**Sunday, August 18**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

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**Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM**

# HELP PUT A **T** IN CANTEEN

We are asking for your help to restock the canteen to get ready for this fall and winter. We are in need of **long sleeve T shirts** – pocket or no pocket – sizes medium up to 4X (bigger sizes are requested more often). They can be any color – preferably not white as they show soil so much faster. A donation box is located in the Narthex.

## **OTHER ITEMS NEEDED:**

Peanut Butter (creamy)

Jelly

Fruit Cups

Chips

Snack Cakes

As always – we would love to have you come on Monday evenings beginning at 4:00 p.m. to help make sandwiches and pack lunches and/or ride with us in the canteen to pass out food and other items to the homeless. It is a very rewarding night – you receive more than you give. If you have any question or would like to schedule a time to ride please give me a call or leave a message - DeAnn – 217-419-2112.

*Matthew 25:37-40 <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,<sup>[a]</sup> you did it to me.'*

**Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*August 18, 2024 – August 24, 2024*

*Prayer: Almighty and ever-living God, Heavenly Father, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us faithfulness which overcomes all doubts, through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**Daily Lessons:**

Sunday	2 Samuel 16:1-23	Psalm 89	John 9:13-23
Monday	2 Samuel 17:1-29	Psalm 90	John 9:24-34
Tuesday	2 Samuel 18:1-33	Psalm 91	John 9:35-41
Wednesday	2 Samuel 19:1-43	Psalm 92	John 10:1-18
Thursday	2 Samuel 20:1-26	Psalm 93	John 10:19-30
Friday	2 Samuel 21:1-22	Psalm 94	John 10:31-42
Saturday	2 Samuel 22:1-51	Psalm 95	John 11:1-16

**Morning Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

**Mid-Day Prayer** Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

**Evening Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen