

Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church

**LORD
TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?
YOU HAVE THE WORDS
OF ETERNAL LIFE.**

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

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Notes for Visitors:

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway north of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Room:** If you need a quiet place for your children, we have a room near the church offices. If you need help finding the room, please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Hymnals:** Use the red hymn books in the rack ahead of your pew to follow along in the service. If you need help or guidance, please ask someone nearby to assist you.

August 29, 2021

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Pastors' Notes

After reliving the events of Christ's life in the festival half of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter seasons), we spend half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ in what we call the non-festival half of the year (the Sundays after Pentecost). The paraments are green during this season as the Holy Spirit uses Christ's teaching to grow the faith of believers.

True spiritual wisdom comes from God, we heard last week. That wisdom puts itself to use in our lives by heeding what he has to say to guide us. Often we stray, and think we know better than the LORD. But his words and plans are always in line with his loving grace to save us. The Gospel good news of Jesus is what helps us grasp the difficult truths we hear in his Word. He has the words of eternal life! Where else would we go for wisdom and guidance in life?

Order Of Worship: Service Of The Word pg. 38

Hymns.....283; 365; 470; 334

Choir: ELS, grades K-8.....*This Is the Day*

Sermon Theme.....Ephesians 5: 21-31

Love and Respect

Prayer Of The Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson: Joshua 24:1, 2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and he summoned the elders of Israel, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and they presented themselves before God.

² Then Joshua told all the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, has said.”

¹⁴ Joshua said, “Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if you see no benefit in serving the LORD, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the LORD!”

¹⁶ The people responded by saying, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD in order to serve other gods! ¹⁷ For the LORD our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ The LORD drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God!”

Psalm 71 (hymnal, pg. 92)

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5: 21-31

²¹ and by submitting to one another in reverence for Christ. ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. ²⁴ Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave him-

self up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. ²⁷ He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. ^a ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh.”

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (2 Timothy 1:10b cf. NIV)

Gospel Lesson: John 6: 60-69

⁶⁰ When they heard it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?”

⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, “Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? ⁶² What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is given to him by my Father.”

⁶⁶ After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to leave too, do you?”

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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