

Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Service Times: Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM - Wednesday 6:30PM

Radio Broadcast Sunday 8:00AM on WJIM 1240 on the AM dial

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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.

October 3, 2021

The Nineteenth 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.

Our readings for several weeks have this focus: Christ wants to deepen our understanding to see him as our all in all. We learn to see him as our all in all when we first see our weakness in sin. We are weak and often give in to the Devil's temptations of jealousy and envy. Our sinful nature makes it clear that the struggle against our own temptations of the flesh are far more difficult to face than even the hostility of the world. In those weaknesses we understand our deep need for our Savior, Jesus. So as we continue to be strengthened by Jesus' power to forgive, we also receive strength from the Spirit to face our temptations each day.

Order Of Worship: The Common Service pg. 15

Hymns.....471; 510; 725(printed);192
 10:30—ELS (PreK-3rd).....*Say to the Lord I Love You*
 Sermon Theme.....James 4: 7-12

Don't be too Careful nor too Carefree

Prayer Of The Day

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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: Numbers 11: 16, 24-29

¹⁶ So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather seventy men from the elders of Israel for me, men whom you know to be elders and officers for the people. Take them to the Tent of Meeting and make them stand there with you.

²⁴ Moses went out and told the people the LORD’s words. He gathered seventy men from the elders of the people and had them stand all around the tent. ²⁵ The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him. He took from the Spirit that was on Moses and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do it again. ²⁶ Two men, however, remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. They were listed among the elders, but they had not gone out to the tent. The Spirit rested on them, and they prophesied back in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and reported this to Moses. He said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!” ²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide from his youth, answered, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹ Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of the LORD’s people were prophets so that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

Psalm 51b (hymnal, pg. 87)

Epistle Lesson: James 4: 7-12

⁷ So, submit yourselves to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded people. ⁹ Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be changed into mourning and your joy into gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up. ¹¹ Do not speak against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother is speaking against the law and judging the

law. But if you judge the law, you are not one who does the law, but a judge. ¹² There is one lawgiver and judge. He is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.
(Philippians 2:10,11 cf. NIV)

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9: 38-50

³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name. We tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not try to stop him, because no one who does a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil about me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Amen I tell you: Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will certainly not lose his reward.

⁴² “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall into sin, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around his neck. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed, than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, ⁴⁴ ‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁵ If your foot causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁶ ‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁷ If your eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ ‘where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good. But if the salt loses its flavor, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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