

Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church



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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

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Notes for Visitors:

- **Welcome!** If you are a guest this morning, please fill out a cream colored card. These cards are placed in every pew. One side of the card is for members receiving communion, the other side is for visitors. You may place the card in the collection plate. Feel free to also speak with one of the pastors to introduce yourself or ask any questions.
- **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 blue 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.
- **Holy Communion:** The Sacrament of Holy Communion (The Lord's Supper) will be celebrated at the close of our church services today. If you are a communicant member of another WELS congregation, we invite you to share this Sacrament with us. If you are not a member of our church, we ask you to honor our Biblical practice of close communion and refrain from coming forward until you have completed doctrinal discussions with one of our pastors. (Please read "Attending the Lord's Supper" for more information. Pamphlets are in the Capitol Ave. entryway.)

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Third 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.

For several Sundays we will see how Jesus' words focus Jesus' followers. Today we see how Jesus' followers are focused. Believers focus not on their strengths, not on worldly prestige. Instead they learn from Jesus to focus on his cross. There we see how he gives us strength in our weaknesses and promises heavenly blessings. Our focus, then, is on first finding rest in him.

Today's cover artwork depicts Jesus' teaching in the Gospel Acclamation.

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Find Rest in God

Prayer Of The Day

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Kings 19:19-21

¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. Elisha was doing the plowing with twelve teams of oxen in front of him, and he himself was driving the twelfth team. Elijah crossed over to him and threw his cloak over him. ²⁰ Then Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah. He said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother good-bye! Then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said, “Go back! For what have I done to you?” ²¹ So Elisha turned back from following him. Then he took the team of oxen and slaughtered them. Using the equipment from the oxen as fuel, he cooked the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he got up, followed Elijah, and served him.

Psalm 62

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 11:21b-30

²¹ I am ashamed to say that we were too weak for that! However bold anyone might be (I am speaking in a foolish way), I am going to be bold too. ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s seed? So am I. ²³ Are they ministers of Christ? (I am speaking in a crazy way.) I am even more. I’ve done more hard work, been in prisons more often, been whipped far more, and I’ve been close to death many times. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. One time I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day on the open sea. ²⁶ I have often been on journeys, in danger from rivers, in danger from robbers, in danger from my own people, in danger from Gentiles, in danger in the city, in danger in the wilderness, in danger on the sea, in danger among false brothers. ²⁷ I have worked hard and struggled. I’ve spent many sleepless nights. I’ve been hungry and thirsty. I’ve gone without food many times. I’ve been cold and lacked clothing.

²⁸ Besides those external matters, there is the daily pressure on me of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak without my being weak? Who falls into sin without my being distressed?

³⁰ If it is necessary that I boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

Gospel Acclamation

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Mark 8:34)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ When the days were approaching for him to be taken up, Jesus was determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² He sent messengers ahead of him. They went and entered a Samaritan village to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not welcome him, because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?”

⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. “You don’t know what kind of spirit is influencing you. ⁵⁶ For the Son of Man did not come to destroy people’s souls, but to save them.” Then they went to another village.

⁵⁷ As they went on the way, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸ Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

⁵⁹ He said to another man, “Follow me!”

But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ Jesus told him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Another man also said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those at my home.”

⁶² Jesus told him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”