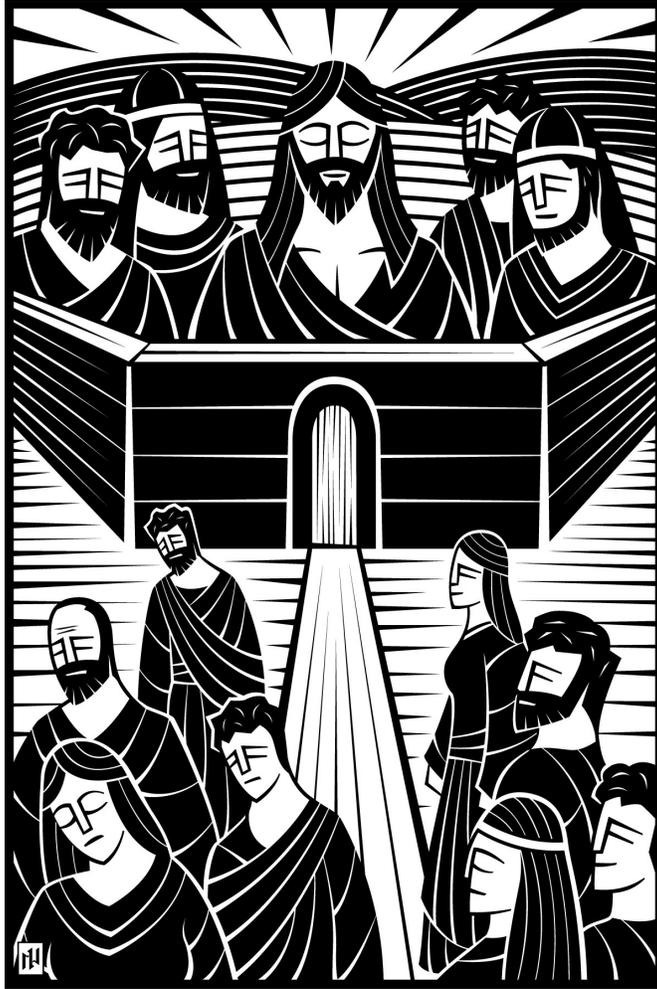


Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church



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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.

August 21, 2022

Eleventh 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 Sunday themes shift now to hear some of Jesus' hard truths. In these truths he challenges conventional wisdom. Listen to what he says! Today his hard truth teaches that the doorway to heaven is narrow. Those who consider they will be first through the narrow door are more likely to be last—if they make it at all. Jesus teaches us to believe we are last, because of our sins. Then, we turn to Jesus for what we need to be saved and enter heaven. This is the way to be let into the kingdom of God—through the grace of Christ.

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Hymns.....621; 698; 798; 816
Adult & Children Choir (10:30 service).....*Jesus Knows Me This I Love*
Sermon Theme.....Luke 13:22-30

The Narrow Door

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 66:18-24

¹⁸ As for me, because of their works and their thoughts,
the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations
and all languages.

They will come, and they will see my glory.

¹⁹ Then I will set up a sign among them,
and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations,
to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers,
to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands,
who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory.

Then they will declare my glory among the nations.

²⁰ Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD.
They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries to
my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel
bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD's house. ²¹ Even from among these people
I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD.

²² For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing
before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will
stand. ²³ As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all
flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD.

²⁴ They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against
me, for their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be
horrified by them.

Psalm 103

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-24

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, ¹⁹ to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, ²⁰ because they could not endure what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.” ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.” ²² Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; ²³ to the church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people who have been made perfect; ²⁴ to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

Gospel Acclamation

People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. (Luke 13:29)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:22-30

²² He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few going to be saved?” He said to them, ²⁴ “Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for us!’ He will tell you in reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷ And he will say, ‘I don’t know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.’ ²⁸ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. ²⁹ People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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