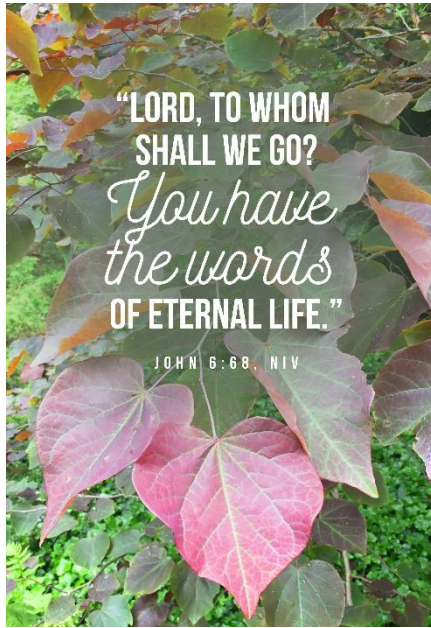


# REDEMPTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost



**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**John 6:69-69** <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord Jesus Christ, there are many ways the world is trying to pull us and methods they use to tear us apart from You. But You, O Lord, have the words of eternal life. In You there is peace and joy. In You there is salvation. Since we so often wander, keep us steadfast in the one true faith and bring us to that everlasting life. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

# Service of the Word

Opening Hymn

WS 739 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Invocation

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

**P**: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P**: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C**: who made heaven and earth.

**P**: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C**: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.


**P**: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C**: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P**: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**: Amen.

## Gloria Patri TLH pg 6



Two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Hymn of Response: TLH 237

All Glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh,  
The strife at last is ended.  
God showeth His good will to men,  
And peace shall reign on earth again;  
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. . .

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Lesson:

**Joshua 24:1-2a; 14-18**

<sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, . . . <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” <sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all

the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup>And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 34 [Selected Verses]

- P** The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.
- C** **When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.**
- P** The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
- C** **and saves the crushed in spirit.**
- P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
- C** **but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**
- P** The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
- C** **none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

## Epistle Lesson:

## Ephesians 5:6-21

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, *“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”*

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for

everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**Confession of Faith:**

**Apostles Creed**

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was  
buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from  
the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to  
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn: TLH 625 O Blest the House Whate'er Befall**

**Sermon:**

**John 6:51-69**

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of

no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” <sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

## To Where Will You Go? Jesus is Eternal Life!

**Offertory:**

**Create in Me** ♪♪

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

**Hymn:**            **LSB 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

- ☐ Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen

**Benediction**

☐ Amen

**Hymn**            **TLH 399 Thee Will I Love My Strength vs. 1-4**

## Silent Prayer

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# Announcements

## Upcoming Events:

- **Mariners Game:** We have a date reserved for an outing to a Mariners game if anyone is interested. August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 1:10pm. If you would like to attend, or invite others, please let me know.
- **Voters Meeting:** Notes from our voters meeting will be made available upon request.
- **Women's Group:** Our Women's Group will have our business meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 followed by our devotional meeting at 7:30.
- **Discipleship Committee:** Our committee will meet briefly at 6:30 tomorrow evening before the Women's Group.
- **Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference:** I will be gone September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Monday through Thursday) for our PC Pastoral Conference in California.

## Call News:

- Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross in Pheonix, AZ ***has returned the call*** to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN.
- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO ***is considering the call*** to St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN following Pastor Albrecht's retirement at the end of the year.

## Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9

September 1<sup>st</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9

September 8<sup>th</sup> Redemption Communion Service at 9