

Emmanuel Lutheran Church



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Pentecost 14

Service of the Word
Christian Worship p. 38

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To Our Guests

- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Calendar for This Week

Monday

Chapel Service at Red Cedar Canyon at 10:30 am

Tuesday

Sunday School Teacher meeting at 6:30 pm

HYMN

For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray CW 500

FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24:1-2; 14-18

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.

¹⁴ "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, 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 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the

Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 71, CW page 92

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:21 - 6:4

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
² “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall CW 506

SERMON

Sermon text: Ephesians 5:21-25 and 6:1-4

Theme: God's Will for a Successful Family Relationship

- I. Husband and wife should love each other.
- II. Children should obey and parents should train.

HYMN

Bless Our Loved Ones, Holy Father CW 504

CLOSING HYMN

You Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught CW 516

Pastor's Thank You

I express my thanks to God and to you, the members of Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Congregation, for this opportunity to serve you as your vacancy pastor. Margie and I have appreciated the friendship that you have offered to us during the past ten months.

My prayer is that our gracious God will continue to bless you through Word and sacrament that you may grow in

your knowledge of His Word and in exercising your Christian faith as you serve Him with your time, talents, and treasure. May He continue to bless all your efforts to teach His Word to students in Joyful Noise Preschool, in Sunday School, in confirmation class, in the K.I.C.K. and Ignite programs, and adult Bible classes.

May each of you take to heart the words of our Savior: "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10b).

Pastor Holub to Meet with Confirmation Class Parents

Pastor Holub wants to meet with the parents of this year's confirmation class immediately after today's service in the church proper.

College/University Students

Our college and university students are asked to give your name, mailing address, and email address to pastor either before you leave home for your college or university this month or after you arrive on campus and know what that information is. Pastor will forward this information to our WELS Campus Ministry website and you will receive the Forward in Christ magazine monthly, Meditations quarterly, and other pertinent information.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We need teachers and substitute teachers to teach the following age groups: preschool-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grades, 6th-8th grades. Sunday School begins September 9. If you are interested, contact Martin Wegner.

Friendship Sunday Picnic

There will be a potluck picnic lunch at church following Sunday School and Bible class on September 9. Beverages, hot dogs and pulled pork sandwiches will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Help will be needed setting up and cleaning up.

Friendship Sunday

Our Board of Outreach has set Sunday, September 9, as our Friendship Sunday. Between now and September 9, we are asking each of our members to think of some individual or couple or family who do not know Jesus as their Savior, to pray for that person (those persons) daily, to talk to that person (those persons), and invite them to come to our worship service on Sunday, September 9.

Special Congregational Voter's Meeting Announcement

There will a special congregational voter's meeting after church on September 16 to discuss and take possible action on our pastor's status and discuss the future of our church.

Church and School Cleaning Team for August

Leader: Matthew Winkler
Michaels, Stelling and Wegner families

Church and School Cleaning Team for September

Leader: Jay Dahlke
Ring, Schubert and Stelter families

Other Items of Interest

Attendance last Sunday: 45

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: open

WELS Board for World Missions

Christ's love is the greatest treasure we share as we walk together toward our heavenly home. It is a treasure that goes to work in our hearts and moves us to share Christ's compassion for lost souls. There are so many people in this world who do not know that this love in Christ is God's gift to us all. For this reason, WELS World Missions is eager to carry out our calling to preach the Good News of the Gospel to every nation. Into a world that desperately needs the Gospel, our missionaries and national church partners bring the light of God's Word. With this powerful tool deployed and in the hands of the Lord of the Church, our work is bearing much fruit.

Our five-man Board for World Missions (BWM) -- made up of a combination of pastors, teachers, and laymen -- volunteer their time to develop overall strategy for World Missions and appoint members of eight administrative committees. These administrative committees work on behalf of the BWM to facilitate mission outreach in their respective fields. These committees are the

- Africa Administrative Committee, working with Cameroon, Malawi, Nigeria, and Zambia;
- Asia-Pacific Rim Committee, working with Indonesia, Japan, and Thailand;
- East Asia Administrative Committee, working among Chinese-speaking peoples;
- Europe Administrative Committee, working with Albania, Bulgaria, Russia, and Ukraine;
- Latin America Administrative Committee, working with Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, and online contacts;
- Native American Administrative Committee, working with the White Mountain and San Carolos Reservations in Arizona;
- South Asia Administrative Committee, working with India, Nepal, and Pakistan; and
- Multi-Language Publications Administrative Committee, overseeing production, translation, and distribution of digital, printed, online, video, and other resources for our world Mission fields.

While WELS World Missions work has put us in touch with over 200,000 people, that does not mean our global work is done. Seven plus billion people live on this planet with

us. We have before us the largest mission field the world has ever seen.

One Latin America

The One Latin America (1LA) mission team exists to train any Spanish speaker, no matter where they might be located, on how to read God's Word and share it with others. The 1LA team casts a wide net on the Internet and through social media, with a focus on those who like to learn how to start small Bible study groups, which, in turn, plants more congregations. Imagine a never-ending chain of people telling each other about Jesus. The team is excited about upcoming opportunities in multiple new nations, including Paraguay and Ecuador, and having a base of operations in Miami, FL.

Members of the 1LA team and other trained men in our fellowship offer live, online Bible classes in a program called Academia Cristo. The Academia Cristo Facebook page recently surpassed one million followers. Individuals from every country in Latin America have taken live classes with the 1LA team. The waiting list for Academia Cristo online classes has over 1,000 names on it. The 1LA team conducts in-person visits with those in online classes who are interested in on-the-ground work, value God's Word in its truth and purity, and show gifts to start such work. Two 1LA missionaries relocated to Ecuador in the summer of 2018.

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