

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 3, 2017

Mission Statement

*To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ,
to be nurtured in faith and knowledge, and
to share the Good News through word and deed.*

Visions for the Future

Gather: *To involve an ever-growing number of people in regular participation in worship*

Nurture: *To involve an ever-growing number of children, youth, and families in learning and growing in the Christian faith*

Share: *To continue involvement in present outreach ministries and expand the leadership participation and commitment of members of the congregation in these ministries*

Our task and calling is to work together to actualize what we sense is
God's Spirit working in our midst.

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September 3, 201

ELW Setting 3

9:30 a.m.

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Serving in Worship this Morning

Alcolyte:

Altar Guild: Barb Strenge

Communion Assistant: Barb Strenge

Lector: Teresa Shores

Organist: Raymond Nottidge

Ushers: Jim Zrust & Abe Watson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Regular - **Liturgist**

Bold - Congregation

+ Stand as able

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

...Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ GATHERING SONG

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn #879

+ GREETING

Response: **And also with you.**

+ KYRIE

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+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

This is the feast

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words: "I am with you."

- ¹⁵○ Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
- ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.
- ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
- ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
- ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.
- ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.
- ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM PSALM 26:1-8 (tone 3)

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

¹Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and | have not faltered.

²**Test me, O | Lord, and try me;**
examine my heart | and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

⁴**I have not sat | with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O Lord,**
that I may go in procession | round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

⁸**Lord, I love the house in | which you dwell**
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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+ GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Dana Nelson

(A time of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

1. "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"If you would my disciple be;
Forsake the past, and come this day,
And humbly follow after me."
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
Pervade your soul with vain alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up,
Sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let your foolish heart rebel;
For you the Lord endured the cross
To save your soul from death and hell.
4. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear a golden crown.

+ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+ PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace using the words "Peace be with you" and then be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

(Children are invited to come to the altar with their offering for global missions.)

OFFERTORY

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Response: **Amen.**

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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...Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we
proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven

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THE EUCHARIST

Lamb of God

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COMMUNION MUSIC

SENDING

+ BLESSING

+ SENDING SONG

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Welcome to all guests and visitors. We are glad that we can worship together this morning. We invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. If you would like to sign up for an event, you can do so in the kiosk book, located at the front doors of the church. The Voice of Galilee, our monthly newsletter, is also available in the kiosk.

HOLY COMMUNION Everyone of all ages is invited to celebrate Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is celebrated in this sacrament. Communion today is served by intinction around the altar. You will be handed a wafer, which you are asked to dip into the wine before placing it in your mouth. Grape juice is in the cup with the ribbon. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

REFRESHMENTS You are invited to join in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments! Thank you to Dazhanea Taylor for hosting a fundraising bake sale today. Next week, we have a potluck luncheon for Rally Sunday. There is a signup sheet in the kiosk; please sign up if you are able to help with refreshments on future Sundays.

NURSERY OPEN The nursery is open, as needed, for children age four and under. Please see an usher if you would like them to get a nursery attendant.

PASTOR VISIT? If you would like a visit from our pastor, please call the church office, 651-488-6769, or Pastor Dana herself, at 651-434-9485.

GLOBE OFFERING The goal for the year is to raise \$1,000 for a school and clinic in South Sudan, who need our help desperately. We have reached \$800.24. Can we reach our goal? You may contribute in your offering envelope or by check in the Globe if you wish to receive credit for your contribution.

YOUTH AT WORK Our youth are offering their time and services this summer to raise money for their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston next summer, July, 2018. If you could use some help with household chores (ie. raking, hauling dirt, weeding, washing windows, dog walking, etc) consider hiring one of our youth members for \$25/2 hours. Checks will be payable to Galilee and recorded in their fundraising account. We hope our students can learn valuable life skills and get to know fellow Galilee members along the way. Contact Pastor Dana if you would like to arrange for some help.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY Minnesota Faith Chinese invites young (college age and 20s) Galilee members and/or friends to their new Young Adult Ministry. They meet Fridays, 6 p.m. Tell your family and friends.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN Saturday, September 9 Meet at church at 1:30 p.m. to carpool to go to Feed My Starving Children. If you are driving yourself, the address is 990 Lone Oak Road in Eagan. From the north, take 35E to Lone Oak Road. Turn left at Lone Oak and the building is on the right side in a mall. The name is on the side of the building. If you ordered a

yellow God's Work. Our Hands t-shirt, stop by the office, they are in!

ADULT FORUM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL Our education hour gets underway on Sunday, September 17, please join us in Sunday School and Adult Forums at 11 a.m.

NORTH EMANUEL CLOSING WORSHIP On Sunday afternoon, at 2:00 p.m. September 17, we hope that many "Galileans" can go to North Emanuel Lutheran Church for their final worship service in the history of the congregation. It is a time to show our care, appreciation, spiritual and emotional support for our brothers and sisters as they say goodbye to their beloved church home.

HOUSTON RELIEF Outreach is sending money to Lutheran Disaster Response where 100% of the money goes to relief. Others can give online (elca.org) or by mail. The Red Cross is also desperate for aid (redcross.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9 - Feed My Starving Children, 2-4 p.m.

September 10 - Rally Sunday with Potluck

September 16 - Make A Joyful Noise! 6 p.m., Worship, 7 p.m. Meal

September 17 - Sunday School and Adult Forum Begin

September 17 - North Emanuel Closing Worship Service, 2 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 3 - SEPTEMBER 9

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| 5 Bill Johnson | 8 Dazhanea Mitchell-Taylor |
| 8 Jackie Nerud | 10 Lyle Sorum |

PRAYER REQUESTS

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

Justin Blatterman (North Emanuel)
Lois LaVon Brase
Rick Eagan (friend of Dawn Babin)
Betty Link Ettel
Dr. Roger Ettel
Leo Fisher (Peterson's grandson)
Dan Hayne
Josie (Amy Wood's Service Dog)

Lyle Sorum
Haley Steffen (family of the O'Keefes)
Kathy Wickard (Shari Sailer's cousin)
Ian Wiek
Our sister church in Uhominyi, Tanzania
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church
Missionaries in South Sudan and Romania

All prayer requests are also supported through Galilee's Prayer Circle.

We are delighted to pray for anyone and include their name on our prayer list, as well as mention them in the intercessions during Sunday worship. Please keep the church office informed about their status. We will keep these names on our prayer list for one month. If, on the other hand, you would like us to keep them on the prayer list for longer than a month, please call the church office.

THIS WEEK AT GALILEE

Sunday - September 3

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| Galilee Worship Service | 9:30 a.m. |
| Fellowship Time | 10:30 a.m. |
| MFCLC Worship Service | 11 a.m. |
| St. Paul Friend's Church..... | 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| La Hermosa Gathering | 2:30-4:30 p.m. |

Monday - September 4

LABOR DAY

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| Garden Meeting, Library..... | 9:30 a.m.-noon |
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Tuesday - September 5

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| Staff Meeting | 9 a.m. |
| TSE Training, Library | 9 -11 a.m. |
| Planning Committee Meeting..... | 6 p.m. |
| Worship & Music Meeting | 7 p.m. |

Wednesday - September 6

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| Pastor's Office Hours | 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. |
| ICFC | 10 a.m.-noon |

Thursday - September 7

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| TSE Training, Library | 9 -10:30 a.m. |
| Bible Study in Library | 11 a.m. |

Friday - September 8

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| Young Adult Ministry | 6 p.m. |
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Saturday - September 9

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| Chinese Prayer | 6 a.m. |
| ICFC Choir Rehearsal | 11 a.m. |
| Feed My Starving Children | 2 p.m. |

Sunday - September 10

RALLY SUNDAY

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Galilee Worship Service | 9:30 a.m. |
| Fellowship Time | 10:30 a.m. |
| MFCLC Worship Service | 11 a.m. |
| St. Paul Friend's Church..... | 12:15-1:45 p.m. |
| La Hermosa Gathering | 2:30-4:30 p.m. |

Hearing assistance receivers are available. Please ask the ushers for assistance.