

³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off,
he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not
renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.
³⁴“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either
for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

IN OUR PRAYERS

✠Ill/Hospitalized: **Denise Potter, Carol Mallory**

✠Birthdays: **Larry Schiewe** – 80 on September 7th **Robert Lach** – 82 on September 9th
 Sue Schroeder – 81 on September 7th **Gary Lawton** – 86 on September 9th
 Harold Baldauf – 94 on September 8th

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Today: *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
 Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time
 Bible Study

Monday: Prayer Shawl Circle 1:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)
 Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Youth Room)
 Men’s Club 7:00 p.m. (Classroom 3)

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m. (Craft Room)
 Sunshine Seniors 12:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
 Graceful Threads 3:00 p.m. (Classroom 2)
 Confirmation Class/Parent Meeting 5:30 p.m.
 Mary-Martha 7:00 p.m. (Classroom 3)

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.
 Midweek Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Church Conference)
 Outreach & Caring Committee 3:00 p.m. (Church Conference)
 Board of Christian Education 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Handbells 6:00 p.m.
 Mixed Choir 7:00 p.m.

Friday: Family Game Night 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
 Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Time
 Bible Study

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Dr. William L. Morris
Liturgist: Rev. Michael P. Speckhard
Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein
Soloist: Mrs. Emily Abraham
Acolytes: Anna Gardner (5:00pm)
 Violet Van Strydonk (9:30am)
Videographer: Scott Neumeyer

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Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord’s Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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“Consider the Cost”
September 6 & 7, 2025

† Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost †

Introit *Psalm 119:28-32; antiphon: v. 27*
Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.
My soul melts away for | sorrow;*
strengthen me according | to your word!
Put false ways | far from me*
and graciously teach | me your law!
I have chosen the way of | faithfulness;*
I set your just decrees be- | fore me.
I cling to your testimonies, | O Lord;*
let me not be | put to shame!
I will run in the way of your com- | mandments*
when you en- | large my heart!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Make me understand the way of your | precepts,*
and I will meditate on your | wondrous works.

Collect of the Day

☞ O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☩ Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the Lord, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the Lord delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle Reading *Philemon 1-21*

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.
⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment.
¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.
¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.
²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Holy Gospel *Luke 14:25-35*
²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?
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OLD TESTAMENT READING
☩ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING
☩ Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL
☩ Glory to You, O Lord.
☩ Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON
Text: Luke 14:25-35
Theme: **“Consider the Cost”**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
☩ Lord, in Your mercy,
☩ Hear our prayer.

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