



## SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

<sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

A The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

### \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

God is speaking by his Spirit, Speaking to the hearts of all,  
In the ageless Word expounding God's own message for us all.  
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, his Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

### \* GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and

then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your

brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And

you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 501 *He Leadeth Me*

### SERMON

\* HYMN WOV # 783 *Seek Ye First*

### \* APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

TITHES & OFFERINGS *A Trumpeter's Lullaby* -Dave Schwab

### OFFERTORY

We give thee but thine own, What'e-er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our first-fruits give.

### THE PRAYERS *(please remain seated)*

A Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.  
*A brief silence.*

A O God, guide leaders who speak your word to your people. Use your church's powerful witness and genuine invitation to welcome all to your banquet table. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We thank you for tables of abundant food. Bless crops, farms, and industries, that as co-creators with you, we may provide responsibly from the earth for the sake of all. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Break the bonds of captivity and injustice. Work in leaders and nations to bring peace and to advocate for the least of these. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Strengthen marriages, families, and friendships with mutual love and respect. Bless our congregation to be a place of support and care for healthy relationships. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Rejoicing in the promise of the heavenly banquet, we give thanks for all those who have died in faith. Join us, with them, at the resurrection of the righteous. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Heal and comfort those we hold in our hearts and those who have asked for our prayers (*especially*). Bring hope to prisoners, refugees, and outsiders. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**\* LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C 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**

**\* HYMN LBW # 557** *Let All Things Now Living*

**POSTLUDE** *Festal Postlude*

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### Altar flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Shirlee Mires Fejes in loving memory of Ray & Melle Landversicht; and by Alan & Shelly Storch in honor of their 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **Rally Day! September 11**

Sunday School is a "hole" lot of fun, and  
we're rallying to kick off a "hole" year of learning of and  
living in God's love for the "hole" world!  
And we'll celebrate with some "holesome" treats!!  
Don't miss it!!!!

We will be returning to our two-service schedule that day.  
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Mark your calendars!!!

### Blessing of the Backpacks!

Kids!!! Bring your backpacks to church on Rally Day, September 11, (either service) for a special blessing!

### Choir party

A reminder to choir members: the Back-To-Choir party will be at the home of Mark and Angela Tonjes in Malinta on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served; bring a dish to share and your spouse/friend/children. We WILL be singing that evening to begin learning the songs for Rally Day on September 11!

### Coffee Hour

You are invited to stay after worship for refreshments and fellowship in the overflow area. Our hosts for the coffee hour today are the choir sopranos and tenors. Next week's fellowship (the last one of the summer) will be hosted by the Soul Food crew.

### Statistics

8/18 (41) communed (39) 8/21 (107)  
Simply Giving 8/15 - 8/21 Gen Fd \$475; \$120 Bldg Fd

**Your opinion counts...** A motion was made and seconded at the June council meeting to obtain congregational input and explore the possibility of one Sunday service and a year-round Thursday evening service (except during Lent). Please place your comments and/or questions in the offering plate or, better yet, speak with a council member and express your opinion. Church council would like to receive as much input as possible in order to give this matter prayerful consideration. Council will be reviewing comments and questions received at the August 22 council meeting. Council members: *Dave Schwab, Gary Bostelman, Julie Kohout, Laura Yaney, Peggy Snyder, Holly Mohring, Sue Schink, Carol Castello, Laura Ellis, Jamie Bostelman, Marv Mt.Castle, Jeff Mires, Kelli Burkhardt, Maxine Eickhoff.*



Do not neglect  
to **do good** and to  
**share** what you have,  
for such **sacrifices**  
are **pleasing** to God.

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV

### This Week

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Miriam Circle  
Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Soul Food  
6:30 p.m. Choir party at Tonjes'  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Worship

**Caring Corner** — school supplies for local “Stuff the Bus” and world-wide through Lutheran World Relief school kits:

**70-sheet wire-bound notebooks**

**30-centimeter rulers**

**pencil sharpeners**

**blunt scissors**

**blue or black pens**

**16- or 24-packs of crayons**

**2 ½ in erasers, specifically**

**tissues**

**highlighters**

**glue sticks**

**red pens**

**plastic pencil boxes or pouches**

**5-count and 8-count subject dividers**

**washable markers**

**dry erase markers**

**Clorox wipes**

**hand sanitizer**

**3 x 5 index cards**

**backpacks**

*Patterns for the LWR bags are also available.*

### Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Reader - Betty Mowery

Sound Board -

Acolytes - Morgan Ashbaugh & Laci Dachenhaus

Ushers - Norm Bostelman, Rupert Schweinhagen

Altar Guild - Julie Mt.Castle & Wendy Schroeder

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or [cjcast@yahoo.com](mailto:cjcast@yahoo.com)

With the increase in the number of services on Sunday mornings (beginning in 2 weeks, September 11), our need for readers and sound board operators also increases. We are in great need of volunteers for these jobs!!!!

The sign up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can sign up for a month or for a week. If you are willing to read but don't want to assist with communion, just indicate that fact on the sign up sheet.

If you would like training on the sound board, that can be arranged. It is EASY and would require only a few minutes of your time!!!!

If you have questions, please talk to Peggy Snyder or Holly Mohring.

### **Festival of Tables**

The Festival of Tables, sponsored by the Women's Guild of Filling Homes, will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 24, at the Filling Homes Therapy Center Activity Room. Doors will open at 11:00 in order to give participants the opportunity to view all of the tables. The meal will be served at noon followed by entertainment. Tickets for the Festival of Tables are a minimum donation of \$15.00 with proceeds benefitting the children and adults with intellectual disabilities who are served by the ministry of Filling Homes. Tickets are available by pre-sale only. No tickets will be sold at the door. To register as a hostess, or for more information about participating in this event, please contact Bonnie Ohlrich at 419-533-5661 or by email: [bonnieohlrich@embarqmail.com](mailto:bonnieohlrich@embarqmail.com). The deadline to register as a hostess is Tuesday, September 6.

### **♥ Take the love of Jesus with you on summer vacation! ♥**

We want you to pass along the love of Jesus from Emanuel this summer as you vacation with your family. Take Jesus in your heart – and pick up a paper heart from either entrance to the sanctuary.

The hearts will be labeled with Emanuel's information. Take a picture of you and your family holding the heart and bring the picture back to post on the back door bulletin board. Then leave the heart in your hotel room, vacation rental, etc. for others to see how we share the love of Jesus from Emanuel. Maybe they'll even e-mail us back!!

*Philemon 6: I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.*

### **Lutheran World Relief**

On the Caring Corner table there are instructions on the different kits (Personal Care, Baby, Fabric, School). We are also in need of Drawstring backpacks to include with the School kits, and those instructions are on the Caring Corner table as well. If you don't sew or cannot be a part of the kit-making project, please consider donating to the Women of the Church to be donated to the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. For every \$1 you give, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential personal items. The kits must be turned in to the Caring Corner table, and monetary donations must be made by October 2, 2016. If you have questions, please contact Michelle Slee 419-966-4896. Monetary donations can be turned in to the church office.

### **Kevin R. Schwiebert Memorial Fund Redhead Run 5K**

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. Start/Finish at St. Peter Lutheran Church, K980 Co Rd 17D, Florida. Registration forms available from Jen Schwiebert [kjschwiebert@gmail.com](mailto:kjschwiebert@gmail.com) / 419-777-5356. Or register online at [www.RunSignUp.com](http://www.RunSignUp.com) and search for Redhead Run 5K. Preregister by September 11 to get a free t-shirt.