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MAY GROW  
WEAK AND  
HUNGRY,

BUT THOSE  
WHO SEEK

the  
Lord

LACK NO  
GOOD THING.

PSALM 34:10

## **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Plugged In: In Christ, We Are Wise

August 19, 2018

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us, but we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons, and Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device. *Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.*

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Jesus gave us Communion to strengthen our fellowship with the Triune God and to express our fellowship with one another. For this reason, we practice **Close Communion**. If you have already established communing fellowship with us, you may prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Supper using the questions in the hymnal on page 156. If you would like to establish communing fellowship with us, please speak with the pastor after worship about how to make that happen.

## SERVICE NOTES FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Are the beautiful truths of the gospel easy for us to grasp? Not at all! In fact for the natural man and his fallen reason they are impossible. This Sunday recognizes the difficulty and calls for the response of a *sacrificium intellecti*, a sacrifice that only the Spirit can work if fallen reason is to be overcome as we receive and rejoice in the saving truths of the gospel.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, thank you for daily and richly providing us with all that we need in life. Amen.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Liturgist**

**Organist**

**Usher**

Pastor Erich Westphal

Janice Budach

Larry Gens

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**OPENING HYMN**

*All People that on Earth Do Dwell* | **233**

**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

Proverbs 9:1-6

Christ calls, invites, he lures and entices with a banquet of understanding for this life and for the life to come.

Wisdom has built her house.  
She has carved out her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup>She has prepared her meat.  
She has mixed her wine.  
She has already set her table.  
<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant girls.  
She calls from the highest point in the city,  
<sup>4</sup>“Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here.”  
To someone who lacks sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat my food,  
and drink the wine that I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup>Abandon your naïve ways and live.  
Travel the road to understanding.”

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

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**SECOND LESSON**

Ephesians 5:15–20

In Christ and his Word, we abandon the “wisdom” of our reason and delight instead in his saving and conquering wisdom.

<sup>15</sup>Consider carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise people, but as wise people. <sup>16</sup>Make the most of your time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>For this reason, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk on wine, which causes you to lose control. Instead, be filled with the Spirit <sup>19</sup>by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord), <sup>20</sup>by always giving thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 4:12, EHV

Alleluia. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

The Bible is not just one religious tradition among many; it is the only truth that gives life and salvation.

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>At that, the Jews argued among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

<sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. <sup>54</sup>The one who eats 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 real food, and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup>The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like your fathers ate and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever.”

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening* | 283

## SERMON

“Living Under the Influence” | Ephesians 5:15–20

*Sermon Notes on the following page.*

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## OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.*

*Please help us help you by recording your visit in the Let's Connect card inserted in the bulletin. This is also where we register for Holy Communion.*



## THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

### PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Here at Brooklyn Lutheran we observe the historic practice of Close Communion. **We do this out of love for God's Word.** Scripture teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ. In a miraculous way, we receive his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. However, the Bible warns that those who participate without recognizing Jesus' body and blood do so to their spiritual harm. Scripture also teaches that those who participate in the Lord's Supper are closely united around a common confession of faith. **We do this out of love for you.** We do not want you to bring spiritual harm to yourself. Nor do we want you to make a confession of agreement with our beliefs before you've had a chance to learn them.

We are eager to celebrate the Lord's Supper with you. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, please read the laminated card in the holder beside the hymnals. If you want to establish communing fellowship with us, please speak with the pastor following the service. If you have already established communing fellowship with us or with another Wisconsin [WELS] or Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] congregation and desire to receive the Lord's Supper with us today, please use the following questions to help you prepare:

- Q: Do I recognize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment?
- Q: Do I want forgiveness for my failures (according to the Ten Commandments) to carry out the responsibilities of my calling(s)?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus purchased forgiveness for me by his sinless life for me and death on the cross as the payment for all my sins?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?
- Q: Do I intend, with Christ's help, to fight temptation, do what I can to correct the wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works?

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*One Thing's Needful* | 290

### CLOSING HYMN

*Preserve Your Word, O Savior* | 289

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** to Lenny and Karen Smith for the flowers on the altar celebrating their wedding anniversary.

**GRILL -n- CHILL** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual event will be on Thursday, August 30, at 6:30 pm. This is a **free** event including the families registering for preschool. Please preregister on the sign-up sheet in the Information Center or on our website.



**MEN'S GROWTH GROUP** time change to Monday **evenings**. We are hoping that this time will work better.

**MEDITATIONS** new editions are in the Information Center.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASS** on Sunday, August 26, to place door hangers on the doors of nearby residents. We will not be knocking, just placing them. The more people that sign up, the faster it will go.



**MEN'S RETREAT** at Camp Croix on September 14-16. Please see the notice on the bulletin board for more information.

**KWIK TRIP MILK CAPS** are still being collected. Put your milk caps from Kwik Trip in the jar by the bulletin board. Kwik Trip will then reimburse us 5¢ for each cap.



## Calendar Week

### Today

Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:00 am

### Monday

BBS Meeting	5:30 pm
Men's Growth Group	7:00 pm

### Tuesday

Bible Class	3:15 pm
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### Wednesday

Lawn Mowing	6:00 pm
Ryan Burmeister, Sheli Pollard	

### Sunday

Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am

## Serving In The Lord

### Ushers

Today:	Larry Gens
Next Sunday:	Russ Wyman

### Organist

Today:	Janice Budach
Next Sunday:	Beth Janisch

### August Money Counter

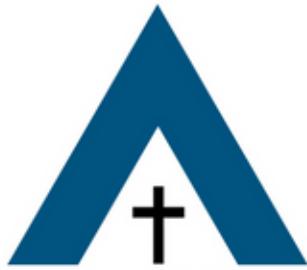
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## Blessings From The Lord

### Attendance

Bible Study – none
Sunday Service – 55
Tuesday Bible Class – none

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