



13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

INVOCATION

We gather for worship as one family of faith in the name of our Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

HYMN

Here I Am to Worship

**Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You**

**Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

**King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor**

**Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

GREETING

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.***

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God,

your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

MILESTONE MINISTRY

Back to School Blessing

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:56-69

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live

because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Should I Stay or Should I Go”

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 into hell. 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 THE PEOPLE

receive our prayer: we put our trust in you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

Reminder that the offering plate and the Globe offering can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for contributing financially to the mission and ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

MILESTONE MINISTRY

Retirement

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #810

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.

My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.

Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.

And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

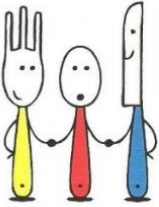
DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Seniors' Lunch

12:00 Noon
SHARP

American Legion Post 303 Building
East End of Hermosa on HWY 40
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
Home-cooked, buffet-style meals
Main dish, sides, salads, fruit,
dessert, drink

Aug 23-26

MONDAY- BBQ Country Ribs

TUESDAY- Tilly's Tacos

WEDNESDAY- Fish Fry

THURSDAY- Hot Turkey Sandwich

FRIDAY- Closed

Adults \$8

Kids \$5

Sunday, August 22nd

Blessing of the Backpacks

9:30am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube

Fellowship following worship

8:15am Property Committee Meeting

10:30am Church Council Meeting

6:30-8:00 HS Youth Group Meets

Tuesday, August 24th

Custer/Hermosa 1st Day of School

Friday, August 27th and Saturday August 28th

WELCA Synodical Leadership Conference

Sunday, August 29th

9:30 – 10:00 am Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook/YouTube

Fellowship following worship

6:30-8:00 HS Youth Group Meets

www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa
www.youtube.com/TheOSLHermosa



We Lift in Prayer...

**Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Judy Rademacher (Mother of Kimberly Heuer); Jay Schaffer (HS Classmate of Pastor Deb)

**Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Rose Bintliff; Jim Schultes; Clay Twitero; Jack Peterson (Grandson of Collette Carlson); Peg Tesch; Marquita Prince (Friend of Linda Morrison)

**Those with on-going health concerns, including Rev. Albert Goldammer; Hannah (Granddaughter of Peg Tesch); Ron Wagner; David Brimer (Son of Iris Brimer); Gary Walberg (Father of Clay Walberg); Rhonda (Cousin of Suzan Heidelberger); Betty Tesch; Shelly (Friend of Carla Oerter); Linda (Friend of Cathy Dahl); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael and Jeffrey (Cousins of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Riley (Granddaughter of Carmen Lakner); Justin (Friend of Carmen Lakner)

**For teachers, administrators, school staff and students at all levels as we begin another school year

**For those in long-term care facilities

**For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.

**For our leaders at every level.

**For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far.



The Property Committee will be holding a work-day soon, and we would like to know what you think are the priority projects we should work on at the church. Your feedback is very much appreciated. You can contact anyone on the Property Committee: Gene Deyo, Cleon Diers, Steve Pendegraft, Nancy Schultes and Pastor Deb. Thank you!

**MISSION
OF THE
MONTH**



Hermosa Senior Meals

The Hermosa Senior Citizens Center is located in the Hermosa, SD American Legion Post 303 building on Highway 40 east of the Custer County Fairgrounds. Our mission at Senior Meals is to serve a buffet-style, non-government subsidized, home-cooked meal to the community members of Hermosa, SD and the surrounding communities and provide much-needed social interactions for those in attendance. A secondary mission is to care for those seniors that may not have a watchful eye of a local family member by checking in when they have missed multiple meals. HSCC is a non-profit, so our doors are kept open by the volunteers and donations of our community. The main expenses that donations are applied to at HSCC are the rising costs of food, a staff cook, and rent and utilities at the American Legion. Senior Meals have no age limit, and all are welcome. No membership is required.

To support this mission, drop your donation in the offering plate, the Globe Offering, or the Mission Box in the fellowship hall. (Checks made payable to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your support!



An invitation from Trinity Lutheran Church:

Join us for Pizza and Praise at Trinity Eco Prayer Park on August 29, 2021 at 5:30 pm for pizza with worship to follow at 6:00 pm. The service will include music, scripture, meditation, prayers, and dedication of two trees which have been given in memory of loved ones.

Sam Kost of St. John's Hot Springs and Jeremy Duprey of Community Lutheran Hill City will lead the service and be providing music. Please bring your own chair. Pizza will be served inside Trinity starting at 5:30 pm.



DOG NIGHT NEEDS YOU!!!

It was very difficult to take a year off but now we are ready to return excited about gathering with the children in our community again, showering them with God's love and our love and passing on the faith. Just a reminder - this Christian education ministry is open to everyone child in the community ages 4th grade through 10th grade.

However, a great cloud of witnesses is needed for DOG Night to happen.

We are in need of:

- * Small group shepherds who shepherd a small group of children from place to place and are the extra hands, eyes, ears, voices and feet for our small group teachers.
- * Small group teachers to teach our rotations: Bible, Crafts, Games, Video, Drama and Service (new this year) We will provide you with as much as you need to be successful.
- * Meal Team Members - the meal team is being headed by Linda Morrison and Rebecca Kaiser so you just need to show up to help set-up, serve and clean-up the meals.
- * Substitutes for any of the above.



Important Dates:

Wednesday, Sept 1 - Volunteer training from 6 pm to 7:30 pm with a meal included. We will be visiting about Safe Haven stuff as well as walking through a night at DOG Night. We will be doing basic background checks this year as well. Don't worry. It doesn't hurt.

Wednesday, Sept 8 - Rally Wednesday for the whole family. All will be invited for a picnic meal, activities and worship as we kick-off our DOG Night year.

Wednesday, Sept 15 - First night of DOG Night. Times are the same - 5:30 to 7 pm beginning with large group and meal and then small group rotations. Whirl curriculum will be used again with the same lessons used for two weeks.

Are you willing to help with DOG Night? Do you know of someone who would be a great volunteer? Please contact myself or a member of the Education Committee (Josie Main, Adare Diers, Gloria Olawsky, Suzan Heidelberger) if you are willing to help. Pass on the information if you know of someone who might be willing to join our ministry crew!

Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of this important ministry.

