

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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As God's people at Faith Lutheran Church, we rightly include as part of our church's name the term "evangelical." That word means gospel-centered as we focus our preaching and teaching on Jesus: Who He is, what His chief work is and naturally what that means for the life of those who follow Him in faith.

As we have been discussing, the season of Pentecost stresses the growth of God's Church, His family of believers. By no means, however, do we forget that God in His grace achieves that growth. Salvation rests solely on what our Savior has accomplished on our behalf. The Holy Spirit specifically causes that growth, first by creating faith through the waters of baptism and then strengthening and sustaining that faith through the gospel in word and sacrament.

No matter our race, gender or social status, faith in Christ makes us equally members of God's family. May we continue to treasure this truth and share it with others! That's fulfilling the mission of Pentecost.

Order of Worship: ELH Page 60, The Divine Service, *Rite Two*.

Hymns: 416, 73, 222, 592

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament: **Zechariah 13:7-9**. This stunning prophetic poem pictures Christ as the shepherd who suffers the LORD Almighty's wrath on our behalf and believers as the "one-third" who call on the LORD despite trials and tests.

Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 30**. Even in times of sorrow, we realize that our God has the power to turn our "wailing into dancing" by fulfilling His good purposes (*Supplement*).

Epistle: **Galatians 3:23-29**. No matter what our race, gender or social status may be, recognizing Christ by faith makes us equally members of God's family.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, "Abba, Father!" Alleluia. (Galatians 4:6, EHV)

Gospel: **Luke 9:18-24**. Jesus told His disciples of His approaching suffering, death and resurrection. Peter's clear confession of Jesus as the Christ, in the face of so much false information about Him and what He would do, remains and provides the foundation of our confession and faith.

Sermon Text: **Galatians 3:23-29**

Theme - "We Are God's Privileged Heirs"

Points to ponder from the day's Scripture readings:

- Old Testament: How are the thoughts of the LORD Almighty predictive of what Jesus proclaimed in Matthew 26:31?
- Old Testament: In verse 8, what is the thought behind the two-thirds vs. the remaining one-third? (See Jesus' comment recorded in Matthew 7:13-14)
- Old Testament: What's God's purpose in allowing Christians to experience fiery trials? (See 1 Peter 1:7; Isaiah 43:1-3; Job 23:10)
- Epistle: The law can't "lead" us to Christ. It can only show us our sins and lead us to a "dead" end. When the NIV translates this section, "the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ," why is the following statement a better understanding of this part of the verse? "So the law was our chaperone until Christ."
- Epistle: How are we all equal before God?
- Gospel: What is **the** Christian's cross?
- Gospel: What is the difference between the "Theology of the Cross" vs. the "Theology of Glory?"

Announcements:

+ Please join us for Bible class, Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.

+ Confirmation class: ? at the church on?

+ **timeofgrace.org** – a resource for timely, topical subjects and what the Bible says.

+ **Guests and Visitors** – We are pleased to have you worship with us today. Please sign our guest book before you leave. Our church provides a free daily devotional booklet (*Meditations*). The *Lutheran Sentinel*, a news and informational publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is also available. Please ask for a free copy.

Zechariah 13:7-9 – "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man who is my associate, declares the LORD of Armies. Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. This will take place in the whole land, declares the LORD: Two thirds of those who remain in it will be cut off and perish, but one third will be left in it. I will put that third into the fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined, and I will test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, "This is my people." And they will say, "The LORD is my God." (EVHTM)

Galatians 3:23-29 – But before this faith came, we were held in custody under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith was revealed. So the law was our chaperone until Christ, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a chaperone. In fact, you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Indeed, as many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is not Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one and the same in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants and heirs according to the promise. (EVHTM)

Luke 9:18-24 – One time when Jesus was praying alone and the disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” They answered, “‘John the Baptist,’ but others say, ‘Elijah,’ and others say ‘one of the ancient prophets come back to life.’” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.” He gave them a strict command not to tell this to anyone. He said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law. He must be killed and be raised on the third day.” Jesus said to all of them, “If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.” (EVH™)