

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

P.O. Box 98, Okabena, MN 56161

A member congregation of the
Church of the Lutheran Confession

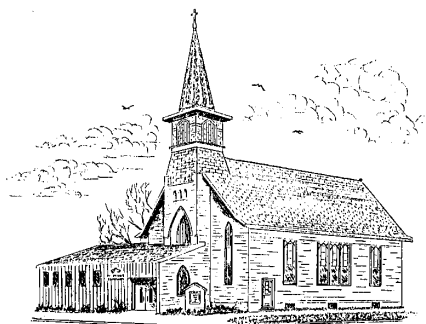
James Albrecht, Pastor – 507-351-8584

Lana Strike, Lower Grades – 507-360-9491

Ruth Eigenberg, Kindergarten / Preschool – 507-360-7725

Church/School Phone – 507-853-4550

www.okabenalutheran.org



WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 29 *Through All the Changing Scenes of Life*

Liturgy Page 12ff. in The Worship Supplement

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, You understand.
Remember me and care for me.
Take vengeance for me on those who persecute me.
You are slow to anger.
Do not take me away.
Keep in mind that for Your sake I bear disgrace.
Your words came to me, and I devoured them.
Your words became my joy, the delight of my heart,
because I bear Your name, O Lord God of Armies.
I did not sit with the band of partygoers,
nor did I celebrate with them.
I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me.
You filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unending?
Why is my wound incurable, refusing to heal?
Will You be as deceptive as an intermittent stream to me,
like a source of water that a person can't depend on?

Therefore this is what the Lord says.
If you repent, I will take you back,
so that you may stand before me.
If what you say is worthwhile and not worthless,
you will be My spokesman.
They must turn to you, but you must not turn to them.
I will make you like a bronze wall to this people.
They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you,
because I am with you to save you and to rescue you,
declares the Lord.
I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked,
and I will deliver you from the grasp of the ruthless. [EHV]

Epistle Lesson Romans 12:9-21 Do not just pretend to love others. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another with brotherly love. Think of others as deserving more honor than yourselves. Do not be lagging behind in zeal, but be fervent in spirit, as you continue to serve the Lord. Be joyful in hope. Endure trials patiently. Persist in prayer. Share with the saints who are in need. Be quick to welcome strangers as guests.
Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse. Rejoice with those who are rejoicing; weep with those who are weeping. Have the same

respect for one another. Do not be arrogant, but associate with the humble. Do not think too highly of yourselves.

Do not pay anyone back evil for evil. Focus on those things that everyone considers noble. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, maintain peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," says the Lord.
But:

If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him a drink.
For by doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. [EHV]

The Installation of Sunday School Teachers

Hymn 627 *Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd*

Sermon Matthew 16:21-28 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

The Gospel Paradox...

Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 367 *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 54 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

+ + +

SCHEDULE CHANGE Please note that we begin our Fall worship schedule next Sunday. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:15/9:30. The worship service will start at 10:30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS Please meet after the service to choose an evening that works for a meeting this week.

NEW STUDENT Our CDS enrollment now stands at eleven. We praise the Lord for adding to our total.

CLC NEWS Pastor Aaron Ude, Rapid City, SD has returned the call to Marquette, MI. Pastor David Pfeiffer, W. Columbia, SC has the call to Messiah in Eau Claire. Pastor Paul Nolting has accepted the call to serve as a parttime missionary to East Africa.

HURRICANE Our CLC church in Live Oak, FL was in the center of the hurricane’s path. Members gathered to spend the night in the brick parsonage. All were kept safe. The property damage was minimal. Praise the Lord, Who rules over wind and wave, for His kindness!

Service text and music reprinted and used by permission under OneLicense #A-7126690 and Concordia Publishing House, license #130002755.

Scriptures quoted are from the New King James Version® of the Holy Bible, ©1982 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

USHERS 09/03 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.

09/10 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

09/17 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

CLEANING (Wk. 2) C. Ahrens, The Fogelmans
The Voits