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Luke 14: 25-35

The Thirteenth Sunday After The Festival of Pentecost

*The purpose of our Community is:*

*“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”*

**Prelude**

*Aretta Englehardt or Shirlene Everhart*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Invocation:** [*Invocation -Latin: “To Call Upon”*]: (Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.)

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**The Confession of Sins & Absolution:**

*Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

*Pastor: With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*

**People: For the Lord is gracious and compassionate and rich in forgiveness.**

*(A moment of silence is observed for personal confession)*

*Pastor: Let us then confess our sins together unto our gracious Lord.*

**People: Father, we confess to You that we are often disobedient children who desire our own will instead of seeking to accomplish Your will in our lives. You have gathered us together as one people in Your Church, and yet often we fail to use the gifts You have given each of us to find meaning and purpose with our lives. Forgive us our sin of self-centeredness and enable us to see the world as You do---filled with people who need to know the grace, love, and forgiveness of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*Pastor: Because of substitutionary person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died physically and spiritually on our behalf, thus making payment for our sins, I therefore, as one of the servants of Christ in this place, announce unto you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day,**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, #134**

**Children's Sermonette:****"How Do We Spend Our Time?"****Pastor Droegemueller****Worship Through Our Giving:**

*We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.*

**Offertory:****We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God**

*We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:****Deuteronomy 30:15-20 [ESV]**

(A critical choice is presented to ancient Israelites between following God and receiving life and blessing or disobeying and facing death and curses.)

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

**Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Everyone: Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALMODY:****Psalm 1 [ESV]**

*(The blessed life comes from delighting in God's Word and meditating on it.)*

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. <sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; <sup>6</sup> for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Everyone: Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE LESSON:****Romans 10:9-17 [ESV]***(The author gives us the assurance of salvation when we confess and believe in Christ.)*

<sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Everyone: Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL LESSON:****Luke 14:25-35 [ESV]***(Christ teaches about the cost of discipleship.)*

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. Salt Without Taste Is Worthless <sup>34</sup> "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**



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## ***Prayers of the Church***

***Communion Hymn:***

***Rock of Ages, #398***

## ***We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper:***

*Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.*

*Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.*

***Pastor:***      *The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)*

**[Everyone]** **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!**

Distribution

***Benediction:*** *A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.*

***Sending Hymn:***

***Jesus, Still Lead On, #488***

***Pastor: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!***

***Everyone: Thanks be to God***

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# TODAY:

**Bible Class:** About 10-15 minutes after the conclusion of worship, you are invited to join us for a brief Bible study on: Pastor will announce the topic of the brief study.

## Mark Your Calendar

All the following are Sunday dates:

*September 7, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments*

*September 14, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments*

*September 21, 2025 Sunday - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting*

*September 28, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments*

*October 5, 12, 26, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments*

*October 19, 2025 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting*

**November 2, 2025** - Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in the 'Missions Giving Box' on your way out of the Sanctuary for our Missionaries. This offering is above and beyond our regular giving. In planning ahead, we will repeat the Love Offerings on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

*November 2, 9, 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments*

*November 16, 2025 - after worship & fellowship—Council Meeting*

*November 23, 30 2025 - 30-minute Bible Study after Worship & refreshments*





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## **Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ**



### **Weekly Schedule:**

**Sundays:**      **10:00 am**   **Worship Service & Sunday School**  
                     **11:00 am**   **Community Fellowship Time**  
                     **30-minute Bible Study**

**Monday:**        **9:00 am**   **All Church Study**  
                     **10:00 am**   **Council Meeting, usually 3rd Monday of each month**

For more information, please visit:

**Website:** [www.cloceanside.com](http://www.cloceanside.com):

**Facebook Page:** **Community Lutheran Oceanside**

**AFLC [Association of Free Lutheran Congregations]:** [aflc.org](http://aflc.org)



### **Prayer Chain Requests**

Please mark the Connection Card very clearly ... your request is for Pastor

### **Children's Activity Items**



These are available for younger children during the service. They are in the cabinets at the back of the church to the left of the Prayer Room.