



**Those  
who  
humble  
themselves  
will be  
exalted**

LUKE 14:11



# Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*“As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally.”*

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 31, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

**PRELUDE:** *To God Be the Glory* – Donald Hustad

*Throughout this bulletin, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

*Please be seated or kneel if able.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God’s children through faith.

In the cross of ✚ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

*The congregation stands to sing the hymn.*

**HYMN #712: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service** BEACH SPRING

## **APOSTOLIC 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.**

**GLORIA** (*Glory Be to God in Heaven*)

*ELW Setting 10 – p. 204*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The congregation responds: Amen.*

*The congregation is seated.*

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a** (*printed on back cover*)

*At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 112** *The psalm is spoken responsively.*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**



**SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16** (*printed on back cover*)

*At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands to sing the Gospel Acclamation.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*ELW Setting 10 – p. 205*

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14** (*printed on back cover*)

*Prior to the reading of the Holy Gospel, the following is said:*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the following is said:*

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation is seated.*

**SERMON**

Rev. Scott Fabel

*Silence is maintained for reflection after the sermon.*

*The congregation stands to sing the hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #522: As We Gather at Your Table**

IN BABILONE

**APOSTLES CREED**

With the whole church let us confess our faith...

**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 to the dead. 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.**

*Please kneel or be seated.*

**PRAYERS**

*Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers. The congregation responds: **Amen.***

*Please remain seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand if you are able.*

### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.*

*At the conclusion of the Peace, the congregation is seated.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY:** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* – Robert Lau

*As the offering is presented, the congregation stands to sing the offertory hymn.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN #695:** *As Saints of Old*    FOREST GREEN  
(stanzas 2 & 3)

### OFFERTORY PRAYER:

*Assisting Minister:* Let us pray: Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD.

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray...

**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.**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

**HYMN #547: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing***     THE ASH GROVE

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*** – Johann Pachelbel

<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b> are given today to the Glory of God.
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### **VICAR'S TIME AWAY**

Vicar Supeck will be out of the office and unavailable during the following times. To request Pastoral Care during these times, please call the church office or Zachary Fetter at 717-572-5799. **Vacation** - Tuesday, August 26, through Monday, September 1, 2025.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS 08/31/25

We thank the Rev. Scott Fabel for serving as our supply pastor this morning.

We extend our deep appreciation to Christine Oetama for serving as our guest organist this morning.

### SERVING IN THE LITURGY

Supply Pastor	Rev. Scott Fabel
Supply Organist	Christine Oetama
Asst. Minister/Lector	Zachary Fetter
Altar Guild	Not Needed
Acolyte	Joyce Burkholder
Ushers	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson, Charles Sweigart Jr.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Chrystine and Andy Anderson, Sharron Bauer, Leslie Carson, Cheyenne Colon, Beth Craley, Jean Ehrhart, Weston Hertzler, Cody Leisey, Hunter Leisey, Andrea Reynolds, Jeanine and Jeff Schreiber, the Schreiber and Wissler families, Joe Stoyanovich and Toby Sweigart.

Anyone requesting prayers for themselves or for others to contact Vicar Philip Supeck via his cell phone or by email.

### **MUSIC NOTES:**

Carl P. Daw Jr. (b. 1944) was commissioned by the Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia, to write the text of the Hymn of the Day (“As We Gather at Your Table” – *ELW* #522) for the parish’s tricentennial celebration in 1989. Daw includes the church’s anniversary motto, “Repeat the Sounding Joy,” as the final four words of the hymn – words originally written by Isaac Watts as part of the Christmas hymn “Joy to the World.” The hymn’s text expresses the central focus of Word and Table in forming our relationships to both God and neighbor. Before becoming an ordained Episcopal priest, Daw taught English at the College of William and Mary after completing master and doctoral studies at the University of Virginia. He served as the Executive Director of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada from 1996 to 2009.

### Reminder Dates

Fellowship at 9:00 am and Worship Service at 10:30 am on Sunday, August 31.

Vicar Philip Supeck is on vacation until Monday, September 1, 2025.

Combined Service 10:00 am at BULC on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

**More Announcements can be found on the insert.**

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a**

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence

or stand in the place of the great;

<sup>7a</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

or Sirach 10:12-18 [not printed]

**Psalms 112**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that

is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

<sup>8a</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

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