



BY FAITH...RAHAB WAS NOT KILLED

— HEBREWS 11:31 —

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WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPT. 3, 2017

BEAUTY IN THE MOST UNLIKELY PLACE



OPENING HYMN

406 "This Is the Threefold Truth"



SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Found on page 26 in the front of the Red Hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

After the Prayer of the Day we join to sing "Amen."



FIRST LESSON

Joshua 2:8-21

By faith Rahab helps the spies escape from Jericho.

Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof⁹ and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you."¹⁰ We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.

¹¹ When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. ¹² Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign ¹³ that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death."

¹⁴ "Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. "If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land."

¹⁵ So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. ¹⁶ Now she had said to them, "Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way."

¹⁷ The men said to her, "This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us ¹⁸ unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. ¹⁹ If anyone goes outside your house into the street, his blood will be on his own head; we will not be responsible. As for anyone who is in the house with you, his blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on him. ²⁰ But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear."

²¹ "Agreed," she replied. "Let it be as you say." So she sent them away and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.



PSALMS 133-134

Page 115 in the Red Hymnal.



SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:13-15,28-32

We once were all lost until God gave us faith in him.

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry ¹⁴in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

²⁸As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³²For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.



VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 4:12

God's Word is living and active in us and through us.

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

After the Verse of the Day we sing the "Alleluia" on page 18.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.



GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus enables a woman to persistently show her faith.

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."

²³Jesus did not answer a word.

So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

²⁷"Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

After the Gospel we sing "Praise be to you, O Christ!"

Please be seated



HYMN OF THE DAY

756 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

SERMON

Joshua 2:8-21

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Please stand after the sermon



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*We confess our Christian faith with the words on **page 31**.*



THANK OFFERING

2 Corinthians 9:7

Give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver

After the offering please stand and sing the offering hymn.



OFFERING HYMN

469 stanza 3

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



HOLY COMMUNION 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

We practice "close communion." If you are not a WELS member please speak with Pastor before the Lord's Supper



COMMUNION HYMN

308 "As Surely As I Live, God Said"

PRAYER AND BLESSING: pages 36-37



CLOSING HYMN

318 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our response to the Lord's blessings last week...

- Attendance: 84
- General: \$1,154.00
- Missions: \$70.00
- NELHS: \$70.00
- School: \$320.00
- Tuition: \$50.00

Schedule for this Coming Week

- Monday - NO SOFTBALL
- Tuesday: 10:00 AM - Bible Class at Fairview Manor
- Sunday: 8:30 AM - Worship at Trinity
- Sunday: 10:30 AM - Worship at Grace

Next Sunday (September 10)

- Ushers: John Westfall & John Workentine
- Greeters: J and L Herman
- September Counters: Jefferson and Workentine

We will not be able to have our Labor Day softball tournament tomorrow.

Trinity Mission Festival - Trinity will have their Mission Festival at 10:00 AM on Sunday, Sept. 17. A meal will follow. All are invited! Grace will not have worship that Sunday.