

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Setting # 3

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Prelude

Organ

“Fugal Chorale on “O Sacred Head””

Stanley Saxton

Welcome and Worship Notes

Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness (*left side*)

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*Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: **And also with you.**

GATHERING

*Gathering Hymn, ELW No. 786

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

*Apostolic Greeting

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**Kyrie*

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*Hymn of Praise, *“Glory to God...”*

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*Prayer of the Day

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-7

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Psalm 78:1-7

(Read responsively, by whole verse)

- ¹ Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- ² **I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times**
- ³ that which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
- ⁴ **We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,
and the wonderful works God has done.**
- ⁵ The LORD gave a decree in Jacob
and established a law in Israel,
commanding our ancestors
to teach it to their children;
- ⁶ **that the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**
- ⁷ so that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep God's commandments,

Second Reading

Galatians 4:1-7

¹ My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than those who are enslaved, though they are the owners of all the property, ² but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. ³ So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir through God.

*Gospel Acclamation

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*Gospel Announced "*The holy gospel....*"

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Response: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Gospel Proclamation “*The gospel of the Lord*”

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon “*The Old Testament*”

Pastor Emily Martin

*Sermon Hymn, **ELW No. 583**

Take My Life, That I May Be

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

- *Apostles' Creed p.105
- *Prayer Litany, **ELW No. 752** **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**
- *Prayers of Intercession
 Pastor: "Merciful God,"
 Response: "**receive our prayer.**"
- *Great Thanksgiving p. 144
- *Words of Institution "**In the night...**"
- *Our Lord's Prayer p. 145
- Distribution of Holy Communion
- *Communion "***Lamb of God***" p.146
- *Post Communion Prayer
- *Benediction
- *Dismissal:
 P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
 C: **Thanks be to God, and we will.**

SENDING

- *Sending Hymn, **ELW No. 550** *On What Has Now Been Sown*
- Postlude Organ
- "*St. Thomas*" David Hegarty

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	9:00	Holy Communion
	10:00	Fellowship Coffee Hour
Monday		Church Office Closed
Wednesday	10:30	Stitchers
Saturday	No	Holy Communion
Sunday	9:30	Joint Worship @ Luther Memorial
	10:30	Joint Potluck @ Luther Memorial

Worship Leaders

Emily Martin	Pastor
	Chancel Choir Director
Brynn Fuller	Chancel Choir Student Director
Sawyer Shiffler	Organist
Brian Kinnan	Video Producer
John Cooper	Usher
Shae Fuller	Acolyte
Mike Golden	Lector
Stephanie Fuller & Todd Jacobus	Communion Assistants

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ALTAR FLOWERS – are given to the Glory of God in memory of Parents (Jean and Lloyd) this Pentecost season by Debbie Neustadt. Open sponsor dates are: (September 20th, October 4th and November 15th). Opportunities are available for 2026 see chart by elevator.

COMMUNION ELEMENTS - are given to the Glory of God this Pentecost season. Open sponsor dates are: (September 13th, 20th and 27th). Opportunities are available in 2026 see chart by elevator.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Don Belcher, Janet Belcher, Joanne Burgess, Brian Dugan, Arnold Erickson, Marilyn Erickson, Kris Ewing, Mike Golden, Jim Hoffman, Virginia Jacobson, Jackie Johnson, Susan Nordholm, Steve Renzi.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS – you will find blank Prayer Request cards in the Narthex on the rectangular table. Please complete both sides of the card; prayer requests put on back of the card. You may leave them in Pastor Emily box outside the Church Office.

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE - to reach Pastor Emily send an e-mail to emartin@gvlc.org or contact the Church Office at (515) 266-8074, you can leave a message on the Church Office phone.

LAWN MOWING SPONSORSHIP – you can designate contributions to the Mowing or Snow removal fund for future usage.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS - the next quarterly devotional booklets (July thru September 2026) are available in the Narthex. The Word In Season (Regular print only); Christ In Our Home (Regular and Large print).

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR – you will find sign-up sheets located on bulletin board outside kitchen area of the Fellowship Hall. Open Host Dates: August thru November 2026.

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JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE AND POTLUCK – next weekend is our scheduled joint worship and potluck. **Luther Memorial** will host on **Sunday August 30th** that service and potluck. **Please Note:** The worship service will begin at **9:30 am** on that particular Sunday. There will be no **5:00 pm** (Saturday Evening worship service) or **9:00 am** worship service at **Grand View Lutheran** that weekend; and no **10:30 am** worship service at **Luther Memorial** on that Sunday. You are requested to bring either a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to share. Join us for this special joint service at **9:30 am** followed by a potluck in the Lykke Center.

NEXT WELCA MEETING - Grand View women are invited to attend the **Thursday September 3rd** meeting at Grand View Lutheran (Augustana Room); **please note location change for this meeting;** we will be meeting at **9:30 am;** our usual meeting time. The program will focus on sharing a brief church history; along with introductions of those attending so everyone can get better acquainted (face and name) since this group now encompasses both Luther Memorial and Grand View Lutheran.

CHOIR REHEARSALS – the Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on **Wednesday September 9th** at **6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary; and a short Sunday rehearsal before worship service. They will begin singing regularly at our 9:00 am Sunday worship service. Welcome back Chancel Choir members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – is scheduled to begin on Sunday September 13th at 10:15 am.