



**Clairemont**  
Lutheran Church  
Iglesia Luterana

## 13th Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 7, 2025

**Prelude**      *Canteline from Sonata 11* – Josef Rheinberger

### **Welcome**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

### **Call to Worship**

P: God has set before us life and death.

**C: We long to choose life.**

P: God has set before us blessings and curses.

**C: We long to choose blessings.**

P: So we gather this morning around the table—Christ's table.

**C: We gather to drink the cup of blessing; to eat the bread of life.**

P: Let us share the meal together. Let us feast on the Word.

**C: Let us worship God with joy!**

**ALL: AMEN**

**Gathering Hymn**      *O God Beyond All Praising* – ELW 880 (vs. 1-3)

### **The Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful and loving God,

**C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
C: Amen.

**Hymn of Praise      *We Praise You, O God* - ELW 870 (vs. 1-3)**

**Prayer of The Day**

P: The Lord be with you, C: **and also with you.** P: Let us pray.

**C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**  
*(please be seated)*

**First reading:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” P: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1 – sing to ELW 818

1 Hap - py are they who have not walked With the un -  
 2 Hap - py are they who love the law And find it  
 3 Then praise our God who knows so well The way in

god - ly of the land, Nor lin - gered in the sin ner's  
 in their chief de - light; They med - i - tate con - tin - u -  
 which the righ - teous go; The path which the un - god - ly

way, Nor sat on with those who mock God's hand.  
 'ly Up - his law those both day and night.  
 walk Shall per - ish; this God's peo - ple know.

### Second reading: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved coworker Philemon, to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit

from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

P: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**      *Alleluia, setting 4 – ELW p. 151 (please stand)*

Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

*Response after the announcement:* **Glory to you, O Lord** P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**      Pastor Manuel Borbón      *(please be seated)*

**Hymn of the Day**      *You Are Mine – ELW 581 (vs. 1-3) (please stand)*

**Apostles' Creed**

**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 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.**

## Prayers

P: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*After each portion of the prayers*

P: God of grace, C: receive our prayer.

P: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. C: Amen.

## The Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

*We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.*

## Offering

Anthem *In the Garden* - arr. Anthony Giamanco

Duet: Piano: Alex Flores and Saxophone: Joseph Flores

## Offertory

The Offering Prayer *(please stand)*

C: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving (setting four) ELW p. 152

Holy Holy, Holy - (setting four) ELW p. 153

## Words of Institution

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Thanksgiving acclamation ELW p. 153

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## Invitation to Communion *(please be seated)*

### **The Agnus Dei**     *Lamb of God* – ELW p.154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## The Communion of Christ's People

### Communion Voluntary     *Elevation, Monodie* – Jehan Alain

## Blessing after Communion

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## Prayer after Communion

C: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Announcements

### Blessing *(please stand)*

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

### Sending Hymn     *Take My Life That I May Be* - ELW 685 (vs. 1,3,& 5)

## Dismissal

P Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

## Postlude *Suite du Troisieme Ton: Grand Jeu* – Jean-Adam Guilain

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### **Serving Us Today**

Pastor Manuel Borbón

Choir Director: Katy Lundeen

Organist: Geoffrey Graham

Piano: Alex Flores

Saxophone: Joseph Flores

Reader: Gary Lange

Communion Assistants: Bonita Martinez, Pam Allen, Harriet Carmona, Gary Lange

Welcome Team: Pam Allen, Sandra Logan, Curtis Cline, Branden Taylor

Offering Couriers: Heidi acosta, Harriet Carmona

AV: Lewis John TenHulzen & Mitchell Little

Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

**All are Welcome!** As a community of faith the members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, immigration status or marital status. We gather as one congregation, worshiping in two languages, celebrating many cultures. We affirm that in Christ " There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28)

**FIRST TIME HERE?** Welcome to Clairemont Lutheran Church. For those who are here for the first time we have a welcome gift for you on the table in the Narthex. Please see one of the greeters in the Narthex to receive your gift. Thank you for being with us today.

**FOR THOSE IN NEED** If you are facing challenges in life, we have cards with prayers for you, located on the table in the narthex on the following subjects. 1. Anxiety 2. Coping with the death of a loved one. 3. Dealing with discouragement and despair. 4. Hope. 5. Loneliness. 6. Need for forgiveness and 7. Patience.

**Remember in Prayer:** Mark Nickel, Bev Covey, Ruth Andersen, Adrienne Lenhoff, Paul Brown, Ken Hanson, Lee & Carol Shigley, Maria Medrano, Clark Carlson, Stella Penyak, Barb Kanneman, LaRae Rabe, Lewis TenHulzen, Emilie Lauchmen, Renée Shepherd, Bob Logan, Peggy Ritchie, Jack & Jean Shirley, and all the homebound members.

**Lecturn flowers are given to the Glory of God** by Holly Boyle thank you to Rita Leatherman for all you do for Altar Guild.

**Pulpit flowers are given to the Glory of God** by Bev Covey thanks to Gary Jaus & Bill Fredericks for the articles they put in the Clarion. I look forward to them every month.

**Next Week's Lessons:** Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10, Timothy 1:12-17, and the Gospel of Luke 15:1-10.

**The Zoom studies for the Gospel readings** for the coming Sunday led by Bill Fredericks will be on hiatus for the next weeks. They will resume on Monday, September 22nd, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. You can contact Bill or Tanya at [clc@clairemontlc.org](mailto:clc@clairemontlc.org) for more information.

**Clairemont Lutheran at the Padres:** our last game is Tuesday, September 9th, against the Cincinnati Reds at a cost of \$26/ticket. Call the office to reserve your tickets.



**CLC/ILC Men's groups** meet once a month for fellowship, usually breakfast, and collaboration on various church projects. All men ages 15 and up are welcome to come. We always have some good food and fellowship time. There are a couple of groups and each sets a time/date convenient for the group. We will begin to announce planned meeting dates in the bulletin. If you're interested in joining us, please contact James Acosta or leave a message in the front office.



### Monday September 8

12:30pm Patience Bible study  
4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom  
5-6pm Glee Choir,  
6-7pm Esperanza Youth Choir,  
7:30-8:45pm Sanctuary Choir

### Tuesday September 9

4:30pm Evangelism Team  
6pm Padre game

### Thursday September 11

8:00am Sandwich Ministry  
10:00am Ruth Bible study

### Friday September 12

8am-12pm Food Distribution  
1pm Bunco

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