

Philippians 2:13

It is God
who works in you,
both to will and to work
for his good pleasure.



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RADIO BROADCAST SUNDAYS, 10AM ON KATL 770 AM OR AT KATLRADIO.COM.

This congregation practices 'open communion.' We invite all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ's words, 'This is my body' and 'This is my blood,' mean exactly that: that in this sacrament we truly receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins. According to the teaching of Scripture and the Lutheran tradition, Christians receive this gift worthily when the words, 'given and shed for you,' are received by grace through faith. You may receive the wine by dipping the bread into the dipping chalice or by drinking from the principal chalice. Repent, and be served!

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ***September 27, 2026***

*(please stand when indicated by *)*

We Gather

Invocation

*Opening Hymn	<i>“When Peace, Like a River”</i>	LBW #346
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*Brief Order for Confession and ForgivenessLBW p. 77

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We Hear God's Word

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Proclamation of the Word

Pastor Blayne

We Respond to God's Word

Children's Church kids return

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*Sharing of the Peace

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*Apostolic Sending

Postlude

We are an inviting community of faith, aiming to bring everyone closer to Christ through His Word in fellowship, education and service. *Come and See!*

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the LORD God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.

⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the LORD is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the LORD God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the LORD God; so turn, and live.”

Psalms 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

²Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

⁴Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

⁶Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁷Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.

⁹All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-18

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

Announcements

- Welcome to those listening to our radio broadcast.
- Holy Communion will be distributed this afternoon at Holy Rosary Residential Living at 1:30. Join us!
- Call Committee
- Wednesday: Quilters at 8:30, Coffee about 9:30 or 10.
- Wednesday: Men's Fellowship at 6:30.
- Butter Braids can be purchased through October 2 from a Let Me Shine student or online. Call Kacie Eayrs (406-989-1197) with questions.
- Sign up with Mark Joblinske by September 28 to be part of the FLC Table at the Outreach Fundraiser planned for October 9.
- Instead of having a fall rummage sale at the church, we will have a Facebook online sale starting in early October. Please call Anita Scheeler 307-680-7625 to arrange for getting your items pictured and posted.
- The Chosen viewing will begin Tuesday, October 6 at 6 pm with a light supper, and another group will begin Thursday, October 8 at 1:30. Please let us know if you plan to attend.
- We have a new mailing address: PO Box 334 rather than PO Box 188.

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46