

# THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 22, 2024 –8:00 and 10:45 AM

Thursday, September 26, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

## Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 454  
*Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*

## Divine Service Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book p. 167

## The Introit

*Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4*

The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and He will give you the desires | of your heart.

**Commit your way | to the LORD;\***  
**trust in Him, and | He will act.**

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\*  
and your justice as the | noonday.

**Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for Him;\***  
**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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and He will give you the desires | of your heart.

## Kyrie

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## Gloria in Excelsis

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

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## The Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 11:18-20*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew;  
then you showed me their deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me  
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
that his name be remembered no more.”

<sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,  
who tests the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle Reading

*James 3:13-4:10*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

<sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

<sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of

God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

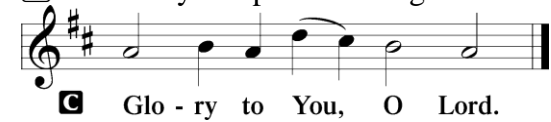
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**The Holy Gospel** Mark 9:30-37

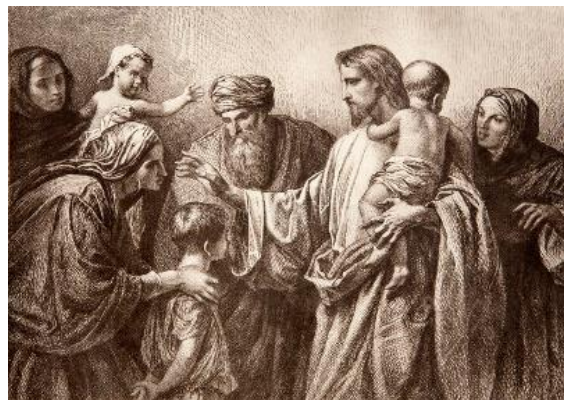
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days he will rise.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>And He took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”



**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Hymn of the Day**

LSB 851  
*Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

**The Sermon**

Text:

“Afraid to Ask Him”  
Mark 9:30-37

**The Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

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**The Preparation of the Altar**

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**Liturgy of Holy Communion**

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**Distribution Hymns**

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**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Collect**

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Closing Hymn**

LSB 730  
*What Is the World to Me*

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

*Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the ( ) if you will be communing with us. We invite you to join us for Bible Study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>
Thursday	9/12/24	6:30 p.m.	22
Sunday	9/15/24	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	81 35

**FLOWERS** are given by Lynn Brooks in memory of Jerry Brooks.

**BULLETINS** are given by Richard Hanson in memory of Judy Hanson.

**WE PRAY** for Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Randall Gray (brother of Linda Goetz), Richard Hanson, Elaine Jensen, Barabara Moore and Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski).

**PRAYER OF COMFORT** for the family of Barbara J. Linder, who passed away on Tuesday, September 17. The visitation and funeral took place last Friday, September 20 at Our Father's Lutheran Church. Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they shall inherit eternal life.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** for the 90 years of life bestowed upon Norman Young last week.

**ADULT HANDBELLS** started last Tuesday, September 17, but we are still taking volunteers. No previous bell ringing experience is required - although the ability to read music is very helpful. If you are interested - please reach out to Stephen Johnson ([sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org](mailto:sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org)) for more details.

**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE** All the required documents have been delivered to the District office. We are now waiting for the District to provide us with some pastoral candidates for our consideration. In the meantime, we will continue to take candidate nominations from the congregation. The nomination forms are in the narthex on the ledge in front of the cry room. Any questions, please contact Dave Felber.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE** The church directory has arrived! Please check your church mailbox for your copy. Reminder, if you had your picture taken, you will receive a free copy. If you did not, we will have a small amount available to purchase for \$15, first come, first serve.

**THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE** will collect mite boxes next *Sunday*, September 29.

**TROJAN HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK** The volleyball season got underway last week as our 5th/6th grade team squared off against Mt. Olive on Tuesday while the 7th/8th grade team played Beautiful Savior on Monday and Zion Menomonee Falls on Wednesday. To end our week, we also hosted the 43rd Annual Our Father's 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Tournament. See next week's Trojan highlight for the tournament results.

**INVITE PASTOR FOR DINNER** The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, if you would like to host a dinner for Pastor on Thursdays before church. If you have any questions, please contact LeAnn Lagerman at 414-333-7994.

**OFLS ALUMNI** If you or someone you know graduated from Our Father's and went into full-time church work, served in the US Armed Forces, or worked as a first responder, we would like to connect with you. Please contact Principal Cahill at [bcahill@ourfatherslutheran.org](mailto:bcahill@ourfatherslutheran.org) for more details.

**OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN CHILDCARE** is **now enrolling preschoolers** ages 3 and 4 years old starting this September! Our Father's is a state licensed childcare facility which operates year-round Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please contact Amanda McGraw or Michelle Sroka at (414) 282-9057 to learn more about this great opportunity to give your child a Christ-centered education in a family-like environment.

**FLOWER SPONSORSHIP** There are a number of open spots available to sponsor flowers this fall. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex if you would like to celebrate an occasion or remember a loved one by sponsoring flowers. The cost is \$30 per bouquet.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sunday	9/22	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b>
Tuesday	9/24	Handbell Practice	5:45 p.m.
Wednesday	9/25	<b>CHAPEL SERVICE</b>	<b>8:10 a.m.</b>
		Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
		Girls Volleyball Games (2) @ Our Father's	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	9/26	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Sunday	9/29	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b>
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.

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**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*“Afraid to Ask Him”*  
September 22 through September 28, 2024

*Most of you have some sort of prayer practice with your meals. The rush of modern society has caused us to neglect this very important and intimate time for the family. I encourage you to establish a time at which all of you eat together following the example of our Lord who spent much of His life in the intimate settings of meals. One way to define the meal is to frame it with prayer before and after. This will establish a rhythm and a sense of the importance of mealtime. Luther's catechism provides excellent suggestions of prayers before and after the meal. Before the meal you seek God's blessing and after the meal you offer thanks. In each case Luther provides bits of Scripture that you may memorize and recite as a family. In this way God provides the words for you to pray and instructs you in the faith.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**AMEN.**

**THE CREED**

**VERSE:** By works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. **Romans 3:20**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:** 33

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** O Lord, we hope in Your mercy and our souls wait patiently for Your deliverance. As You wondrously created the heavens and the earth, so You have wondrously recreated us by Your Word in Holy Baptism. Grant that we may sing the new song of Your new creation in praise of all Your mercies. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	2 Samuel 12:16-25
Tuesday	2 Samuel 15:1-15
Wednesday	2 Samuel 18:1, 5-18, 31-19:6
Thursday	1 Chronicles 21:1-22:1
Friday	1 Kings 1:1, (2-27) 28-35; 2:1-4, 10-12
Saturday	Matthew 18: 1-11

**CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments  
Review of the Commandments and the Close of the Commandments**

*What does God say about all of these commandments?*

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (*Exodus 20:5-6*)

*What does this mean?*

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

**Luther, Large Catechism, Close of the Commandments:** As stated earlier, included in the words of this appendix is both a threat of wrath to terrify and warn us and a friendly promise to attract us and to beckon to us to take in and prize God's words of command as being of divine seriousness. For He Himself here declares how intensely He is concerned about these commandments and how strictly He will watch for our observance of them. He points out how fearfully and terribly He will punish all who scorn and violate them, and again how richly He will reward, bless, and grant all manner of good things to those who value them highly and gladly live and act according to them. Thus He requires that all our actions should proceed from a heart that reverently fears God and looks to Him alone, and because of such reverent fear avoids everything that is against His will lest He be angered. Conversely, He demands a heart that trusts only in Him, and for the love of Him does what He wants because He proves Himself to be such a kind father and offers us His every grace and blessing. Precisely, this is also the sense and right interpretation of the first and chief commandment, the fountainhead of all the other commandments. ... Scripture has preached and urged this commandment everywhere, focusing everything on these two elements: fear of God and trust in God. ... Thus the First Commandment is to illumine all the others and share its splendor with them. In order that it may be constantly repeated and never forgotten, let it run through all the commandments like the wire frame

or hoop that runs through a wreath, joining the end to the beginning and holding everything together. ... Such fear, love, and trust in Him should drive us and draw us not to despise His Word, but learn it, hear it gladly, keep it holy, and honor it. ... It is helpful and necessary always to instruct, encourage, and remind young people concerning these things, so that they may be brought up not just with blows and coercion like cattle, but in the fear and reverence of God. These directions are not human trifles but the commandments of the Most High God. He watches over them with great and earnest care, and His wrath flames out to punish those who disdain them. On the other hand, He lavishly rewards those who keep them. Where people ponder this and take it to hearts, there the urge and impulse gladly to do the will of God will arise spontaneously. (*LC*, 64-66, St. Louis: Concordia, 1978)

**PRAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**OR**

**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** *LSB 597 "Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying" (stanza 1)*

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WEEK OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (OBSERVED)

*"Childlike Not Childish"*  
September 29, 2024

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 825, 522, 521, 708, 520, 940

### READINGS

Psalm 91  
Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3  
Revelation 12:7-12  
Matthew 18:1-11

I am going to depart from commenting on next week's Gospel so that I might address the feast of St. Michael and All Angels that falls on September 29. The angels were created by God to be His messengers and to serve men. Angels are spirits, that is, they are personal beings who have no bodies. The good angels are those who serve God, but the evil angels are those who rebelled against God at soon after Creation. The chief of the evil angels is called Satan or Lucifer or the Devil. St. Michael is the archangel who leads God's angels into battle with the demons, that is, the evil angels. Some have the false notion that men become angels after death, but the Scriptures are clear that angels are one creature and men are another. When Jesus rose from the dead, he rose in the flesh and you will rise in the flesh also. I encourage you to give thanks that day for the holy angels who watch over all who are baptized into Christ, for these angels always see the face of the Father in heaven.

September 22, 2024



Pentecost

**About the Cover:** As he proclaimed the Lord's prophetic Word, Jeremiah certainly knew what it was like to be led as a lamb to slaughter by those who resisted the Word. Certainly these words apply all the more to Jesus, the Lamb of God, who was sacrificed for us. He, who was delivered into the hands of sinful men, has delivered to us forgiveness, life, and salvation through His death and resurrection. Christ is truly "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

## **Our Father's Ev. Lutheran Church, School and Childcare**

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