

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Whoever wants to be
FIRST
must be
LAST
of all and servant of all.



MAR 9 - 3:15 PM

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“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and turn to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God, **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

#389

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“We Praise You, O God”

#870 vs. 1

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18 - 20

¹⁸ It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰ But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

¹ Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

² **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³ For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴ **Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵ Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithful-ness, destroy them.

⁶ **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷ For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading

James 3:13 -- 4:3, 7-8a

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above

is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:1} Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a} Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"We Praise You, O God"

#870 vs. 2

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

³⁰ [Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

#781

Apostle’s 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 he 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 of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

“We Praise You, O God”

#870 vs. 3

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

“Beautiful Savior”

#838

“Faith of Our Fathers”

#812

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with our neighbors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

#818

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

"GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS"



Welcome: As we transition from summer to fall, God leads us, steady in love and care, even as our seasons change. Let us worship.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Milton VonHolten, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Vern Dean Bohling, Marcy Cash, Jean Healan, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Judy Smith, Renee Weller and Kyle Luetjen.



Alexis Casdorff, Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Dieckman), Pastor Linda Daniels-Block, Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Dustin Woods, Liz Smart, Don Gibbs, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Averi Kroenke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



Senior Sunday: Today we will be celebrating Senior Sunday. This is in recognition of all our members who have at least reached their 75th birthday. We will be celebrating during service and then immediately afterwards there will be a carry in lunch. We hope everyone will be able to attend.

Little Blessings: Little Blessings Preschool and Day Care each has been open for the past two weeks. With the expansion of the preschool to include a day care, "every day has been a new day"! Both preschool and definitely day care have had to make changes and accommodations to make both programs work.



There are 12 children enrolled in preschool, which meets Tuesday and Wednesday. Day care has 15 children enrolled, 10 are full time and 5 are in day care on a part-time basis.

The first week of day care went well, considering that both staff members and kiddos were new to the facility. However, the second week has issues with sickness both with staff members and kiddos. Thankfully, our excellent substitutes stepped in and did a great job! Thank you to Susan and Joyce!!

The playground fence has been installed and looks great! Thank you to Pastor Stephen, Gale Logan and Josh Jackson. Through donations, Market Place, and other sources; we have some neat playground items for our kiddos. Thank you!!

Two grant applications for the day care have been submitted. So now we wait! Prayers for the success for both of our "Little Blessings" programs.



Personal Care Kits: The annual Personal Care Kit Collection will run **today** through Sunday, **October 6th**. Items for the kits include: bath-sized towel (dark color), two or three 8-9 oz. bars of soaps, toothbrush, sturdy/wide-toothed comb, and nail clipper. Our quilts and kits will be delivered to Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Jefferson City) on Saturday, October 19th for the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering. These items do much to improve the health and well-being of people living in life's most challenging situations.

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **September 23rd** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space.



Newsletter: The Sunbeam Committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 25th** at 3:00pm.



Meeting: The Evangelism Committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 25th** at 7:00pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **September 26th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



ASK THE PASTOR Join us for the next “Ask the Pastor” night, an opportunity to have casual conversation around just about anything. Instead of a predetermined Bible Study, you bring the topic and the questions and we’ll do our best to answer them together, or at least have some interesting conversation about it! Join us on Thursday, **September 26th**, at 6:00 pm, meeting at Missouri Made Shop & Comfort Café (105 E Main St.) Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

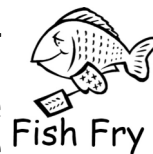
WELCA: The Women of the ELCA will be meeting on Wednesday, **October 2nd** at 7:00 in the chapel. Items for discussion the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering in October, Thanks Offerings in November, and plans for the Christmas season. Women are welcome!



Flu Shot Clinic: The Benton County Health Department will have a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Thursday, **October 10th**. It will be held at St. Paul’s under the canopy from 9:00am until 12:00pm. They accept medicare and medicade. If you do not have insurance a donation will be appreciated. Please mark your calendar and get prepared for the flu season.



Fish Fry: Our World Hunger Fish Fry will be Sunday, **October 13th**. As always, we welcome all donations of crappie fillets. If you have fillets to share please contact Krista Poe, Debbie Eckhoff or Joyce Schlesselmann. Volunteers are always needed, so please indicate your availability on the Offering Cards or to a committee member.



Trunk-or-Treat: The Evangelism Committee is considering the possibility of offering a Trunk-or-Treat in front of the church on Halloween during the town's trick-or-treat night. We envision multiple vehicles parked out front, each decorated how you like, with people at each vehicle handing out candy. This is a great opportunity for anyone who lives outside town to hand out candy. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board starting next week to see if there is enough interest to move forward. Please speak to anyone on Evangelism with any questions.



~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~



Fish Fry: It's that time of year again! Mt. Hulda Lutheran Church Annual Fish Fry, **September 29th** serving from 4:30 till food is gone. (approx. 7:30) Location is 22303 Mt. Hulda Ave, free will donation with part of proceeds going to the LSA High School program and part to Lakeview Heights Volunteer Fire Department. Everyone is invited!

Pumpkin Picking: Pop Pops Pumpkin Patch is having a pumpkin picking fundraiser for the Cole Camp Food Pantry. They are located 1 1/2 miles north of the Cole Camp Clinic on Tower Avenue. Free entry with free will donations for the pumpkins. Train rides for the kids, great photo ops and honey tasting. It is **September 28th, 29th and Sundays in October** from 1:00pm until 6:00pm. For more information check them out on facebook.



~ * ~ **Coming Events** ~ * ~

September 26	Ask the Pastor
October 10	Flu Shot Clinic
October 13	World Hunger Fish Fry

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers Melinda Strathman, Assistant Head Usher
..... Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 22, 2024

Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Greg Bredehoeft & Hannah Schweitzer
Reader Brian Randall
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Logan Jackson & Hudson Kullman
Flowers Kathy Gerken



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ September 29, 2024

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants Tara Anderson & Jim Gumbel
Reader Sara Jackson
Children's Sermon Paul Fuelling
Acolytes Fred Goosen & Mason Randall
Flowers Beth Grother