

The 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday – September 22, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. Worship
(In-Person & Live -Streamed)



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† Call to Worship †

Greeting

Opening Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"



1. Be neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my
2. There lies be - neath its shad - ow, but on the far - ther
3. Up on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can



stand; The shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land. A
side, the dark - ness of an aw - ful grave that gapes both deep and wide; And
see the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me. And



home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way from the
there be - tween us stands the cross, two arms out - stretched to save, like a
from my smit - ten heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess: The



burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
watch - man set to guard the way from that e - ter - nal grave.
won - der of re - deem - ing love, and my un - wor - thi - ness.

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Please Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9 LSB 151

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 292 (Alt.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.
 In many different ways I have not responded to God's grace.
 I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.
 My Lord's name I have not honored as I should;
 My worship and prayers have faltered.
 I have not let His love form my heart and guide my life,
 And so my love for others has failed.
 There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.
 In my thoughts and desires I have followed my own sinful ways.
 I want to desire God's ways and want to do better.
 But even there I fail. I do not understand myself.
 God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Absolution

[John 20:19-23] LSB 151

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Please Stand

† Service of the Word †

Responsive Reading: Psalm 54

P¹O God, save me, by Your Name,
C and vindicate me by Your might.
P²O God, hear my prayer;
C give ear to the words of my mouth.
P³For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;
C they do not set God before themselves.
P⁴Behold, God is my helper;
C the Lord is the upholder of my life.
P⁵He will return the evil to my enemies;
C in Your faithfulness put an end to them.
P⁶With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;
C I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.
P⁷For He has delivered me from every trouble,
C and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Please Be Seated

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

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

¹⁹But 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.”

²⁰But, 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.

Epistle: James 3:13–4:10

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

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You 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. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You 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. ⁵Or 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”? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68 LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for 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.**” ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “**What were you discussing on the way?**” ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And 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.**” ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“**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.

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn #554 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!
2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -
Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:
ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
joys we know, All that we can de - sire:
self in - flame To seek You more and more!

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Sermon "Our Little Secret"

Mark 9:30-37

Please Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Offerings are brought to the LORD's altar as we sing:

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19 LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Responses:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who has taught us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB 162

- C** 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 Stand

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26 LSB 166

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Sending Hymn #832 (v. 1, 2, 4, 5) “Jesus Shall Reign”

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -
ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with
shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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