



St. John's Lutheran Church, ELCA
Sunday, September 22nd, 2024 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 25th, 2024 6p.m.
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness

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

All: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: 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.

All: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray...

All: 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.

† Song-Sunday 8a.m.	“Loving Spirit”	ELW # 397
10:30a.m.	“Great Are You Lord”	
Wed. 6p.m.	“Let Us Build A House”	ELW # 641

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But 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!" ²⁰But 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.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸And 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? ²You 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. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit 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.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

†L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the ninth chapter beginning at verse thirty.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for 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." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then 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."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Message

Song-Sunday 8a.m. "Jesus Loves Me"

ELW # 595

10:30a.m. "Draw Us With Your Love"

Wednesday 6p.m. "Children of the Heavenly Father" ELW# 781

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 into hell. 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 again 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-see insert

Offering

Sunday 8.a.m. & Wednesday 6p.m. ONLY

Offering Song-*“Share The Spirit”*

Open my hand, open my heart; Teach me to share the spirit of your love. Open my hand, open my heart; So I can spread the peace; That flows from heaven above. I'll share the spirit, share the spirit; I'll open wide and celebrate your love. I'll share the spirit, Share the spirit, open my life to celebrate God's love.

Music and words by Connie Jueds, 1996

Offering Prayer

P: 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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Announcements

Song-Sunday 8a.m.

“Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness”

ELW #843

10:30a.m.

“All The People Said, Amen”

Wed. 6p.m.

“Jesus Loves Me”

ELW # 595

Blessing

L: God all mighty, God most merciful ✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

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