

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



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Divine Service 10 AM

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**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!** We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

**In our readings today:** *The sinful heart is filled with “bitter jealousy and selfish ambition” (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God “opposes the proud” with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He “gives grace to the humble,” in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true “wisdom from above” is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was “like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,” committing Himself to God, His Father, “who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind” (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, “after three days,” His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).*

**Hearing.** Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

**Holy Communion** is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

**Attendance Registration** cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

### **A Prayer Before Worship**

*O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen*

### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP BELL**

### **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

### **WELCOME**

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
 through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
 Life for - ev - er has been won.  
 1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly  
 is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
*Refrain*  
 Mer - cy for your sin.  
 Shall be born a gain.  
 Live in the peace of God.

Stand

**Invocation** (*God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.*)

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

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**Confession:** (*We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.*)

- 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.*

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

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**Absolution:** *(God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.)*

**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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit:** *(Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.)*

*Ps. 37:5-7; antiphon: Ps. 37:4*

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 devices!**

**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.**

Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**Kyrie:** *(Shortened form of the Greek “Kyrie eleison,” meaning “Lord, have mercy.” In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.)*

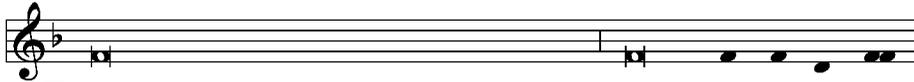
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



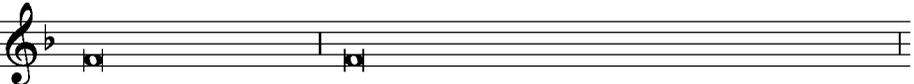
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



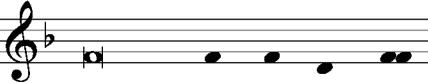
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



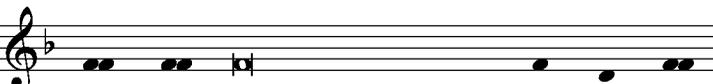
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

Hymn of Praise: (Trusting God's promise of mercy, we join the church in heaven and on earth in a song of praise to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.)

### This Is the Feast

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*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

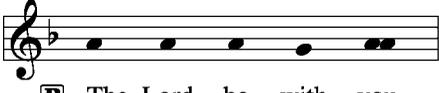


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Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation: (The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.)



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**Collect:** (Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They “collect” the Gospel theme for the day.)

**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** A - men.

Sit

## Children's Message

**Scripture Readings:** (Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)

## Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

**A** Today's Old Testament reading is from Jeremiah, the eleventh chapter

<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.

**Gradual:** (The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.)

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

**A** Today’s Epistle reading is from James, the third chapter.

<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.

Stand

Common Alleluia and Verse

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**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** 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.

**Creed:** *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

### 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  $\mp$  everlasting. Amen.

Sit

**Hymn of the Day:** *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)*

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

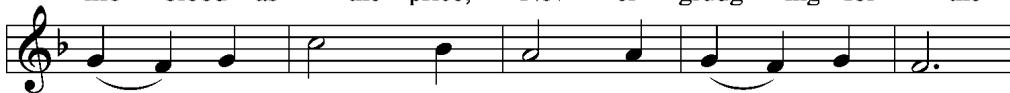
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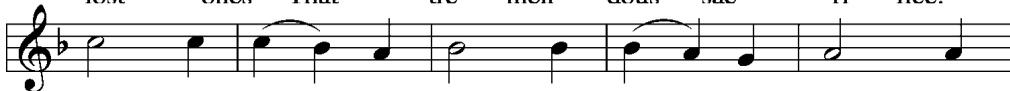
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

**Sermon "The Servant of All"**

Mark 9:35

*(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God's Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)*

## Votum

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

Stand

**Offertory:** (*The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.*) LSB 192



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Sharing of the Peace

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

Sit

**Offering:** (*The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.*)

Stand

**Prayer of the Church:** (*The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.*)

**P** let us pray to the Lord,

**C** Lord, have mercy.

## Close of the Prayers

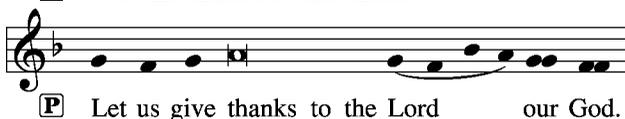
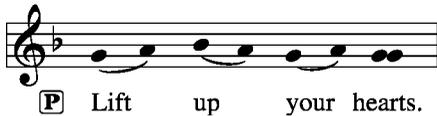
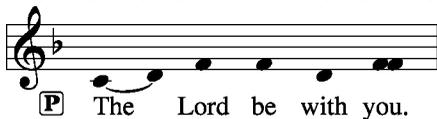
**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament

**Preface:** *(The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.)*

LSB 160



**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus:** *(Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).)*

LSB 161





**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** *(We thank God for His gift of His incarnate Son Jesus and ask Him to give what He has promised in the Sacrament.)* LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer:** *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)* LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- G** **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.**

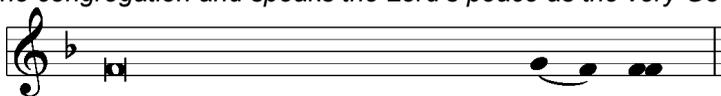
**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Words of Our Lord:** *(We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.)* LSB 162

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini:** (Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.) LSB 163



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

**Agnus Dei:** (Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.) LSB 163



**G** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution

### The Lamb

LSB 547



1	The Lamb, the Lamb,	O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2	The Lamb, the Lamb,	One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3	The Lamb, the Lamb,	As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4	He sighs, He dies,	He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5	He rose, He rose,	My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees,	be - lieves	God will pro - vide the	Lamb of price!
The Lamb,	the Lamb,	Let earth join heav'n His	praise to sing.
So still,	His will	On our be - half the	Law to fill.
He lives,	for - gives,	He gives me His own	righteous - ness.
His song	pro - long	Till ev - 'ry heart to	Him be - long.

*Refrain*

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
 own! The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

LSB 725

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God - His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

**Post-Communion Canticle:** *(Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.)*

**Thank the Lord**

LSB 164

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**Post-Communion Collect:** *(We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)*

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

**Benediction:** *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)*

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.

**C** A - men.

Sit



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

5 In this union I have joined you  
 Husband and wife,  
 Now, My children, live together  
 As heirs of life:  
 Each the other's gladness sharing,  
 Each the other's burdens bearing,  
 Now, My children, live together  
 As heirs of life.

**Silent Prayer After Worship**

*Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically Model and share the gospel with the lost.**

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**Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service**

**Sept. Elders:** Ed Randle Organist(s): June Parker  
Galen Bunte Esther Wolff (Sub)  
Kim Appel (Sub)  
**Ushers:** Cliff Burns  
Jack Page **Sept. Altar** Linda Read  
**Trustees:** Ivan Fritsche **Guild:** Frances Mynar  
Ronnie Pietsch

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Acolytes:</b>
Sept 23 Rose Caldwell	Sept 23 David Wolff & Marianna Peres
Sept 30 Mark Peres	Sept 30 Baylor Watson & Juniper Smith

Sunday Worship (9/16) 115 Sunday School (9/16)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

For the next few weeks in Sunday School, the children will be studying true story of the life of Joseph. It begins today with the account of "Joseph and His Brothers." Though the brothers didn't know it, God would use their treachery to bring about His plan to deliver His people and ultimately to deliver us from sin and death through Jesus. *A family discussion might include, "How can hatred and unkind thoughts lead to hateful words and actions?"* On the cross, Jesus saved us from the hurt and harm of our own sins and the sins of others.

**FINANCIALS – as of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

	Sept. 2	Sept.9	Sept. 16	Y-T-D
General Offering	6,323.00	3,896.00	1,270.50	155,495.19
2018 Weekly goal	4,232.69	4,232.69	4,232.69	156,609.53
Difference	<b>2,091.31</b>	<b>(336.69)</b>	<b>(2,962.19)</b>	<b>(1,114.34)</b>
SS Offering	60.00	34.00		
GLLC Donations	65.00	800.00		

**VISIT WITH PASTOR**

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: [timothyappel@gmail.com](mailto:timothyappel@gmail.com), or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

## NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS

The newsletters as well as our bulletins are online in PDF format for your viewing. Go to [www.glcs.org](http://www.glcs.org) and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.

## SERMONS ONLINE

Grace Lutheran Church records our worship services through our audio system. Each week's sermon is placed online; go to [www.glcs.org](http://www.glcs.org) and follow the link on the front page to listen to Pastor Appel's sermons. This is a great resource if you miss a service, want to hear a sermon again, or help witness to a friend. If you would like a CD copy of the sermon for yourself or to give to someone else, please let the church office know.

## Children's Worship Bags

We are currently missing five of the children's worship bags from the basket in the narthex. If you took one home by mistake, we ask that you bring it back to the church so that other families can make use of it during worship in the coming weeks.



## Pictorial Directories

Our congregation's pictorial directories are here! Those members who had their pictures taken have their copy in their church mailboxes. If you did not get your picture taken and would like a copy of the directory, there are twenty extra available from the office on a first come, first served basis.

## Another Germany Trip Opportunity in 2020

In addition to the Germany tour being led by Pastor Obersat from Manheim in May 2020, another nearby pastor is leading a Germany tour in July 2020. If this fits your schedule better, please note the following information: Join Pastor Mark & Connie Barz on a trip to Germany in July 2020 to visit sites and cities in the life of Martin Luther and of the Reformation and to attend the world-renown Passion Play (only presented every ten years). This 11-day tour will be a time to learn, to discover, to worship, and to enjoy fellowship and friendship in Christ. We invite you to a Presentation and Conversation on Friday, October 26, from 12:30 to 2:00 pm or from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. We'll meet at Crown of Life Lutheran Church (19291 Stone Oak Parkway, 78258). To request a brochure with full itinerary, details, and cost, call or e-mail us at 210-413-8077 or [pastor@crownoflifesa.org](mailto:pastor@crownoflifesa.org).



The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring our 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat on **Wednesday, October 31, from 6-8 PM**. Due to a lot of positive feedback from last year, we're planning on hosting the event inside again. This event provides a simple and safe way for parents to take their kids out on Halloween and gives our congregation an opportunity to be active in our community, interacting with our friends and neighbors who need to hear the good news about Jesus. If you plan to participate, please sign up on the sheet that has been provided in the narthex. Participants should plan to decorate a table and hand out candy; you are welcome to dress up in your own (non-scary) costume, if you'd like. We are also receiving donations of candy that participants can hand out in addition to what they bring. If you'd like to donate in this manner, please bring bags of individually wrapped candy and place them in the box in the narthex. Thanks for your participation in this fun event!

## AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Sept. 23</u>	<u>Mon. Sept. 24</u>	<u>Tue. Sept. 25</u>	<u>Wed. Sept. 26</u>
8:45-Bible Class 10am-Worship/Communion	8am-Braille 5pm-Piecemakers		10am-GLLC Chapel 6pm- Midweek Bible Classes
<u>Thur. Sept. 27</u>	<u>Fri. Sept. 28</u>	<u>Sat. Sept. 29</u>	<u>Sun. Sept. 30</u>
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE-NOON	Pastor Away- Family Day		8:45-Bible Class 10am-Worship/Communion

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:	<b>Charlene &amp; RC</b> Franke (Ann Schroder's siblings), <b>Mildred</b> Karcher, <b>Charlotte</b> Metzler, <b>Alvie</b> Tinberg, <b>Annie Mae</b> Rohde, <b>Evelyn</b> Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), <b>Teresa</b> Slusher, <b>Katherine</b> Benedix,,
Long Term Health Concerns:	<b>Blackie</b> Wallace, <b>Kenny</b> Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father)
Battling Cancer:	<b>Rosie</b> Williams(friend of Sandy Kadlecek), <b>Stephanie</b> Bage (daughter of Juanita Bertsch), <b>Paul</b> Sharp (friend of Pat Langer), <b>Coey Zapalac</b> (friend of Kimberly Craig), <b>Becky</b> Jones (Sharon Reinberg's daughter), <b>Paul</b> Prange (friend of the Stellings), <b>Gloria</b> Neveraz (Bianca Kasper's friend), <b>Randy</b> Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins, <b>Bob</b> Packard (friend of the Kadlecek's), <b>Christopher</b> Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), <b>Jo Ann</b> Copeland, <b>Marvin</b> "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), <b>Leslie</b> Davis (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), <b>Kelsey</b> Cantrell (relative of Kathy Kasper)
Recent Health Concerns:	<b>Melissa</b> Brown, <b>Emmett</b> Stabeno(infant friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Scott</b> Penn, <b>Charlie</b> Noack, <b>Carlton</b> McLain(Angel Hurst's father), <b>Andrew</b> Dittmar, <b>Donna</b> Kadlecek, <b>Brooks</b> Perkins (brother of Stephanie Dittmar), <b>Abigail</b> Ramirez (relative of Kathy Kasper), <b>Kyle</b> Lastovica(friend of Cathy Smith), <b>Charlie</b> Pyle (friend of Rod & Patt Langer), <b>Gracie</b> Harmon, <b>Kate</b> Highsmith (Carol Wood's mom), <b>Carolyn</b> Riley(friend of Patti Langer), <b>Tamara</b> Tennefos (sister of Kathy Kasper, <b>Eugene</b> Randle, <b>Lane</b> Hurst, <b>Alice</b> Miller, <b>August</b> Eberly (grandson of Brenda Sanders), <b>Heather</b> Davis, <b>Nick</b> Jackson (friend of the Langers), <b>Milly</b> Cheak, <b>Frances</b> Pool, <b>Kathleen</b> Brohlin, <b>Linda</b> Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), <b>Jensen</b> Vellier (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Aaron</b> Atsye (friend of the Deapens), <b>Johnnie</b> Kalina, <b>Johnny</b> Schroeder, <b>Glenn</b> Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallaces), <b>Shirley</b> Thornton (Bianca Kasper's mother), <b>Johnny</b> Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), <b>David</b> Rohde, <b>LaVerne</b> Wallace, <b>Patsy</b> Wiggins, <b>Janelle &amp; Rowe</b> Caldwell (friends of the Dutys),

	<b>Zachary</b> Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeders), <b>Sharee</b> Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Courtney</b> Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), <b>Marybeth</b> Claiborne, <b>Lula</b> Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Sammye</b> Hodges (friend of the Kadleceks), <b>Carolyn</b> Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), <b>Shannon</b> Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), <b>Becky</b> Robison (friend of Millie Fritz), <b>Scott</b> Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), <b>George</b> Haydon (friend of Charlie Johannessen), <b>Kikue</b> Hannusch, <b>Mary Jo</b> Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), <b>Jayden</b> Anderson (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), <b>Clarence</b> Cossey (friend of Ed Randle)
In the Military:	<b>Justin</b> Teague, <b>Aiden</b> Hunter Haught (grandson of Eugene Randle), <b>Madison</b> Whitney, <b>Weston</b> Roudebush ( son-in-law of Walter Psencik)
Other Prayer Requests:	<b>Ramon</b> Wolff, <b>Wesley</b> Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), <b>Teresa</b> Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), <b>Albert</b> Sellers (uncle of Bianca Kasper), <b>Jeff</b> Dunn (friend of the Langers), <b>Jessica</b> Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother)

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**St. Michael and All Angels**  
 Old Testament Reading: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3  
 Epistle Reading: Revelation 12:7-12  
 Gospel Reading: Luke 10:17-20

### **Board of Education Question of the Week**

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, " I believe; help my -----"



### **5th and 6th Grade Game Night**

FLHS will be hosting our first ever game night for 5th and 6th grade students on Friday, October 12th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. Please join us!

### **Yard Signs Available**

Show your support of FLHS by placing a single sided sign in your yard. There is no cost to you to obtain one! Come by and pick one up today!

### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. This week, Pastor Chris Nietubicz will be leading chapel at 10:30 am.

### **Oktoberfest**

FLHS will be hosting a family-friendly event on Saturday, October 27th. Lots of games, food and activities will be available. See attached flyer for more information.

### **Thrivent Action Team Grants**

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979)242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. \*We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with Oktoberfest!

### **Keep in Touch**

Stay up to date with the latest news, events and activities at FLHS. Find and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or YouTube, or visit [www.faithlutheranhighschool.com](http://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com). All of our social media sites are updated regularly!



# The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

## Order for Family Devotions for September 23-29, 2018

### Invocation

**L** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**R** Amen.

**Learn by Heart:** *The Introduction of the Lord's Prayer and Its Meaning*

### Daily Readings

*Sunday:* Nehemiah 9:1-21; 1 Timothy 5:17-6:2

*Monday:* Nehemiah 9:22-38; 1 Timothy 6:3-21

*Tuesday:* Malachi 1:1-14; Matthew 3:1-17

*Wednesday:* Malachi 2:1-3:5; Matthew 4:1-11

*Thursday:* Malachi 3:6-4:6; Matthew 4:12-25

*Friday:* Deuteronomy 1:1-18; Matthew 5:1-20

*Saturday:* Deuteronomy 1:19-36; Matthew 5:21-48

**Hymn of the Week:** "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" (LSB 851)

**Meditation:** *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

**Prayers** (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the bulletin, *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, or *LSB* pp.305-318)

*Sunday:* Thanksgiving for God's Word

*Monday:* For peace and good government

*Tuesday:* For the addicted and despairing

*Wednesday:* For those who mourn

*Thursday:* For fruitful use of the Sacrament

*Friday:* For the preaching of the cross

*Saturday:* For our visitors to the Divine Service

### Apostles' Creed

### Lord's Prayer

### Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

### Benediction

**L** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**R** Amen.