

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 26, 2021

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember: Marcia Neelly and Beverly Baker

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY TODAY: Velda Loger is celebrating her 97th birthday today. Join her in the Fellowship Hall after services for coffee to celebrate her special day!

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 829 Blue 9 (Grey 29) 649

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Sept. 26 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Sept. 26 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Sept. 26 9:00 Sunday School

Sept. 28 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sept. 28 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Sept. 29 Noon Bible Study

Sept. 29 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Oct. 3 11:30 a.m. Fish Boil

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *Christ the Eternal Lord*. Through this hymn, we learn who our savior is. Christ is the eternal Lord whose gifts are freely poured on us. He is the unchanging Word who transforms our thoughts and minds. He is the redeeming Son whose death won salvation for every child of earth. He is the unfading light who guides us through this life. He is the ascended king who is exalted high above. This Jesus is the one whom we worship and adore. It is in his name that we are gathered, and it is to his name that we sing our praise.

A WORD: In our Old Testament reading, God empowers 70 men with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they can share the burden of leadership with Moses. However, two of these men receive the Spirit away from the tent of meeting and apart from Moses' mediation. Joshua is jealous. He is afraid that these two could undercut Moses' authority since they didn't receive the Spirit through Moses' mediation. But Moses responds, "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that he would put his Spirit on them!" We find a similar situation in the Gospel reading, where John encounters a man who is casting out demons even though this stranger is not one of the Twelve. John tries to make the man stop, but Jesus says, "Whoever is not against us is for us." Jesus reminds us not to be concerned with preserving our own authority or status, but with trusting that God will accomplish his work through all whom he empowers for ministry.

The epistle reading reminds us of the dangers of wealth. James does not give us a prohibition against wealth, but he writes very strongly against those who use their wealth and the power it brings to abuse others. We need to hear this warning because we are often tempted to value money over people. Should we allow that, we will be led into dangerous sin.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 2:18-25 Hebrews 2:1-18
Mark 10:2-16

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The dawn of eternal life has come to us in Christ Jesus. Jesus says temptations will seek to take away the comfort of this promise. With eyes set firmly on Jesus and the radiance of His love, the believer living the life of faith is willing to cast off all that hinders that life in favor of the beauty of His love. Christ's love for us was His eternal sacrifice on the cross to bring us redemption through the forgiveness of sins.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The Sunday School department is collecting items for their Operation Christmas Child boxes. A list of items needed is located on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Keri Davis at 712-348-2308.

CARD SHOWER: A card shower has been requested for Bob Iwen's 80th birthday. Please join his family for cake after the church service on October 10th. The mailing address is P.O. Box 194, Boyden, IA 51234

LWML IOWA WEST DISTRICT FALL RETREAT: if you wish to attend the Fall Retreat at Mission Central on October 23rd, registration forms are on the Bulletin Board by the office.

ARE YOU MISSING A CAKE PAN, BOWL, ETC. Please check the table in the Fellowship Hall for items that have been left in the kitchen. If they are not claimed, they will be donated.

ALTAR COMMITTEE FOR OCTOBER: **Peace** – Ashlie Slotter and Jan Iwen; **English**-Elaine Cherry and Barb Magnuson

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sept 26.-Bev Doorenbos

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect personal hygiene products for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 1; Next Sunday is Team 2: Kevin Stueven, Dennis Reuvers, LeRoy Fick, Terry Dieren, Walt Dibbern, Scott Schneidermann

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 829: CHRIST THE ETERNAL LORD

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 135:1–3, 13–14; antiphon: v. 13

Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,

who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God!
Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
For the LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants.
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.
Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.
C Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

EPISTLE

James 5:1–20

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Mark 9:50b

Alleluia. Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38–50

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 † everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

Blue Hymnal 9; Grey Hymnal 29

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN 649: BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

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