

**CONGREGATION AT PRAYER (CAP)**

A Daily Devotion and Prayer guide for individuals and families

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: SEPTEMBER 23-29**

(See Daily Prayer in LSB pg. 295-298 or Treasury of Daily Prayer)

**INVOCATION- In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**INTROIT** – (Bulletin insert)

**10 COMMANDMENTS** (LSB 264)

**APOSTLES' CREED** (LSB 264)

**DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS** (pg. 299-304 in LSB):

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

**Monday:** Nehemiah 9:22-38 (10:1-13:31); 1 Tim. 6:3-21

**Tuesday:** Malachi 1:1-14; Matt. 3:1-17

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

**Thursday:** Malachi 3:6-4:6; Matt. 4:12-25

**Friday:** Deut. 1:1-18; Matt. 5:1-20

**Saturday:** Deut. 1:19-36; Matt. 5:21-48

**DAILY MEDITATIONS** (Portals of Prayer, LHM, Higher Things)

**COLLECT** (Bulletin insert)

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE CARE AND PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER** (See prayers in bulletin & LSB pg. 294, 305-318)

**LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER** (LSB pg. 327)

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (LSB 702)

**NEXT WEEK: NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 21)**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

James 5:(1-12) 13-20

Mark 9:38-50

***Christ Jesus, the Son of God, Cares for Us and Serves Us with the Forgiveness of Sins***

When the people of Israel wept, complaining that they had no meat to eat (Num. 11:4), Moses cried out to the Lord that "the burden of all this people" was too heavy for him and that he was "not able to carry all this people alone" (Num. 11:11-14). So the Lord had Moses gather "seventy men of the elders of Israel" (Num. 11:16), and the Lord "took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders" (Num. 11:25), so that Moses would not carry the burden alone. All who thus labor are honored, and all the people are cared for, in the name of the Lord (Mark 9:39-41). Everything is done with reference to Christ Jesus. So we cling to Him, and we flee from all sins that would separate us from Him (Mark 9:42-48). The life of the Church is one of repentant faith in Christ. Christians confess their sins to one another, and they "pray for one another," that each would be raised up and healed by the Lord Jesus, who covers "a multitude of sins" and saves our souls from death (James 5:15-20).



**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
(PROPER 20)**

**SEPTEMBER 22/23, 2018**

**DIVINE SERVICE 1 / H.C.**

**5:30PM & 8:00AM/10:45AM**

*Prayers for worship are found inside the front cover of the hymnal.*

*Please place this insert in your hymnal to help guide you through the liturgy.*

*Today's order of service begins on page 151 in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).*

**PRELUDE - 10:45 am, CHORAL ANTHEM, "SING UNTO THE LORD"**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**WELCOME BY PASTOR**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**LSB 151**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**LSB 152**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: LSB 730 - "What Is the World to Me"**

**KYRIE (SUNG)**

**LSB 152-153**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (SUNG)**

**LSB 154**

**SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you. (SUNG)

**P** Let us pray.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** 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.

**FIRST READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19**

<sup>17</sup>As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL: PSALM 34:9, 19**

**C** 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.**

**SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, <sup>2</sup>that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, <sup>3</sup>knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.

<sup>4</sup>They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup>For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, <sup>6</sup>and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. <sup>7</sup>But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

<sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 3:20**

**A** Alleluia. Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it, we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

**ALLELUIA (SUNG) LSB 156**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**☞ Glory to You, O Lord. (SUNG)**

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:19-24**

<sup>19</sup>"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup>"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup>but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**☞ Praise to You, O Christ. (SUNG)**

**CHILDREN’S LESSON (SUNDAY ONLY)**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 702 - "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

**SERMON: "GOD’S STEWARDS ARE DEVOTED TO THE PRESENT AND TO THE FUTURE"**

**APOSTLES’ CREED LSB 159**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB 159**

*After each petition:*

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**OFFERING LSB 159**

**OFFERING HYMN: LSB 814 - "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**LSB 160**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMN: LSB 732 - "All Depends on Our Possessing"**

**HYMN: LSB 710 - "The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want", 10:45 am - Choirs sing vs. 3 & 4**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – THANK THE LORD LSB 164**

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB 166**

**BENEDICTION LSB 166**

**CLOSING HYMN: LSB 789 - "Praise and Thanksgiving"**

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