

**September 26 2021**  
**18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:00 am Service

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

## Welcome to Worship / Announcements

### Opening Song

### First Reading

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

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . ."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . ."

## First Reading - continued

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

R: 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,  
all that is within me, bless his holy name!

## Epistle Reading

James 5

<sup>1</sup>Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup>Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup>Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup>You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup>You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. .

## Epistle Reading - continued

<sup>12</sup>But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. .

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

## Mark 9:38-50

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’

<sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another .

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one sub-stance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven and was  
incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## Sermon Song Sermon

“To Rid Yourself Of Sin”

Mark 9:38 - 50

Notes

## Offering

### Confession and Forgiveness

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.**

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.**

## Prayers of the People

### The Words of Our Lord

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 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

### The Lord's Prayer

Matt 6:9-13

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.

### Passing of the Peace

### Distribution

## Post-Communion Blessing

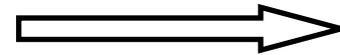
### Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor  
and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

### Closing Song

Nothing to see here  
but look over there



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Blessings  
on your homeward way

Announcements  
on next pages

### **Welcome Home Family Reunion Celebration**

Date: Oct 3 Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

We'll celebrate with One Service in conjunction with LWML Sunday. Food, Games, Fellowship.

### **Pastor Appreciation Day - Oct 3**

Let Pastor Elam and Pastor Steve know how much we love them. LWML has placed a 'mailbox' in the Welcome Center for you to drop any letters/cards of thanks and appreciation.

### **Hurricane Ida Relief**

Please help as you are able with donations to the LCMS Southern District Disaster Relief Team. They are helping Grace Lutheran and the communities with Hurricane Ida recovery. 100% of donations go toward disaster relief.  
<http://www.southernlcms.org/disaster-response/>

### **Directory Pictures Update**

Between now and the end of September, We will be getting new pictures of everyone to update the directory.

### **Sunday School—9:15 am**

Come have some coffee, fellowship, and let's study God's word.

*Prayerfully consider being a teacher*

Check out the Calendar:  
<https://www.stpaulmontgomery.org/calendar>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LWML Sewing For Babies

Tues, Sep 28 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
at Mary Cronian's house.

See her or the directory for address/phone.  
This will be the last time for this event. Being  
able to sew is not a requirement, there are other  
ways you can help.

### Masks Required

Out of an abundance of caution and, more so,  
out of love for one another, masks will be  
required for anyone in the facilities irrespective  
of vaccination status.

Philippians 2:3-4

### Upcoming Events:

#### Reformation/ Octoberfest

Oct 31 (LWML sponsored)

#### Food Bank Service Day

2nd Thurs, of each month , 9:00-11:30 am

Volunteer Application required

Available in Welcome Center or Website

#### Adult Bible Study—Midweek

Thurs, Oct 28 @ 9:30 am

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