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September 22, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

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Prelude:

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Stand if you are able)

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.



Gathering Hymn: ELW 526

God Is Here!



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- P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading - Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

- L: A reading from the 11th chapter of Jeremiah.
- 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.
- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 54

- L: ¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.
- C: ²Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- L: ³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.
- C: ⁴Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- L: ⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- C: ⁶I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- L: ⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading - James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

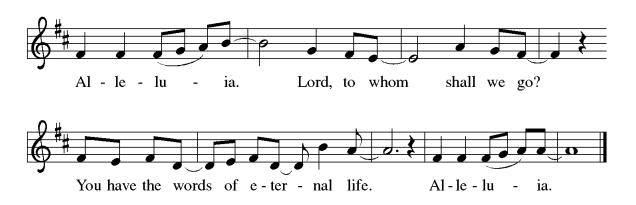
- L: A reading from the 3rd and 4th chapter of James.
- ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom 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.

¹Those 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the nineth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



- ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need, Lord, whose love in hum-ble
- home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread; Still your chil - dren wan - der
- vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light we wor - ship, grant us
- to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go, Called by wor - ship



the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: who up - on still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we



ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation (specific ministries may be named). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer (especially). Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

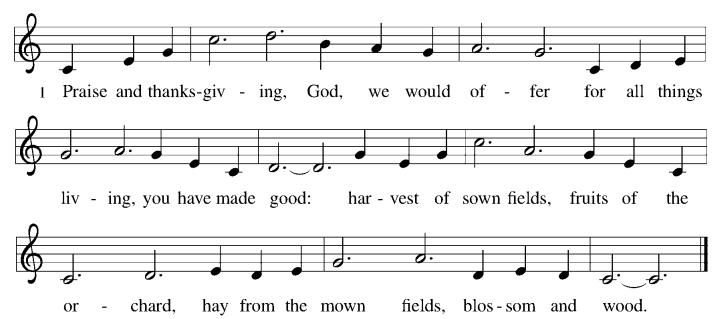
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: RW 254 Touch the Earth Lightly

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Praise and Thanksgiving



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt. Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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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.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

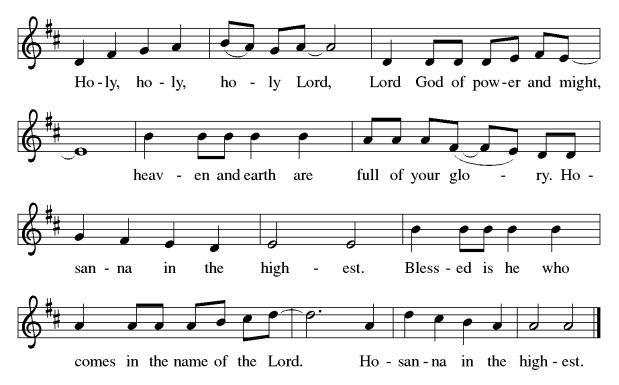
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

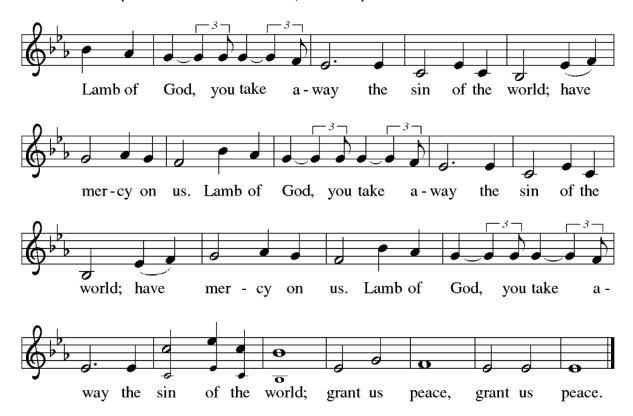
C: Amen.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 641

All Are Welcome Let us build house where love can dwell and can safe - ly all Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and 3 Let us build house where hands will reach be -Let us build yond the wood and Let us build house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions live, chil tell a place where saints and dren how God's chil - dren true, where all dare to seek to wheat: ban quet hall ho ly ground where a on heal and strength - en, teach, and stone to serve and trea - sured, claimed heard loved and taught and and as hearts learn for give. Built of hopes and dreams and to Here the dream God's reign a new. shall stand as cross Here the and jus tice of God, through peace meet. love they've known. Here the the live the Word out cast and Built of words with - in the Word. tears and cries and vi - sions, of faith and vault of grace; here the love of rock wit - ness sym - bol of and as God's grace; here as one we Je - sus, is re vealed in time and space; we share in as strang-er bear the im age of God's face; let bring us an laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro-Refrain Christ shall end di vi sions: claim the faith of Je sus: Christ the feast that frees All us: are wel - come, end fear and dan to ger:



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to

floor

Prayer after Communion

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: ELW 843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at-ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace, you are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Flowers for today's service were given in memory of Rudolf Von Watzdorf.

Cantambar	mhor PIRTUDAVS		ANNUVERSARIES		DADTICAAC
•	Katie Aquino		Rachael & Joel Roney (13)		BAPTISMS
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26		Tanya & Ben Naska (25)			
27	Jack Pyne				Nancy Moskella
28	Maggie Fischer				
		THI:	S WEEK'S ACT	<u>VITIES</u>	
Sunday, September 22		9:15 AM		Adult Sunday School in Library	
18 th Sunday after Pentecost		10:00 AM		Communion Worship	
				Harvest Home Sunday	
		5:00 - 7:30 PM		Confirmation Class @ Durham	
Monday, September 23 – Thursday, October 17				Pastor's vacati	on
Wednesday, September 25		10:00 PM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours (no Pastor)	
Thursday, September 26		10:00 AM – 12:30 PM		Office hours (no Pastor)	
		1:00 - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, September 27		9:30 AM - 10:30 AM		Guardians for	God Storytime
		UPC	OMING ACT	VITIES	
Sunday, September 29		10:00 AM		Communion Worship	
19 th Sunday after Pentecost				Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Shirley Guider	
Wednesday, October 2		10:00 PM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours(No Pastor)	
Thursday, October 3		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours(No Pastor)	
		1:00 - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, October 4		9:30 AM- 10:30 AM		Guardians for God	
Sunday, October 6		9:15 AM		Adult Sunday school in the library.	
20 th Sunday after Pentecost		10:00 AM		Communion Worship	
				Guest Preache	er: Rev. David Lutcher
Tuesday, Oc	sday, October 8 7:00 PM			Monthly Council Meeting	
Wednesday, October 9 10:00 PM		1 - 1:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor)		
Thursday, October 10		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours(No Pastor)	
		1:00 - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, October 11		9:30 AM- 10:30 AM		Guardians for God	
		11:00 AM		WELCA @ Church	
• •		9:15 AM		•	school in the library.
21 th Sunday a	ifter Pentecost	10:00 AN	Л	Non- Commun	<u>-</u>
				Guest Speaker	
		5:00PM-	7:30PM	Confirmation (Class @ St. Peters Riegelsville



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Bob Benoure; Paula Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James &

family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Mary Lily; Rev. David Lisner; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Douglas Schlegel; Laurel Sheetz; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Norma Fox; Ronald Fox; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Charles Reiman; Josephine Yeisley

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com

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Worship Assistants

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Greeter(s)	Hlavaty Family	
Acolyte	Leo Grzelkowski	
Lector	Bea von Watzdorf	
Head / Communion Usher	Joe Hlavaty	
Council Communion / Counting Team	Bea von Watzdorf & Kat Wagner	
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson	
Custodian	Dianna Streletz	

CROP Hunger Walk— What are you doing October `13th? Would you like a way to visit with friends, make new friends, enjoy the outdoors, get exercise AND help change the world? Come walk with us in the CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to fight hunger in our community and around the world. We'll start and end at St. Peter's. Registration starts at 1:00 PM and the Walk starts at 1:30 pm. We will have drinks, snacks and the bucket challenge. See Ken Anderson for more information and to sign up to walk or sponsor a walker.





Palisades Area CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 13th 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm St Peter's Lutheran Church 720 Edgewood Rd. Riegelsville, PA

The route will go south on the Delaware canal to Trauger's Farm and back.

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