





Sunday, September 26, 2021

Pentecost 18

**Worship focus:** *Praise the One: who strengthens our stumbling feet.*

**OPENING HYMN**

376 – “Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”  
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

**RITE OF BAPTISM**

“Glory

*Please stand.*

*(Second service. Worship will resume with the  
to God” on page 3 after the Baptism.)*

**INVOCATION**

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

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

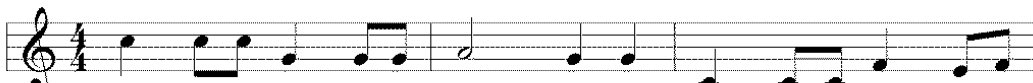
C Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.


## GLORY TO GOD



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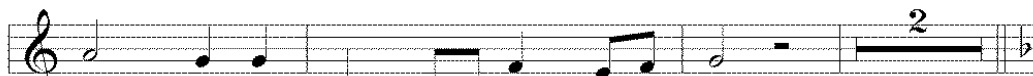
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Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



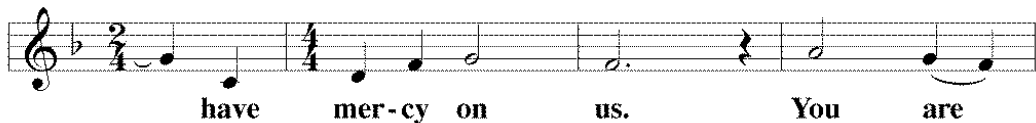
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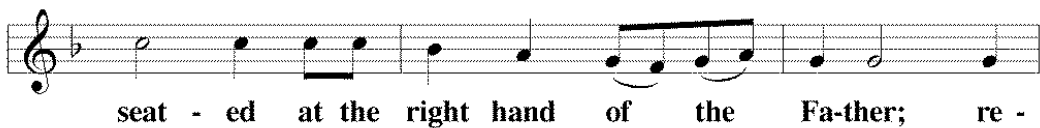
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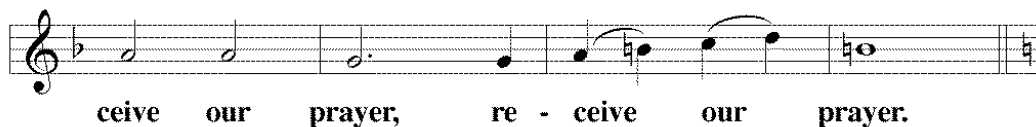
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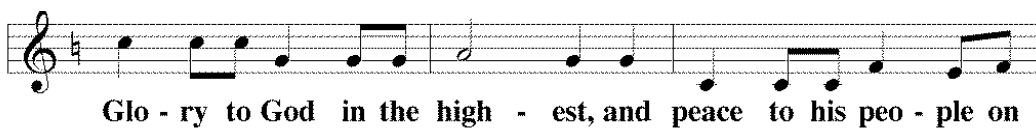
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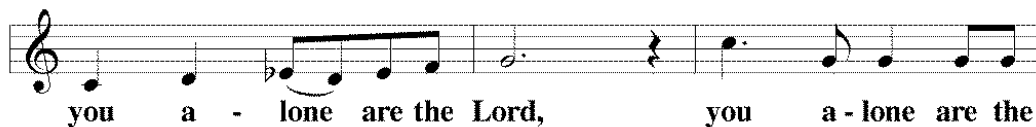
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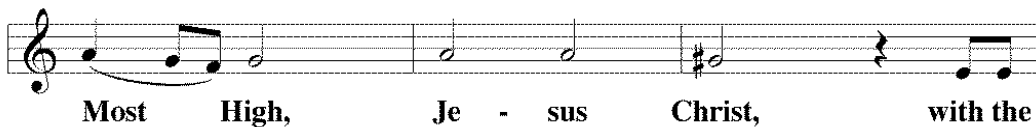
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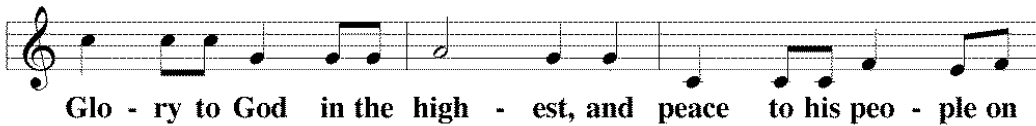
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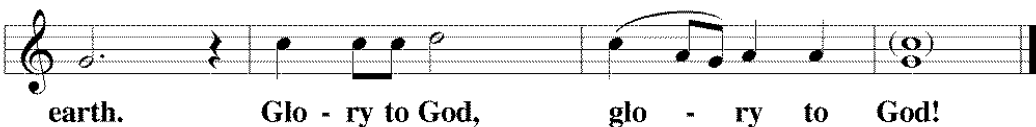
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### FIRST LESSON – Jeremiah 38:1-13

*God gives strength to Jeremiah as faces persecution, because of speaking God's Word faithfully.*

*God also shows love for his people to give them a prophet to speak God's Word faithfully.*

Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehucal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah heard what Jeremiah was telling all the people when he said, <sup>2</sup> “This is what the LORD says: ‘Whoever stays in this city will die by the sword, famine or plague, but whoever goes over to the Babylonians will live. He will escape with his life; he will live.’” <sup>3</sup> And this is what the LORD says: ‘This city will certainly be handed over to the army of the king of Babylon, who will capture it.’” <sup>4</sup> Then the officials said to the king, “This man should be put to death. He is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, as well as all the people, by the things he is saying to them. This man is not seeking the good of these people but their ruin.” <sup>5</sup> “He is in your hands,” King Zedekiah answered. “The king can do nothing to oppose you.” <sup>6</sup> So they took Jeremiah and put him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king’s son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud. <sup>7</sup> But Ebed-Melech, a Cushite, an official in the royal palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. While the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate, <sup>8</sup> Ebed-Melech went out of the palace and said to him, <sup>9</sup> “My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all they have done to Jeremiah the prophet. They have thrown him into a cistern, where he will starve to death when there is no longer any bread in the city.” <sup>10</sup> Then the king commanded Ebed-Melech the Cushite, “Take thirty men from here with you and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.” <sup>11</sup> So Ebed-Melech took the men with him and went to a room under the treasury in the palace.

He took some old rags and worn-out clothes from there and let them down with ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern. <sup>12</sup> Ebed-Melech the Cushite said to Jeremiah, “Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to pad the ropes.” Jeremiah did so, <sup>13</sup> and they pulled him up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard.

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 116

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**SECOND LESSON – 1 Peter 4:12-19**

*Peter encouraged his readers with the strength that Christ had given us. He died for our sins. We live faithfully, trusting in God despite the outward pressures that may try to silence us.*

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>15</sup> If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And, “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” <sup>19</sup> So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

**THE VERSE OF THE DAY**

P: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.  
Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

*Please stand.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark chapter 8.



## GOSPEL – Mark 8:27-38

*Christ's love for us was not cheap. It came at a great cost. While our love for Christ does not earn us heaven, we show it as we bear any cross in this life. Christ strengthens our stumbling feet through his cross, not our pursuit and plans.*

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” <sup>28</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”



**C** Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

## APOSTLE’S CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty. From there 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 453 – “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”

**SERMON** Text: Mark 8:27-38

Theme: Do we have the Scriptures straight?

1. Know the facts about Jesus and his life.
2. Know the facts about your life.
3. See the glory in the cross – both his and ours.

*Please stand.*

**CREATE IN ME**

Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me.  
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or  
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Create in Me'. It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all using a treble clef. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests.

*Please be seated.*



## **OFFERING**

### **FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION**

**Guests:** Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

**Members:** Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

***Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!***

*Please stand.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **HYMN**

451 – “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*Please stand.*

**P:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

428 – “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of September 19, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 243; Early: 113; Late: 130; Adult Bible Study (CLS presentation): 42; Teens: 10, Sunday School 35; Mornings with Mommy: 54. On-line worship service views for September 12 were 32.

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through October 9 are the members of Tyler Smith's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, October 10, will be the members of Robert Rausch's Undershepherd group.

**GREETERS** today are:

John & Janet Weihrauch – Early Service

Jerry Beagle – Late Service

Next Sunday:

Barb Roidt & Ruth Marquart– Early Service

Charlotte Brown – Late Service

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (September 19 through September 26)

**TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** WELS Connection; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00.

**TUE** Choir practice 7:00.

**THU** Good Samaritan Bible Class 11:00.

**SUN** **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**TUE** Volleyball Practice 3:30pm to 5:00 pm.

**WED** Chapel 8:20; Volleyball Practice 3:30pm to 5:00 pm.

**THU** Volleyball Practice 3:30pm to 5:00 pm.

**THE WELS CONNECTION** will be shown after each service today.

**CALL MEETING:** Sunday, October 10, immediately following second service, to call a principal and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, also to discuss compensation for our two co-principals. Please join us to voice your opinions on these very important issues. Non-voters and the ladies of the church are welcome to attend.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Please pray for the family of Ellen Johnson, mother of Richard Johnson, who passed away. May the peace of our ascended Savior comfort those who mourn.

**THE FALL LWMS RALLY** is October 2 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee, Ohio. Please see the bulletin insert for more information! Sign up to attend the rally on the sheet on the table by the balcony stairs in the church entryway.

**CHOIR RETURNS TO WEDNESDAYS!** There will be no choir practice the first full week of October. After that, choir practice will move back to Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM starting on October 13th. We are always looking for more members! Please join us!

**SNEAK PEAK:** Immanuel in Findlay is previewing the new WELS hymnal this month. Today, Sept. 26th at 4:00 pm there will be a video of a choir concert, recorded by WELS choirs singing anthems on different hymns. All are welcome!



**TRUNK OR TREAT** is scheduled for Saturday, October 30 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Plan to bring your children/grandchildren out for trick-or-treating in the church parking lot along with hayrides from 5:30-6:30. Food will be available for purchase. Indoor activities include pumpkin decorating, games, cookie decorating, crafts, and sensory bins. ***We need lots of help to make this outreach event a success!*** Can you bring your vehicle and hand out candy in the church parking lot? (Decorations are encouraged but not required.) Can you help with games and crafts in the gym? Can you make cut-out cookies or bring frosting for cookie decorating? Please sign up in the narthex if you are able to help! Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm--(262) 391-7994.

# Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism in the second service today is Myla Anne Karhoff, daughter of Mitch & Morgan (Woodward) Karhoff. We rejoice in Myla's spiritual re-birthday.

**RACCOONS, S'MORES, AND CAMPING:** Our next sessions of Mornings with Mommy are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 4 and 5. Get ready to go camping and fishing, play pin the tail on the raccoon, explore a nature sensory bin, make a raccoon puppet, and much more! Join us with your child(ren) ages 0-6 in the church basement from 9:30-10:30. The program costs \$5 per family. Please register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994.

**PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME:** Do your kids need a place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers) in the school gym on Monday, October 11 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, a mini-trampoline, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play.

**THANK YOU** - The family of Dorothy Beach would like to thank Pastor Nowak for his visits, the ladies of church for preparing and serving the wonderful funeral meal, and for all the support and cards received from so many church members. Your kindness and sympathy were deeply appreciated!



# Welcome, Fall