

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 28, 2022

Service Notes:

Hymns: 572, 559, 609, 611, 628, 575, 433, 531
Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:1-15
Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10
Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14
Sermon: "The Art of Faith" Luke 18:9-14

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Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Thursday	08/18	6:30 p.m.	48
Sunday	08/21	8:00 a.m.	73
		10:00 a.m.	39

BULLETINS are given by the Garske and Kolter families in loving memory of Lillian Garske and Don Kolter. Bulletins are also given by Jan and Phyllis Walker in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

FLOWERS are given by the Goetz family in loving memory of Gerald Goetz.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS is on Sunday, August 28 at the 10:00 a.m. service.

ANNUAL PICNIC for Our Father's Lutheran Church, School, and Childcare is on Sunday, August 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a picnic lunch and school open house. Please join us for fellowship and fun!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS resumes on Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for 2022-2023 begins on Sunday, September 11 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. We welcome all children ages 3 through 6th grade students. Registration forms are located in the narthex and may be returned to either the box (same location) or school office. If you are interested in helping out or becoming a Sunday School teacher, please call Jackie Beversdorf at (262) 341-5128.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday 08/28 **DIVINE SERVICES** 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Teacher Installation at the 10:00 a.m. service
Church/School/Childcare Picnic 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday 09/01 **DIVINE SERVICE** 6:30 p.m.
Friday 09/02 No School – Labor Day
Sunday 09/04 **DIVINE SERVICES** 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

WE PRAY for Karen Awe, Bill Blue, Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Kevin Coerper, Anna Rose Consigny, Sandy Damms, Harriet Davidson, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), James Freese, Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Jackie Johnson (mother of Don Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Angeline Pence, Jeff Pfander (brother of Todd Pfander), Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Evelyn Turzai, and Barbara Wieting.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held in the church on Sunday, September 11 after the late service. Please plan to attend.

REMINDER The *late service time* returns to 10:45 a.m. in two weeks, on Sunday, September 11.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS will resume on September 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please join us as we discuss God's Word and rejoice in His mercy.

WE NEED MORE RINGERS Handbell rehearsals will resume in September. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 5:45 p.m., and will continue to follow (roughly) a 3-week-on / 2-week-off schedule. If interested in joining us, please contact Stephen Johnson (steveo236@gmail.com) for more details.

SCRIP August profits were \$135.18. The next order due date is Sunday, September 11. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at www.shopwithscrip.com. The website has a list of participating retailers. **Please note that the website name has changed to raiserright.com, but the shopwithscrip.com link will still get you to the correct page to view vendors or place your order.** Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE will collect mite boxes on *Sunday*, August 28.

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THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 28, 2022

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 4:1-15 (ESV)

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering,

⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14 (ESV)

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 50:7-23 (ESV)

⁷“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. ⁸Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. ⁹I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. ¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. ¹²“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. ¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, ¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

¹⁶But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips? ¹⁷For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. ¹⁸If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers. ¹⁹“You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit. ²⁰You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. ²¹These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you. ²²“Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!

²³The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”

INTROIT

God is in his holy habi- | tation;*

[he] settles the solitary | in a home.

The God of Israel—he | is the one*

who gives power and strength to his | people.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant | with joy!

O God, when you went out before your | people,*

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.

Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*

God is our sal- | vation.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

God is in his holy habi- | tation;*

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Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

“The Art of Faith”

August 28 through September 3, 2022

The beginning of Sunday School causes us to reflect upon the need for catechesis throughout the Christian life. Indeed the study of God’s Word is an unending and unchanging part of our life. Some may say it is hard to get children to Sunday School, but that is only because their parents often do not come to hear and study God’s Word. The second week of school the children study the Third Commandment again. There we confess that we are not to despise God’s Word, but that is exactly what we do when we neglect the study of God’s Word. It is time for us to confess our sin against this commandment and pray that we would gladly hear the Word of God and learn it. The Commandment is not just for children. It is for all of us—pastor, people, children, parents, husbands, wives, youth, singles, and widows. As a congregation, you have called your pastors to teach you that very Word of God that you might learn the mysteries of God. O Lord, as you have called us by Your Holy Word, so lead us to gladly hear and learn it throughout our lives. Give our pastors wisdom to teach that Word in its truth and purity. Amen

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

THE CREED

VERSE: ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. **Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (ESV)**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 89:25-52

PSALMODY PRAYER: With my mouth I praise You for Your faithfulness and enduring mercy, O Lord. I give thanks for all the saints whom you have preserved in the faith to their life’s end. Continue to preserve all your saints in this life. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Matthew 26:36-46
Tuesday	Matthew 26:69-75
Wednesday	Luke 2:41-52
Thursday	Luke 10:38-42
Friday	No School
Saturday	Mark 7:31-37

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Luther, Lectures on Genesis 3:13: Therefore, I urge you with all diligence to consider the teaching of the Gospel a matter of the utmost importance. For we see from this passage what happens in the case of Adam and Eve when sin is present and this knowledge of the promise and of grace is lacking. The condemnation of Satan also points to the same result; for just as he lacks the promise of grace, so he cannot put an end to his transgressions, blasphemies, and hatred of God. For this reason, Adam’s situation is better. He is called to account that he might acknowledge his sin and, after he is thoroughly frightened by his sin, be given courage through the promise of the remission of sins. About this a most beautiful text now follows, in which the preaching about Christ is included. However, just as the end of this affair shows the very great kindness and mercy of God toward man (inasmuch as He calls him back for the remission of his sins and for eternal life through the Seed who was to come), so also the beginnings of this affair, if we evaluate them properly, are more lenient than what Adam deserved. There is not that terrible sight as on Mt. Sinai, where trumpet blasts were mingled with flashes of lightning and peals of thunder. But God comes in a very soft breeze to indicate that the reprimand will be fatherly. He does not drive Adam away from Himself because of his sin, but He calls him and calls him back from his sin. Yet Adam does not understand or see this fatherly concern, since he is overwhelmed by his sin and terror. He does not notice that God deals far differently with the serpent. He does not call the serpent. Nor—in order in this way to call it to repentance—does He ask the serpent about the sin that has been committed. But He condemns it immediately. This shows that even then Christ, our Deliverer, had placed Himself between God

and man as a Mediator. It is a very great measure of grace that after Adam's sin God does not remain silent but speaks, and in many words indeed, in order to show signs of His fatherly disposition. With the serpent everything is done differently. And so, although the promise concerning Christ is not yet there, it is already noticeable in the thought and counsel of God. (LW 1:180-181, St. Louis: Concordia, 1958)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 539 "Christ Is the World's Redeemer"*
(stanza 2)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

September 4, 2022

"Be Opened!"

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY: 398, 545, 862, 539, 620, 846, 635, 533

READINGS

Isaiah 29:18-24

2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Mark 7:31-37

The Decapolis or Ten Towns is the location of this miracle and serves as a reminder of the bondage men have under the Decalogue or Ten Words which we commonly call the Ten Commandments. The death of sin holds us as deaf mutes unable to hear or speak except by the grace of God. Convicted of sin, not only externally but also in the heart, by the Ten Commandments, you cry out for the mercy of God. In His love, the Lord pulls you aside from the multitude. The way Christ heals is particularly instructive. He puts His fingers in the ears and then spits and touches the tongue. So in your baptism, Christ touched you with His Word upon your eardrum and the water of life which flowed from His side. Your ears were opened to hear His words of salvation with the hearing of faith, and your mouth was opened to speak His praise. Those words upon the ears of the deaf man were life-giving words for they came from the One who is Life. His Word created the heavens and the earth. His Word opened the ears of the deaf. His Word continues to give life when it is spoken at Holy Baptism.