

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 23, 2018



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We Welcome All who are worshipping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** Young children can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (7-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Jon & Diana Sell in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Jon & Diana!

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Gift of Humility

September 23, 2018

AS WE GATHER

All three Readings today ring out with the gift of humility. Jeremiah, deeply hurt by those who sought to destroy him, still humbly leaves vengeance to the Lord. James exhorts believers not to think of themselves as wiser than anyone else, especially when the evidence of their lives was full of bitter jealousy and selfish ambition. James urges the wise to repent and to exhibit the humility Christ demonstrated by being “peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.” When Jesus makes clear that He is on a path that leads to humiliation on the cross, the disciples haughtily argue about who among them is the greatest. By this they demonstrate that they did not understand what Jesus was saying. Jesus then teaches that the greatest thing in life is to be the servant of all. And to show them the simplicity of it, He picks up a child and exhorts them to receive him in humility. We live in a world still ruled much of the time by brashness, boasting, and exulting in lording over others. At times we are tempted to treat others who are not Christians in these sinful ways. Yet these Readings work together to show us another way to live—humbly trusting God.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE “Sweet Hour of Prayer” (W. Bradbury)

HYMN “O Holy Spirit, Enter In” LSB 913

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. *Psalms 46:1*

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *James 4:7–8, 10*

Pastor: Submit yourselves therefore to God.

People: **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

Pastor: Draw near to God,

People: **and He will draw near to you.**

Pastor: Cleanse your hands and purify your hearts.

People: **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalms 25:6–7*

Pastor: God is our helper. The Lord is the upholder of our lives. Let us then, assured of God’s love, confess our sin before God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: We confess to You that we are by nature sinful.

People: **We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We cannot free ourselves.**

Pastor: We thought we were wise, when we were actually foolish.

People: **We have acted out of jealousy or selfish ambition.**

Pastor: We have relished and reveled in conflict both within and outside the Christian community.
People: We have failed to seek Your help in resolving differences great and small.
 Pastor: We have laughed when we should have mourned.
People: We have had joy when we should have sorrowed. Lead us to true repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, both what we have done and left undone. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.
 Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!
 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.
People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE “Children of the Heavenly Father” LSB 725

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
 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.
People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 11:18–20*

(Jeremiah entrusts his life to the Lord as enemies plot to kill him.)

¹⁸ The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.”
²⁰ But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 54; antiphon: v. 4*

People: Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
 Pastor: O God, save me, by Your name,
People: and vindicate me by Your might.
 Pastor: O God, hear my prayer;
People: give ear to the words of my mouth.
 Pastor: For strangers have risen against me;
People: ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.
 Pastor: Behold, God is my helper;
People: the Lord is the upholder of my life.
 Pastor: He will return the evil to my enemies;
People: in Your faithfulness put an end to them.

Pastor: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You;
People: I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.
Pastor: For He has delivered me from every trouble,
People: and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

EPISTLE *James 3:13–4:10*

(Christians are called to humbly submit to God and seek peace with one another.)

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. **4** What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:30–37* (Who is the greatest?)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. ³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "O God Forsake Me Not" LSB 731

SERMON "To Be Caught In A Submission Hold" James 3:13-4:10

CREED Early – Apostles’ Creed Late – Nicene Creed
(Creeds can be found on the back cover of the hymnal.)

OFFERING “My Redeemer and My Lord” (H. Oliver)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray

People: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

At the end of the prayer:

People: **Amen.**

Late Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION *James 3:17*

Pastor: The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” LSB 848

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who humbled Himself, suffered, and died on the cross and is now risen and exalted at the right hand of God, so that we be people who are peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the

company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 161

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

DISTRIBUTION

"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" LSB 761

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of steadfast love, we thank You that in this Holy Communion You have filled us with encouragement, comfort, and joy. Send us out into our daily lives renewed and ready humbly to look to the needs of others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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People: **Amen.**

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POSTLUDE "Postlude" (J. Cramer)

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Thank you, Erich Zorr, for serving as our organist today

IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Marv Jarvis
Late – Bill Weber, Brad Anderson |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Don & Kris Secord, Del Keup, Carol Duckworth
Late – Ken Kuntz, Jerry Gifford, Mark Hiller, Glenn Finger |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – Don & Kris Secord
Late – Joan Holdmann, Dawn Shantz |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Mark Olson
Late – Sue Kurth |
| <u>Acolytes</u> | Early –
Late – |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Jan Wise
Late – Jackie Pearce |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Shirley Knitt & Miriam Gilman |
| <u>Nursery</u> | - Education Hour -
Late Service - |

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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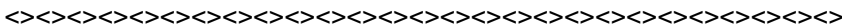
This week at Our Savior:

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| Monday | 24 | 9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due
6:00 pm Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 25 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters
6:00 pm JuBELLation Choir |
| Wednesday | 26 | 5:30 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm Family Potluck |
| Thursday | 27 | |
| Friday | 28 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 29 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 30 | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study
10:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 99, Communion: 97, Late: 129, Sunday Bible Study: 22, Sunday School: 27,
Jr & Sr High School Bible Study: 3, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 6, Tuesday
Bible Study: 17

ACTUAL to DATE (as of August 31, 2018)

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| TOTAL GIVING | \$ 260,848.92 |
| OPERATION EXPENSES | \$ 239,331.44 |
| BALANCE | \$ 21,517.48 |



God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

Birthdays:

23 – Curtis Frank, Piper Gensler **24** – Gayle Hoffman, Mary George **25** – Jack Baer **26** – Glenn Finger
27 – Fred Wiedenbauer, Todd Otto **29** – Kathryn Grief

Anniversaries:

25 – Bill Reckling & Carol Smith **26** – Scott & Jennifer Messner **27** – Jon & Diana Sell



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SCRIP Hours

Sunday between services

Monday - Thursday 9-3 in the office

Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Starting January 7, each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*David Chamberlain Family, Ronald & Paula Hagen, Dan Marien Family,
Richard & Wendy Pluedeman, Jon & Diana Sell, Fred Wiedenbauer*

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check your spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your "promotions" tab.

A 6-month CHALLENGE for the **FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT CAMPAIGN** at Camp Luther was approved at the voters meeting. Individual members are being challenged to help fund camp's new Community Center/Dining Hall. For each dollar raised, Our Savior will match that gift up to a total of \$10,000. THE GOAL: A GIFT TO CAMP LUTHER OF \$20,000 BY January 1, 2019. **CAMPAIGN UPDATE** Please see the "thermometer" on the back wall of the narthex. Congratulations and thank you; we are only \$500 from our goal. Please consider making a donation to help support the mission of Camp Luther.

Sunday School Ministry - We are still in need of one more Sunday school teacher for the 3rd and 4th grade level. You would team teach with someone else so it is part time. Please prayerfully consider this important ministry to our children! Contact Marlene Rieck 715-891-0991.

Operation Christmas Child - Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, sends shoe box gifts to children in need around the world. We are collecting school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, and new small toys for our packing party in November. You can also pack a shoe box gift at home! Watch for more information to come or go to www.samaritanspurse.org.

JuBELLation Choir - We need a few more ringers in our bell choir! Music reading ability is helpful but not required. We meet on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If interested, please talk to Vicki Holewinski or Marlene Rieck.

Newsletter Articles are due in the office Monday September 24th by 9:00 am.

Important - Please check the kitchen for any items you may have forgotten, such as pans and bowls. We will donate them to the Thrift Shop if not claimed. Thank you.

Rummage Sale - Our annual rummage sale to benefit youth programs will be held October 5th & 6th from 8 am-2 pm. Please bring items to sell after next Sunday, September 30th. (Please no clothing or exercise equipment. Working electronics is okay.) Volunteers are needed to help with pricing prior to the sale. Thank you for your support!

Constitution & Bylaws – There are copies of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws in the racks near the Welcome Center. The final vote to adopt our updated Constitution and Bylaws will be at the December 2018 Voters Meeting. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Kufahl.

Nursery Director & Volunteers Needed - We are seeking a director for our nursery for infants & toddlers. This is a paid position. A job description and application are available in the narthex. We are also seeking adult and teen volunteers to serve in our nursery during the education hour and during the 10 am worship service. Please consider serving our youngest baptized members and those who visit as well.

LWML Sunday - Next Sunday, September 30, has been designated LWML Sunday. During that service we will be taking a special “Mite” collection. Please bring coins to drop into the cans as we make a “mighty noise” to raise as much money as we can for missions all over the world. (Of course, we would be delighted if you wanted to drop in dollars or checks too.) Part of our pledge states that we will use “our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom...” Please join us in showing your love for our Savior as we raise money to extend His kingdom. Please join us for muffins for mites during coffee hour too! Thank you so much!

Hurricane Relief - Once again our nation has been hard hit by a natural disaster. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is on the ground with supplies and care for those in need. If you would like to donate to the efforts, you may call 1-888-930-4438 to make a donation by phone. You can text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 to make a donation by your cell phone. And you can go to the synod's website at www.lcms.org to learn more.

Fall Pastors Conference - Pastor Kufahl will be attending the district's fall pastors conference in Eau Claire Monday through Wednesday this week. If you need to reach him, you may do so via his cell phone.

New Member Classes - If you or someone you know would like to become a member of Our Savior, we will be offering our new member classes on Monday nights from 7-8. Classes will run October 1 through the 23. It is also a great blessing to have our current members to take part in the class, in order to get to know and walk with our new brothers and sisters. Plus, it never hurts to brush up on what makes us Lutheran Christians. Contact the church office if you plan on attending.

Pot Luck this Wednesday - Bring a dish to pass and join us at 6:00 Wednesday night for a family Pot Luck! It will be a great time of food and fellowship, with God's Word, a family craft, and some Bible trivia.