

# AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 22, 2024**

**Service of the Word (WOV pg. 46-53)**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

INVOCATION

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (pg. 56 LBW)

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

*P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,*

**ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

LBW #423 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

GREETING (pg. 57 LBW)

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.*

KYRIE (pgs. 57-58 LBW)

*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy. P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen*

HYMN OF PRAISE (pgs. 60-61 LBW)

**Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,**  
**whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain.**  
**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain.**  
**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**  
**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain.**  
**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain.**

SALUTATION (pg. 62 LBW)

*P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: Let us pray.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Pew Bible pg. 803

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 54

*L: Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.*

**C: Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

*L: For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.*

**C: Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

*L: Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.*

**C: I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

*L: For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.*

SECOND LESSON: James 3:13-4:10

Pew Bible pg. 1268

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (pg. 62 LBW)

**Congregation Sings: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:30-37

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter. Congregation sings: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*P: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation sings: Praise to you, O Christ. (Please be seated)*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Phil Gronbach

HYMN OF THE DAY

**LBW #198 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**  
**(Please rise as you are able)**

APOSTLES' 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 THE PEOPLE

*L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.*

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY (pg. 66 LBW) **(Please rise) Congregation Sings: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER (pg. 67 LBW) *P: Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (pgs. 68-69 LBW)

*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 him thanks and praise.*

*P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD (pg. 72 LBW) **Congregation Sings: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING, CANTICLE & PRAYER (pgs. 73 LBW) **(Please rise as you are able) Congregation sings: Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory 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**

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

**LBW #260 "On Our Way Rejoicing"**

## DISMISSAL

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.*

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

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*“Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth. ...  
I will praise your name, Lord, for it is good.” (Psalm 54:2, 6, NIV)*

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**NEWEST PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Rodney Larkin (husband/Kaylee (Sleigh) Larkin) Shorty Baugher Rich Friemel  
Family of Martha Bruns (mother/Jackie Roelfs)

**CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Tyler Edwards	Geraldine Gorecki	Lee Briggs	Debbi Dietz
Carla Adkins	Kim Wyre	Jessica Hawn	Loretta Overholt
Jennifer Birkey	Earl Smith	Cindy Williams	Gabbi Reynolds
Ben Moser	Denny Doyle	William Benton	Steve Ritchie
Marla Osterbur	Sharon Lohen	Mary Mallicoat	Nick Shepherd
Bob & Jenny Hobby	Michael Markarian	Joyce Keith	Bob Selby
Merrill Wattjes	Joan Percival	Joyce Williamson	

**NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Keith Dohleman	Rita Buenting	Ruth Lutz	Janet Withers
Joan Mathis	Genet Dixon		

**MILITARY (Bolded names are known to be in an area of higher danger):**

Jon Stiebner	Alex Short	Brandon Elrod	Kasey Fenimore
Brian Griswold	Levi Loschen	Ryan Falletti	Riley Falletti

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<b>TABLE GUILD</b>	Lloyd Schluter, Terri Kirby
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Owen Schluter, Olivia Graves
<b>BULLETIN GREETERS</b>	Jackie Roelfs, Marleen Peavler
<b>GREETERS</b>	Shirley Friemel, Lindalou Hauersperger
<b>LECTOR</b>	Chrissie Hall
<b>PRAYER LEADER</b>	Deanne Rosenbeck
<b>WORSHIP STEWARD</b>	Lloyd Schluter
<b>USHERS</b>	Judy Peck, Devin & Kyndall Cox

**TODAY WE WELCOME** Pastor Phil Gronbach. Pastor Gronbach was called to ministry at the age of thirteen. He has served in ordained ministry since November of 1971. Since his retirement in 2005, he has served as pulpit supply and interim pastor for several congregations. He continues to teach Bible study twice each week, helps lead a grief group every week and leads a Widows/Widowers fellowship group twice a month. Pastor Gronbach was married to Anne prior to her death in 2009. They have two adult children and seven grandchildren in whom he takes great delight.

**FLOWERS TODAY (2)** are provided for *Mary Stocks* in celebration of her Birthday on September 22<sup>nd</sup> by her husband, Leonard.

**NO QUILTING** The Quilters will not meet this Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**YOUTH HALL FLOORING PROJECT** is still in progress. Please avoid this area until the new floor is completed.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING DELAYED** Due to the flooring project, the Children's Sunday School year will not start until Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE & MEAL** will be held this week with our time of fellowship and meal at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Room then move to the Martin Luther Room at 6:30 p.m. for our time of prayer. This time of prayer is devoted to all aspects related to the call of a pastor - praying for our call committee, congregation, Mission District Dean, the pastor (& family) to be called, and any other related needs as the call process continues. All are invited and welcome to attend!

**PRESCHOOL T-SHIRTS/SWEATSHIRTS** now available to order. Please check out the bulletin insert. Order forms and money can be placed in the offering plate or taken to the church or preschool office.

**ATTENTION WORSHIP ASSISTANTS** If you are unable to fulfill your worship assistant job on a particular Sunday, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Once a replacement is found, please contact the church office and let Nikki know of the change for the bulletin. Also, when you arrive on Sunday morning, please check-in with the worship steward that day and let them know you are there.

**GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION** will be held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Danforth, IL. The keynote speaker is Pastor David Hefner from the Carolina's Mission Region. He will be discussing for us the importance of an active PCAT (Pastoral Care & Transition Team) and give us some food for thought on how to begin forming a PCAT here in the GRMD. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. The convocation will start at 9:30 a.m. To help plan for lunch, please call our church office at (217)893-4550 by 9:00 a.m. Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, if you plan to attend.

**CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION** If you are a baptized believer, trusting that the life giving and sustaining power and presence of Christ is truly present in bread and wine, we welcome you to the Lord's table. Children who commune in their home congregations are welcome to commune; those who are not currently communing at the Lord's table are invited to come forward for a blessing keeping their hands to their sides. The center of each tray holds light colored, non-alcoholic juice for those with special circumstances. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request for those with allergies.

**UPCOMING PULPIT SCHEDULE:**

September 29<sup>th</sup> – Neal White

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Pr. Carl Rasmussen (Communion)

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Neal White

**ATTENDANCE FROM LAST WEEK:**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service – 121

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for the fourth quarter (October-December) are available to pick up in the Narthex and outside the church office.

**STUDENT CLOTHING DONATIONS** We are again partnering with Northview Grade School collecting gently used clothing, and new socks, underwear and shoes for children ages K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (size 5T to Men's & Women's size small). A donation tub is in the Narthex.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 104:27-35 James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, September 22**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

**Monday, September 23**

12:30 p.m. NO Quilting

**Tuesday, September 24**

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 25**

5:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

**Thursday, September 26**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Sunday, September 29**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School & Women's Bible Study

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**Radio Broadcast Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. on WPXN 104.9FM**

**Daily Prayers & Lessons – Week of the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 22, 2024 – September 28, 2024

*Prayer: Lord God, Heavenly Father, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your Kingdom and order our lives by your wisdom; through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

**Daily Lessons:**

Sunday	2 Kings 4:1-44	Psalm 119:41-48	John 20:11-23
Monday	2 Kings 5:1-27	Psalm 119:49-56	John 20:24-31
Tuesday	2 Kings 6:1-33	Psalm 119:57-64	John 21:1-14
Wednesday	2 Kings 7:1-8:15	Psalm 119:65-72	John 21:15-25
Thursday	2 Kings 8:16-9:10	Psalm 119:73-80	Acts 1:1-14
Friday	2 Kings 9:11-37	Psalm 119:81-88	Acts 1:15-25
Saturday	2 Kings 10:1-36	Psalm 119:89-96	Acts 2:1-13

**Morning Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

**Mid-Day Prayer** Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever. Amen

**Evening Prayer** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen

# High School Youth Group

**Starts  
Wednesday  
October 9th**

**Meet  
in the  
Youth  
Hall**

**Calling all  
9th-12th graders  
to join us for Youth Group!**

**Dinner at 5:30  
Bible Study 6:00-7:30**

*If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Albers or Kellie Schluter*



## American Lutheran PreSchool Order Sheets



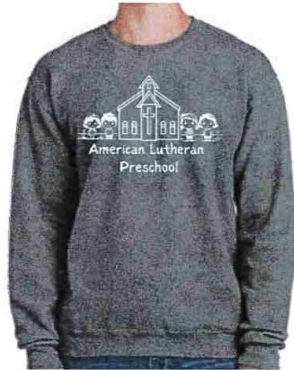
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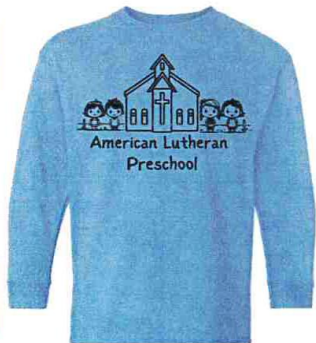
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\$18 CREW NECK T SHIRT LONG SLEEVE, COLOR AND SIZE(S) YS-A3XL:

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ALL SHIRTS COME IN YOUTH AND ADULT SIZES YS TO ADULT 4XL (2XL - 4XL IS AN ADDITIONAL \$2)

**ORDERS AND MONEY DUE BY OCTOBER 7**