

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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Prelude on "Finlandia"

Franklin Ritter

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Where Cross the Crowded Way of Life

ELW 719 (1, 2, 5)

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| 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where
sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise
of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of
Man. | 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed
thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide
the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your
tears. |
| 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to
heal these hearts of pain; among these restless
throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again. | |

(Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.; Music: W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses

Psalm 19:7-14

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and

anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

REFLECTION ANTHEM

Standing in the Need of Prayer African American Spiritual, arr. Earlene Rentz

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 CHURCH

After each petition Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC
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I Have No Help But Thee

Lani Smith

*An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.
Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW 686 (vv. 1, 2)

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| 1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift
may be; all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee. | 2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true
receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give. |
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(Text: William W. How, 1832-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

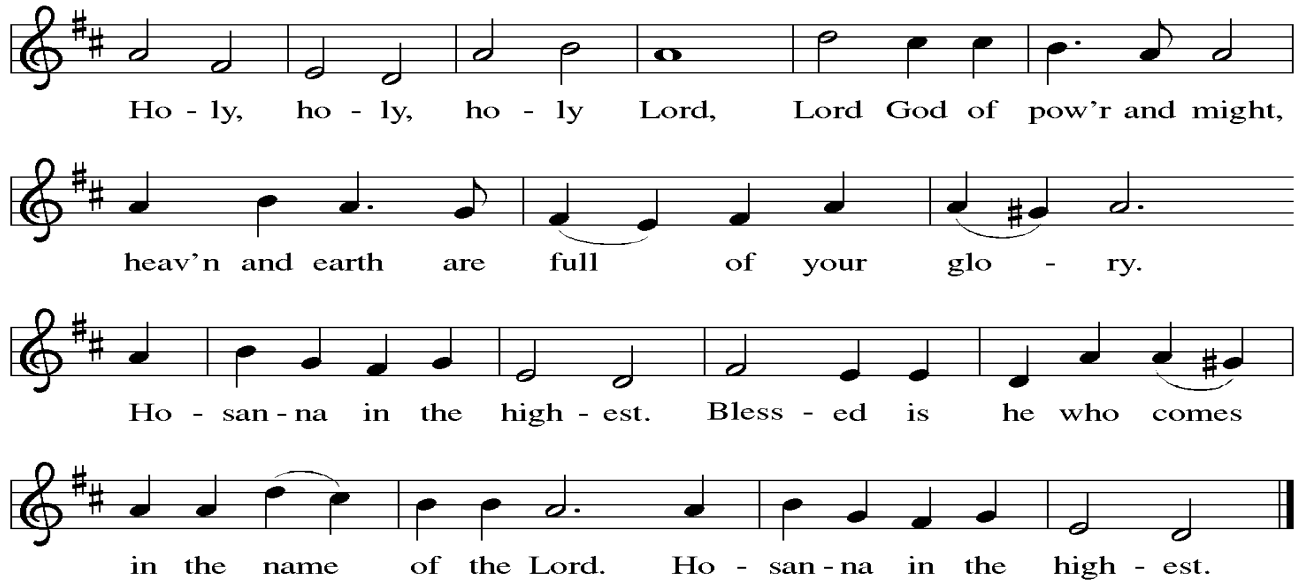
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

The body and Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

ELW 800

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| 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love. | 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away. |
| 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find! | 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame. |

(Text: George Croly, 1780-1860; Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897)

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW 768

Refrain

Lead me, guide me along the way,
For if you lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r,
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see,
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be,
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. **Refrain**

(Text and Music: Doris Akers, 1922-1995; © 1953 Doris Akers, admin. Unichappell Music, Inc.)

(This hymn is in memory of Ann Powell)

Announcements

September Worship Schedule – 10 am - In-person & live streamed worship



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of the Hills and Jasinski families, Deacon Claire and all those who have been working to keep our church services continuing during this pandemic by Elaine and Vernon Reid.

Additional flowers are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of Ann Powell by her family – Jan, Randy, and wife, Sharon.

The remaining date available for altar flowers for 2021 is October 10th.



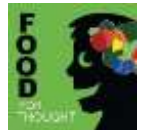
Join us for a night of Halloween family fun on Saturday, October 23rd starting at 5 pm on the parking lot. You will have the opportunity to participate in trunk-or-treating and a vehicle decorating contest. We will also be showing a movie with free popcorn, beverages and s'mores, while supplies last!

Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at our neighboring church, Christus Victor Lutheran Church is attempting to hand out 40 Thanksgiving dinners on Saturday, November 20th to families in need. They have asked for the help of other local churches to assist them in achieving this goal. They have asked us to provide 40 cans of sweet potatoes/yams. Are you up for the challenge? You can drop off your donations in the church office or in the collection box on the third floor.



2022 Budget Requests are due by Sunday, September 26th. Please email your Budget Request to Lee Smith at wleesmith3@verizon.net or drop it off at the church office.

Social Ministry is kicking off our "Food For Thought Program" With your help, we will be providing weekend take home food bags for children in need. This program would not be possible without the help of our congregation and community. Information about the program and the approved food list can be found on the third floor counters. **Our greatest need at this time is: shelf stable milk – white and chocolate, Chef Boyardee – single serving meals, tuna salad and chicken salad snack kits (often found at Dollar Stores.)**



We have begun our collections for the Veterans Counseling Center. This center provides counseling to Veterans suffering from PTSD and their families. The funding they receive from the Federal Government is inadequate to meet their needs, so we felt called to help. Needed items are: coffee, sugar and sugar substitute packets, individual creamers and hot cups. There are donation bins in the 2nd and 3rd floor stairwells. Thank you for your help!

Do you know that if you are a member of Thivent, you are eligible to receive two grants per year. These grants can be used to purchase items for church activities. You simply have to fill out the information on the Thivent website to request the grant. If you would like to obtain a grant to help with our upcoming church activities and are not sure how to apply, contact Chris Hills or Claire Miller for help. Every little bit helps!



We will be sending Care Packages to our youth who are away at college to let them know that their church family is thinking of them and praying for them. If you know someone who we should send a package to, contact the church office. We are also accepting donations for the students. Donations needed are Target, Walmart or Weis gift cards (any denomination) and \$10 gift cards for Dunkin, McDonalds, Subway or Chick-Fil-A. Thank you for supporting our youth! Donations are due by October 1st.

We are excited to announce the return of our Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9 am – 2 pm. Mark your calendar. We are hopeful that the conditions will remain stable to allow us to proceed with the event. We will keep you updated in the coming months.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation.

Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John's when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc



Don't forget to support Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John's. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, can potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper and taco kits.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let the Word Go Forth

Tom Birchwood

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This week's schedule	
Today	9 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) 10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	7 pm Taskforce Meeting (Smith Building)
Wed.	9 am Busy Bee's (Smith Building) 6:45 pm Handchimes Rehearsal (Music Room) 7:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.	7 pm Budget Build Meeting (Smith Building)
Fri.	
Sat.	

Those Serving Today	10 am
Assisting Minister	Claire Miller
Crucifer	Lily Lindsay
Acolyte (s)	Gabby Gray, Jacob Cloman
Lector	Judy Jasinski
Communion Assistant	Judy Jasinski

Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Bett Murphy, Laurie Krieger, Kim Townsley, Cam Houston, Mike McDonough, Julie Hastings, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Patty Schwab, Ardi Scarborough and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Zita Dabars, Anna Meyers, Norma Weber, Lou Ermer, Ralph Clark, Jackson Clark, Helen Marcomin, Mary Macreadie, Rosemay Balmos, Roberta Wiessner, Helen & Don Bender, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

For the military and their families: Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Robert Scott, Sr.

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal

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