

**The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 22, 2024**

**9:30am Worship & Communion**

**The Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

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

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are 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. **C: 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.*

*P: Most merciful God, **C: 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. **C: Amen.***

**\* Gathering Hymn #654**

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**

**\* Greeting p. 147** *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 p. 147** *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.***

**\* This is the Feast p. 149**

**\* The Prayer of the Day (all pray) **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.****

### **First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. <sup>19</sup>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." <sup>20</sup>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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsive Reading: Psalm 54**

L:54 O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

**C:<sup>2</sup> O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

L:<sup>3</sup> For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.

**C:<sup>4</sup> Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

L:<sup>5</sup> He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.

**C:<sup>6</sup> With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

**ALL:<sup>7</sup> For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

### **Second Lesson: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>4</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You 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. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

\* **Gospel Announcement**

\* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **The Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for 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." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> And 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." <sup>36</sup> And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Children's Sermon

**Hymn #240** (TOSB – sing twice)

**"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

**The Sermon**

**"True Greatness"**

**Pastor William Shields**

*(text: Mark 9:30-37)*

\* **Apostles' Creed** p. 105

**The Hymn of the Day #886**

**"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"**

**Offering**

\* **Offering Response #186**

**Prayers**

\* **Words of Institution**

\* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C: 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.**

**Communion**

*In the Lord's Supper, we believe that Jesus is truly present in this meal to share His forgiveness and grace. All who believe Jesus Christ is our Lord & Savior are welcome at the table. Communing children should hold their hand out to receive the bread. Cross arms in front to receive a blessing. **(Standing)** Come down the center aisle. You will be served the bread & wine or white grape juice. (Gluten free wafers are available.) Deposit your cup in the baskets at the end of the rail. Return to your seats using the side aisles. During Communion, please join in singing ELW hymns #451, 456, 462, 484.*

\* **Blessing**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Sending Hymn #545**

**"Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"**

\* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**Announcements:**

	<u>Weekly Events</u>
Sun. Sept 22	2-4pm – Club 56 Table Hosts
Tues. Sept. 24	7:00am – Jr. High Study 10:00am – Prayer Shawl
Wed. Sept. 25	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 7:00am – Sr. High Study 11:00am – Pastor’s Study 1:00pm – Prayer Group 6:00pm – Confirmation 7:00pm – Choir
Thurs. Sept 26	1:30pm – Quilters 6:00pm – Pastor’s Study
Sat. Sept. 28	7:00am – Gideon’s Prayer meeting
<b>Sunday, Sept. 29</b>	<b>9:30 am - Worship</b> <b>10:30am - Special Congregational Meeting</b> <b>10:45am Coffee Fellowship</b> <b>Sunday School</b>

Sunday School Begins  
Today

Altar Flowers  
Given in memory of David Van Drew  
By Dianne Van Drew

LWR School Supplies  
  
Only the 70 count page  
Notebooks are needed  
To finish the project.

**Continued prayers for:**  
**Cancer patients: Loren Cook, Brenda Cook, Gary Schaille, Eric Davis** (*brother-in law to Rob Buchanan*),  
**Michael Frandsen** (*Lani Swinford’s brother*), **Rodney Smith** (*brother of Duane*), **Janet Stringer** (*sister of Jerry Zibert*),  
**John Baird, Joe Cartwright, Don Kyle, Dale Heinkel**  
**Others: Sandi Smith, Val Blythe** (*heart surgery*), **Nancy Hartz** (*knee*), **Melissa Castro** (*foot*), **Azeem Hosein** (*broken ankle*), **Diane** (*Dave Little’s sister heart issues*)

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**PRINCETON, IL**  
**Sunday, September 29, 2024**  
**10:30am**  
*(immediately following worship)*

**A vote is needed by the congregation to approve a bid from Ray Swanson Construction Co. to repair the flooring of the parsonage porch. The estimated cost of the flooring materials and labor is \$5,767.48. Additional work may be needed if the framing underneath is damaged. We want to approve the whole project not to exceed \$10,000.00.**  
*(This will be a brief meeting for the sole purpose of approving this expenditure of over \$5000 according to the by-laws of our constitution. 30 members are needed for a quorum. The Building Fund can cover this cost, there will be no special appeal for funds.)*