

Today's Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9

7 "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. 8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the

midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! 8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

All Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *September mission of the month, Anchor of Hope.*
- *Our confirmands who will begin classes this week.*
- *Jayne Cotter, receiving radiation and chemo treatments.*
- *Kristine Payne, navigating a recent heart condition diagnosis.*
- *Jessica Dolezal, receiving treatment for recurrence of cancer.*
- *Phil Bloedel, receiving hospice care at home.*
- *Marcy Heuer, daughter of Jim Schmitz, battling cancer.*
- *Wendell Smith, son-in-law of Jim Schmitz, battling cancer.*
- *Joan Eippert, receiving treatment for cancer.*
- *Marion, Terry Ourada's mother, sick with cancer.*
- *Sarah Grisar, daughter-in-law of Dave and Bunnie Grisar, continuing battle with cancer.*
- *Pam Wordell.*
- *Peace among nations.*
- *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout our country and world.*
- *Please also keep in prayer*
—*our Seminarian Luke Konkkel;*
—*John Wille our district president, who is undergoing aggressive treatment for cancer;*
—*Matthew Harrison our synodical president, for the LCMS;*
—*for the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel, for salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood;*
—*our circuit congregation, Zion in Glenbeulah and Rev. Don Johnson;*
—*our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and*
—*our shut-in Members, Phil & Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt and Ed Friede.*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus Seeks the Lost Sheep
*So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven
that one of these little ones should perish.*

Matthew 18:14

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

Living as Humble Little Children of the Father

Sure greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of child-like faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, *“you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,”* but whoever is humbled like a little child will be *“the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt. 18:3-4). Though in our sin we deserve to be *“drowned in the depth of the sea”* (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity, but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7-9). Thus we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which *“is the fulfilling of the law”* (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we *“pay to all what is owed to them”* (Rom. 13:7) and we *“owe no one anything, except to love each other”* (Rom. 13:8).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **Matthew 18:32b** *“I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.”*

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — *LSB #501 “Come Down, O Love Divine”*

❸ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Pentecost 16:*

Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35, Psalm 103:1-12

❹ **Collect of the Week** — *O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❺ **The Whole Story for the Whole Family**— *Week 1*

Day 1—Everything from Nothing

Day 3—A Day to Rest

Day 2—In His Image

Day 4—Hiding from God

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Greeters — *Jeff & June Michaels*

Elder/Usher — *Jeff Ourada*

Altar Guild — *Chris Born, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Betsy Marks*

Cantor — *Jeff Ourada*; Acolyte — *Parker Fischer*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5



How great are your works, | O LORD!*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*

to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*

and your faithful- | ness by night,

to the music of the lute | and the harp,*

to the melody | of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*

at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

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.

How great are your works, | O LORD!*

Your thoughts are | very deep!

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*sung responsively*) Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

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