

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Jeremiah 11:18–20

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew;

then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹But 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.”

²⁰But, 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.

Epistle

James 3:13–4:10

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.

¹What 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.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30–37

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] 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.”

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

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *September mission of the month, Anchor of Hope.*
 - *Peace among nations.*
 - *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
 - *The family and friends of Gladys Hartmann, sister of Carol Navis, who mourn her death.*
 - *The family and friends of Joyce Brisbin, grandmother of Steph Westerman, who mourn her death.*
 - *Jim Schmitz, for successful treatment plan.*
 - *Ruth McKenna, recovering after hospitalization.*
- All who are battling cancer:*
- *Jayne Cotter*
 - *Ed Friede*
 - *Randy Heidemann, brother of Sandy Korb.*
 - *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann.*
 - *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill.*
 - *Tom Rozegnal, grandfather of Lorraine Harrill.*
- *Please also keep in prayer*
- our Seminarian, Vicar Luke Konkell;*
- Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;*
- Matthew Harrison, synod president;*
- the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*
- our circuit congregation, St. Paul in Sheboygan Falls and Rev. Kyle Backhaus;*
- our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and*
- our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede and Virginia Dowty.*

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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Mark 9:36-37

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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.

OUR FATHER CARES FOR HIS CHILDREN WITH THE GOSPEL OF HIS SON

The sinful heart is filled with *“bitter jealousy and selfish ambition”* (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God *“opposes the proud”* with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He *“gives grace to the humble,”* in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true *“wisdom from above”* is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was *“like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,”* committing Himself to God, His Father, *“who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind”* (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, *“after three days,”* His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — **Mark 9:41** “For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.”

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #505 — *“Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** *Neb. 9:1-21; 1 Tim. 5:17—6:2* **T:** *Neb. 9:22-38; 1 Tim. 6:3-21* **W:** *Mal. 1:14; Matt. 3:1-17* **Th:** *Mal. 2:1—3:5; Matt. 4:1-11* **F:** *Mal. 3:6—4:6; Matt. 4:12-25* **Sat:** *Dent. 1:1-18; Matt. 5:1-20* **Sun:** *Dent. 1:19-36; Matt. 5:21-48*

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Pentecost 19* (September 29, 2024):

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

❻ **The Whole Story for the Whole Family** — *Week 36*

Day 1 — Wisdom and Stature

Day 3 — The Ministry Begins

Day 2 — Repent!

Day 4 — In the Desert

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Greeters — *Jeff & June Michaels*

Elder — *Chris Neumann*; Usher — *Ted Westerman*

Altar Guild — *Bunnie Grisar, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Allyson Neumann*

Cantors — *Andrew & Lorraine Harrill*; Acolyte — *Tyler Neumann*

Lector — *Andrew Harrill*; Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon: v. 4



Delight yourself | in the Lord,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Commit your way | to the Lord;*
trust in him, and | he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man
who carries out evil de- | vices!

**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.

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

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.

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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