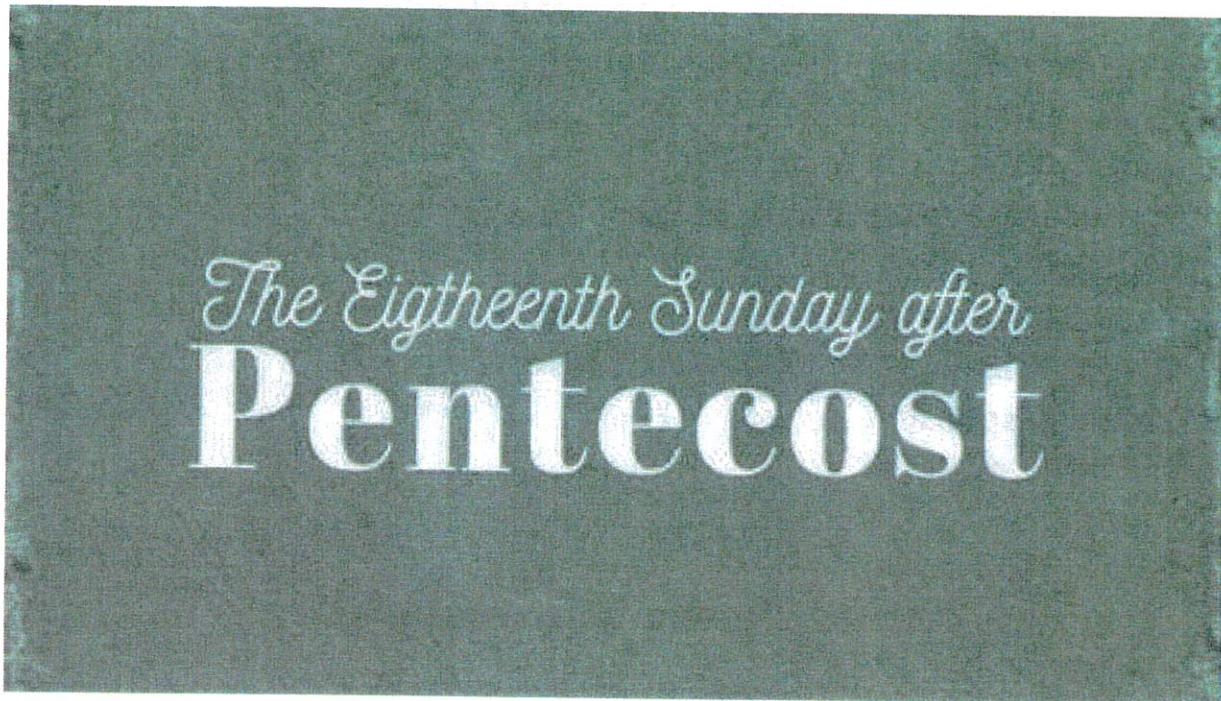


*Grace Lutheran Church*  
*Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!*

*“We have decided to follow Jesus and*

*There's no turning back!*

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024

Pastor Jim Helgren

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*We pray always for . . .*

*Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Katie Eggers, Becky Knake,  
Haleigh Werner & Annette West*

*We also remember in our prayers . . .*

*Winfrieda, Juliet, Vanesa & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring  
in Tanzania*

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office. You may email the church office  
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**You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)  
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613 (cell)**

**Today 9/22/24**

*Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.*

**Monday 9/23/24**

*Tower Echoes Deadline*

**Wednesday 9/25/24**

*KIDS FOR CHRIST – 4:00 p.m.  
Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.*

**Next Sunday 9/29/24**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

*Please join us for fellowship in the basement  
following worship ☺*

*Senior members if you wish to share a meal with our Kids for Christ on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, please call the church @ 402-864-4201, by tomorrow noon.*



# Today's Readings

Sunday, September 22, 2024  
18th Sunday after Pentecost

## Prayer of the Day

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 Reading

It was the **LORD** who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,

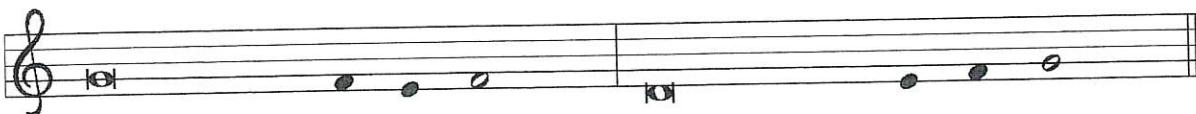
let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

<sup>20</sup>But you, O **LORD** of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

**Jeremiah 11:18-20**

*or Wisdom 1:16—2:1, 12-22 [not printed]*

## Psalm



Save me, O God, <sup>1</sup> by your name; in your might, de-<sup>1</sup> fend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>Hear my <sup>1</sup> prayer, O God; give ear to the words <sup>1</sup> of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no re-<sup>1</sup> gard for God.

## Psalm 54; tone 6

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God <sup>1</sup> is my helper; it is the Lord who sus-<sup>1</sup> tains my life.

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithful-<sup>1</sup> ness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a <sup>1</sup> freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O **LORD**, for <sup>1</sup> it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from <sup>1</sup> every trouble, and my eye looks down <sup>1</sup> on my enemies.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>4:1</sup> Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <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.

## Gospel

## Mark 9:30-37

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing

about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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## Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*

D G A D Bm

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness

E A D G A D

call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,

D Bm G A<sup>7</sup> D G D

stir me from plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G D A

- 1 You moved on the wa - - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - - ert, you stung with the sand
- 3 You sang in a sta - - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

D                    Bm                    E                    A

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

D                    G                    A                    G                    D

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Bm                    Gmaj<sup>7</sup>                    Em<sup>7</sup>                    A<sup>7</sup>                    D                    *Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.



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