

*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



The Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

By Grace you have been saved!

*"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024

Pastor Jim Helgren

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LBW Hymn #474

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

We pray always for . . .

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

We also remember in our prayers . . .

*Winfrida, 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 grace68329@gmail.com

**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 25th, 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

Jeremiah 11:18-20

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

¹⁹But 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,

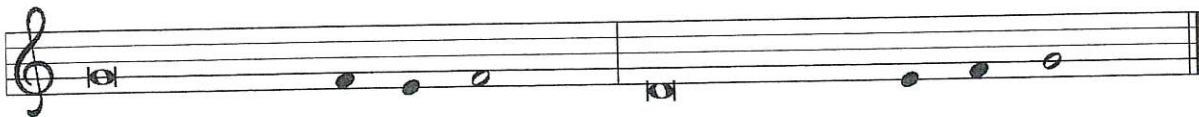
let us cut him off from the land
of the living,
so that his name will no longer
be remembered!”

²⁰But 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.

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

Psalm

Psalm 54; tone 6



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You 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. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. 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.

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for 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." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing

about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"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 A⁷ 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 Gmaj⁷ Em⁷ A⁷ 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.

