

Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

Mark 9:30

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

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The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Nine

+ GATHERING +

ACCLAMATION William Stevens

Alleluia. God has called us through the proclamation of the good news, that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Andante tranquillo from Sonata III

Felix Mendelssohn

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

ACCLAMATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires 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.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 526 God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



GLORIA



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME

+ WORD+

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. 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!" 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.

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 54



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 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. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 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. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark.



[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; 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." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Wollner

SERMON

Pastor Carter

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

RUSTINGTON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

Each portion of the prayers conclude:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words. We sit.

+ MEAL+

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (8:30) With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard. Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of his name,

Make his praise to be glorious.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00) With a Voice of Singing

Kenneth Jennings

With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this;

Utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!

The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah!

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.

Sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN



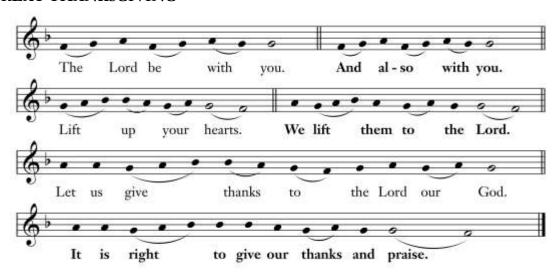
Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI



We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service **HYMN** 781 Children of the Heavenly Father

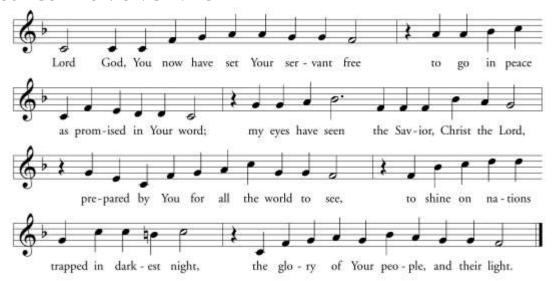
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We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

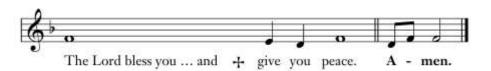


Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING



SENDING HYMN 815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Allegro maestoso from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

Soli Deo Gloria

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Bulletin Cover Artist

Jenna Collins

Acolytes

8:30 Mason Paschold and Walker Paschold

11:00 Jacque Weber and Kennedy Weber

Crucifers

8:30 Juliette Levine

11:00 Jacob Andrews

Offering Bearer

Luke Wollner

Liturgists

8:30 William Stevens

11:00 Daniele Olsen

Lay Readers

8:30 Nanette Shutt

11:00 Anna Rubino-Schneider

Communion Assistants

8:30 Shari Dominguez and Effie Sue Utt

11:00 Julie Hanes and Nanette Shutt

Nursery

8:30 Jen Seeba

SS TBD

11:00 Leigh Anna Voigt

Ushers

8:30 Chris Almerini, Rick Brandt,

Paul Meyer and Charlie Schoderbek

11:00 Jim Batts, Lara Carter,

Dave Planitzer and Jack Strandhoy

Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters

8:30 Effie Sue Utt and Abram Richardson

11:00 Beth Hickman

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Nolting

Oblation Bearers

8:30 Robin Welch

11:00 Craig and Betty Covington

Assisting Ministers

8:30 Kate Frucht

11:00 Don Armitage

Preaching

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Presiding

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Preaching & Presiding

Pastor Wollner

Announcements

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of Pastor Wollner and in memory of Augsburg's past dedicated pastors by JoAnn Ritchie.

The bulletins today are given to the glory of God in honor and in celebration of my husband, Don Armitage's birthday on September 25 by his loving wife, Mary.

Our Homebound Member is Milrie Lentz, 1250 Arbor Road, Asbury Place #173, Winston Salem, NC 27104. Please send Milrie a note.

Monday Night Book Study: Please join us on Monday nights from September 10 through November 12 from 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. as we review and discuss the book *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. We will meet in the Lounge on the 2nd floor. For questions or more information, please contact Pastor Lori Carter at the church office (336-722-8144) or at lcarter5158@gmail.com.

Crossroads will meet Tuesday, September 25. Come and Catch Up! This event will take place at Reynolda Village. We will start at 6:30 P.M. with a Natives of Reynolda Garden Tour. We will then head to Penny Path Cafe for crepes at 7:30 P.M. Join us for dinner, dessert or both! All women are welcome to join us for **one or both** of these opportunities to reconnect. As always you are encouraged to invite a friend! Let Robi Brath (rbrath@triad.rr.com) know if you are planning to attend.

The Youth Retreat to Lutherock has been rescheduled for Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Robin Welch at 336-971-4550 or robie22@triad.rr.com.

The Efird L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its Fall Quarter meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. The committee will review requests for Hine Fund grants and Augsburg Endowment grants at this meeting. All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Monday, October 15. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to "put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met." The purpose of the Augsburg Endowment Fund is "to provide for a perpetual, segregated endowment fund to support the ministries of Augsburg Lutheran Church and the worldwide church, all in the name of Jesus Christ. The Fund will provide members and friends of Augsburg an avenue to make contributions or planned gifts, which will support the Church's ministries for generations". Income from the Endowment fund is distributed annually to support benevolence outside Augsburg, the Augsburg operating budget, and Augsburg capital improvements. Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the Work Room on Sunday, October 21. Please call or email the Hine Fund secretary if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips disciples to provide confidential, one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you—or someone you know—could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please talk with one of our Pastors or Stephen Leaders.

Readings for next week: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:77-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.

Worship attendance for services last week: 106 at 8:30; 125 at 11:00; 15 visitors.

Calendar for September 23—September 30

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23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost		26 Wednesday	
8:30a	Service of Holy Communion	6:30a	Bagels
	(Sanctuary)		(Bagel Station)
9:30a	Sunday Morning Fellowship	10:00a	Staff Meeting
	(Family Life Center)		(Conference Room)
10:00a Sunday School		7:15p	Adult Choir II
11:00a Service of Holy Communion			(Adult Choir Rehearsal Room)
	(Sanctuary)		
3:45p	Music Exploration Class	27 Thi	ırsday
	(Youth Choir Room)	10:00a	Quilt Ministry
4:15p	Jubilate Choir Rehearsal		(Youth Area)
	(Youth Choir Room)	6:15p	Adult Choir I
4:45p	Lobchor Rehearsal		(Adult Choir Rehearsal Room)
	(Adult Choir Room)	7:30p	Christian Education
5:45p	Youth Group		(Discovery Classroom)
	(Family Life Center)	7:30p	Worship and Music
			(Barkley Fellowship Classroom)
24 Monday			
6:00p Adult Handbell Choir		30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	(Handbell Rehearsal Room)	8:30a	Service of Holy Communion
6:00p	Continue in My Word		(Sanctuary)
	(Youth Area)	9:30a	Sunday Morning Fellowship
7:00p	Book Study		(Family Life Center)
	(Lounge)	10:00a	Sunday School
		11:00a	Service of Holy Communion
25 Tuesday			(Sanctuary)
1:30p	Pastor Paul's Bible Study	3:45p	Music Exploration Class
	(Sid Sowers Classroom)		(Youth Choir Room)
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